

Domaine Belleville

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I tasted the following wines with Jean-Luc Vitoux during the 2021 autumn tastings, as Domaine Belleville is associated with Parcelles de Saulx (Meursault) and Château de la Commaraine (Pommard). It has been under the same ownership since 2017, continuing with the previous winemaker, Charles Nebout, who has been in post since 2011.

Domaine Belleville is now certified organic (from the 2021 vintage). Picking began on 20th September, with the sorting table used for both red and white wines, if anything more being necessary for the chardonnay. The overall crop was just below 25 hl/ha, though they managed to make all the cuvées. The reds were still in barrel, the whites had been racked before the next harvest. Just a small selection of the extensive range was on show,

White

2021, Rully La Créé, Domaine Belleville ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 87-88

Attractive mid lemon. There follows a very perfumed nose, almost a muscat tone, so it could be a question of the clone. It makes for a very agreeable if atypical wine. There was an adequate yield here. Drink from 2023-2025. Tasted: October 2022

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2021, Rully Les Cloux 1er Cru, Domaine Belleville ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 86-88

Pale yellow, a little sombre on the nose. The barrel is more apparent and this shows in a slight drying of the finish, but there is a concentration of clean fruit and good length. Drink from 2023-2025. Tasted: October 2022

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2021, Rully Chapitre 1er Cru, Domaine Belleville ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 88-90

Medium to full lemon yellow. Some concentration of fruit on the nose, then a weight too in the mouth. Chapitre has a deeper soil and that shows in the body here. Quite an impressive finish and the fruit holds out very well alongside the oak. Drink from 2024-2026. Tasted: October 2022

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2021, Rully Rabourcé 1er Cru, Domaine Belleville ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 86-88

Mid yellow in colour. The oak is a bit oppressive on the nose with a lactic element. This should be temporary as there is a solid mass of fruit in the middle, in the slightly more opulent style of Rabourcé, with a softer finish. Drink from 2023-2026. Tasted: October 2022

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Red

2021, Rully Chaponnière, Domaine Belleville

★★★★★ 88-90

Bright fresh crimson colour with a most engaging bouquet. Something sumptuous about it, impressive for the vintage. There is a fair volume of fruit on the palate with a little kick of acidity. Medium plus length. A very sound start to the range. Drink from 2024-2026. Tasted: October 2022

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2021, Mercurey Champ Ladoy, Domaine Belleville

★★★★★ 87-89

Fine brisk crimson colour. The bouquet is on the firmer side of red fruit. Then it all builds very nicely behind, with some Mercurey tannins, but reasonably well enveloped by the fruit. Drink from 2024-2026. Tasted: October 2022

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2021, Mercurey Les Perrières, Domaine Belleville

★★★★★ 87-90

A bright, ruby tinged, crimson, with quite a sensual plump pinot fruit alongside. Darker berries here, which then freshen up behind, medium length, while the tannins are a little more refined. Good length. Drink from 2024-2027. Tasted: October 2022

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2021, Santenay Les Hâtes, Domaine Belleville

★★★★★ 87-89

Concentrated deep red in colour. The nose offers a robust interpretation of pinot noir, but with quality. A little more closed than some today. A reasonable generosity of fruit here, with the right acid balance. The new oak shows a little at this early stage. Drink from 2024-2028. Tasted: October 2022

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