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Wine Review(s)

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Bourgogne - Pinot Noir

Regional Red barrel

Score: **86-89**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2024+

Issue: 89

Outstanding

Note: from the regional portion of Champ Franc in Gevrey

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: An exuberantly fresh and very pinot nose leads to energetic and attractively textured middleweight flavors that possess good mid-palate density while exhibiting solid depth and persistence on the mildly rustic finale. This is quite good for its level.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Chambolle-Musigny

Villages Red barrel

Score: **88-91**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2027+

Issue: 89

Note: from Bas Doix and Aux Echanges

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: Here too there is moderate wood influence surrounding the spicy and cool aromas of mostly plum and violet. The middleweight flavors are more refined still with a litting yet generously texture, all wrapped in a sneaky long, balanced and delicious finale.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Clos St. Denis

Grand Cru Red barrel

Score: **91-94**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2033+

Issue: 89

Note: from a .28 ha parcel of 30+ year old vines in Calouère - the first vintage was 1979

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: There is enough wood to merit pointing out on the elegant, spicy and ripe aromas of mostly dark berries and discreet floral nuances. The delicious, vibrant and attractively textured if not especially dense flavors possess fine complexity on the dusty, youthfully austere and balanced finale where a touch of oak reappears. This understated effort should be approachable after only 5 to 7 years but reward 12 to 15 years of development potential.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin "Champonnets"

1er Cru Red barrel

Score: **90-93**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2031+

Issue: 89

Outstanding

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: Slightly more evident wood is present on the mildly riper notes of dark cherry and pungent earth that are trimmed in hints of the sauvage. There is excellent intensity to the to the bigger-bodied and more powerful flavors that display excellent length on the youthfully austere, robust and built-to-age finale.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos Village"

Villages Red barrel

Score: **86-89**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2026+

Issue: 89

Note: from vines planted in 1952; note that this cuvée is only sold in the US, UK and Japanese markets

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: Moderate reduction blurs the nuance of the fruit though a suggestion of wood is discernible. By contrast, there is good richness to the equally appealingly textured flavors that possess a more refined mouthfeel on the lingering if slightly oaky finish that could use better depth. I would suggest giving this at least a few years of cellaring so that the wood can better integrate, and the complexity has a chance to develop.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin "La Perrière"

1er Cru Red barrel

Score: **89-92**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2029+

Issue: 89

Note: from a .35 ha parcel

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: A deft but not invisible application of wood sets off airy and attractively spicy aromas of plum, earth and a hint of violet. The delicious and quite generously proportioned middleweight flavors possess a relatively refined mouthfeel thanks to the fine-grained tannins supporting the youthfully austere, moderately compact and lingering finale. This will need a few years to unwind but it should be quite good in time.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Goulots"

1er Cru Red barrel

Score: **90-92**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2029+

Issue: 89

Note: from a .55 ha parcel

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: Here too the wood is subtle but discernible on the cool essence of plum, wild berries and a suggestion of the sauvage. I very much like the texture of the energetic medium weight flavors that flash more minerality on the youthfully austere, linear and sneaky long finale. Lovely.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Jouis Vieilles Vignes

Villages Red barrel

Score: **88-90**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2029+

Issue: 89

Note: this is actually a blend of Le Fourneau and Jouse

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: A notably more floral-suffused nose offers up aromas of wild dark cherry that are nuanced by subtle hints of spice and newly turned earth. Once again there is a lovely texture to the round, rich and caressing yet solidly powerful medium weight flavors that also terminate in a bitter pit fruit-inflected finish that is firm enough to warrant up to a decade of keeping.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Songes Vieilles Vignes

Villages Red barrel

Score: **89-91**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2031+

Issue: 89

Outstanding

Note: this is actually a blend of En Songes and Les Geuelepines

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: This is also expressive, fresh and intensely floral in character with similar aromas of wild dark berries and a hint of crushed fennel. There is even better mid-palate density to the succulent and lush medium-bodied flavors that also flash very good power on the more mineral-driven finale. This too should repay a decade of keeping and is worth your interest.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Villages Red barrel

Score: **87-90**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2028+

Issue: 89

Note: from a mix of vines that average 60+ years of age; the lieux-dits include Platières, Puits de la Baraque, Charreux, Combe de Lavaut, Nouroy and Murots

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Tasting note: A decidedly earthier nose combines notes of dark currant, forest floor and a whiff of humus. The delicious, succulent and very rich, indeed even seductive, medium-bodied flavors contrast somewhat with the youthfully austere bitter pit fruit-inflected finish where a trace of rusticity slowly emerges.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

2021 Morey St. Denis "Les Millandes"

1er Cru Red barrel

Score: **91-93**

Tasted: Jan 10, 2023

Drink: 2031+

Issue: 89

Outstanding

Producer note: Along with her husband Simon Mazzini, Florence Heresztyn runs this organically certified domaine. She described the 2021 growing season as "one where the frost was really the worst problem. Yes, there were periods of intense disease pressure, but we understand very well that if you're going to farm organically, you have no choice but to treat exactly how and when necessary. As such, when we began picking on the 24th of September, we really didn't have much sorting to do. Yields though were off substantially, which is to say between 50 and 60%. Potential alcohols were really pretty at as they ranged from 12.5 to 13.3%. We used between 30 and 60% whole clusters, which is less than usual, and we also used less new wood than usual, or around 35%. Regarding the wines, they're actually better than we expected though it's possible that we were overly influenced by the early press about 2021. While they don't have the ripeness levels of the last few vintages, they're even fresher and arguably truer to the underlying terroir." (Caveau Selections, www.caveauselections.com, OR, Milton Road Trading Corp, LLC, www.miltonroadtrading.com, CA, Bertrand's Wines, www.bertrandswines.com, NY; USA; Charles Taylor Wines, www.charlestaylorwines.com, Clark Foyster Wines Ltd, www.clarkfoysterwines.co.uk, Bancroft Wines, www.bancroftwines.com, UK; Galleon Wines, www.galleonwines.ca, Canada; Vinum Pte Ltd, www.vinumfinewines.com Singapore; HK Wine Vault, www.winevault.com.hk, Hong Kong; Jeroboam Co, Ltd, www.jeroboam.co.jp, Japan).

Tasting note: The fruit is almost sweet in character with its ripe black cherry, plum, anise and whiff of cassis aromas that are trimmed in subtle oak. There is excellent underlying tension to the sleek and lightly stony larger-scaled flavors that display focused power on the firm, serious and lingering finish where the sweetness of the nose resurfaces. I suspect that the sweetness will eventually subside.

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