



Domaine Hudelot-Noellat 2010 Release!

Wine Culture is proud to present to you the Domaine Hudelot-Noellat Selection!

Founded in 1962 by Alain Hudelot, the domain grew in the 1970s with the contribution of vines from his wife Odile and now has 10 ha. The domain is located in the Commune of Chambolle but is very close to the Vougeot in the lower part of the village. It is best known for the splendid terroirs of Richebourg (28 acres), Romanée Saint Vivant (47 ares) on Vosne and Clos de Vougeot, but it also produces a fine growth of Chambolle “Village” and a Charmes Premier Cru that is often one of the best.

The wines here have a very silky texture and their sensuality sets them among the most elegant in all Burgundy. This domain is better known abroad than in France despite the extraordinary pedigree of its properties. (These wines often cannot be found in France as production is often pre-sold for export)

Control of yields and vinification that respects the typical characteristics of the grapes and terroirs are the principles that make the wines produced in this domain exceptional. Charles, their grandson, has taken over the operation and is ensuring continuation of the tradition and quality.

Wine	Vintage	Rating (Allen Meadows)	Price (inclusive 7% GST)
Bourgogne Passetoutgrain	2010	85-88	\$39
A very fresh red pinot fruit nose serves as a pretty introduction to the detailed and energetic flavors that possess good verve on the delicious finish. Very solid quality at this level and worth considering.			
Vosne Romanée	2010	88-91	\$83
This is also reduced but there is an elegant and very pure mouth feel to the sophisticated and silky medium-bodied flavors that are blessed with fine balance on the dusty and lingering finish. This is also a lovely village and I very much like the style plus it should amply reward mid-term cellaring.			
Chambolle Musigny	2010	88-91	\$83
A hint of wood spice can be discerned through a reduced nose but not much else. The racy, pure and well-detailed flavors evidence a hint of minerality on the mouth coating, intense and lacy finish that gives the impression of being very Chambollesque. Lovely and fashioned in an understated style.			
Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru "Les Murgers"	2010	90-93	\$109
A spicy and relatively elegant nose features notes of red and blue pinot fruit and while there are warm earth nuances, they are more of a background element than usual. The seductively textured, round and well-concentrated medium-bodied flavors also possess excellent complexity and a bit more refinement as well on the balanced and lingering finish.			
Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru "Les Charmes"	2010	90	\$159
A discreet touch of wood frames purple fruit and spice elements that precede the refined, very suave and velvety flavors that possess plenty of mouth coating dry extract on the clean, dry and persistent finish. This is lovely and very Charmes in character.			
Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	2010	92-94	\$176
A very mild floral hint adds elegance to the ripe red berry fruit and distinctly earth-inflected nose. There is excellent richness to the impressively scaled and overtly powerful flavors that possess fine balance and focus on the lingering finish. Lovely juice with a bit less youthful austerity than I typically find with this wine.			
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru "Les Suchots"	2010	91-94	\$179
Reduction and soft spice notes are all that can be seen on the nose though there is plenty of vivacity to the beautifully refined, pure and seductively textured middle weight flavors that culminate in a mouth coating, focused and harmonious finish that is marvelously complex. This is a very classy and sophisticated effort that should age well due to its perfect balance.			
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru "Les Beaumonts"	2010	91-93	\$179
This had just been raked and not surprisingly was quite closed though aggressive swirling coaxed grudging aromas of spice, wet stone and cassis. The pure and intensely mineral-inflected flavors are shaped by exceptionally fine-grained tannins as well as excellent length on the pure, balanced and energetic finish. This is a wine of finesse and while it's notably finer than the Suchots, it's not as complex or at least not yet.			

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On Allocation			
Romanée Saint Vivant Grand Cru	2010	93-96	\$659
A shy but gorgeously elegant and ultra-pure nose offers up a rich array of spice, floral and red berry liqueur aromas. The utterly seductive medium weight flavors possess a silky mouth feel and superb balance which in much the same fashion as the Beaux Monts is enhanced by the very fine grained tannins before culminating in an explosive, focused and strikingly long finish. This highly-sophisticated effort seems quite supple as the firm tannins are hidden by the abundant sap but make no mistake, this will require plenty of cellar time before it's completely ready.			
On Allocation			
Richebourg Grand Cru	2010	94-96	\$889
Here the ever-so-slightly riper nose displays a restrained combination of red currant and plum aromas that also offer an intense spiciness. There is excellent richness and muscle to the big-bodied and impressively vibrant medium weight plus flavors that possess fine mid-palate concentration before culminating in a palate staining and magnificently long finish. There is power here but overall this is more a Riche of elegance than brawn. I very much like this.			

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*All bottles in 750ml unless otherwise stated.

*Prices are subjected to change without prior notice.

*Subject to stock availability.