

Domaine Belleville, St-Jacques, Rully, Burgundy, 2021

My Wines

 SINGLE TASTING

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW
(at Burgundy, 01 Nov 2022)
Drinking Window: 2023 - 2030

The texture of the Rully Saint-Jacques is soft and supple; the wine has medium body, balanced acidity, and modest length. The nose is initially reserved; pear and quince aromas eventually develop on the palate. The domaine owns 0.40 hectares here in fairly deep soils along the road that leads to Cluny. Not to be confused with the nearby premier cru Clos St-Jacques, this village-level lieu-dit is found in the town of Chagny at the northern end of the appellation.

Domaine Belleville, Villeranges, Mercurey, Burgundy, 2021

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Mercurey Villeranges is on the border with Rully; the domaine farms a half-hectare here in rocky clay soils. The grapes are gently pressed and fermented in stainless before ageing in mostly older oak casks. The result is citrusy and fresh, with aromas of grapefruit and white flowers. The texture is light and lively yet surprisingly long. A charming entry point to the range of whites.

Domaine Belleville, Chaponnière, Rully, Burgundy, 2021

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 SINGLE TASTING

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW
(at Burgundy, 01 Nov 2022)
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2035

The Rully Chaponnière from Belleville has a crunchy blueberry and pomegranate fruit aromas with hints of violet and earth. The texture is fresh, with bright acidity but no tartness, and there is enough body and length to bring everything into balance. The grapes are destemmed and carefully fermented on native yeasts with punching down and pumping over before racking into cask (30% new) for maturation.

Domaine Belleville, Rully, 1er Cru Cloux, Burgundy, 2021

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW
(at Burgundy, 01 Nov 2022)
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2035

The Rully Les Cloux 2021 was my favourite among the premier cru whites from Belleville. It boasted lovely ripe apple, apricot, and quince fruit aromas, and a fresh and lively texture with crisp acidity but no acerbic quality. The wine offers enough extract to ensure a pleasantly lingering finish. The grapes come from the domaine's 0.70-hectare holding in the white marl over limestone soils of this well-regarded premier cru. The grapes were fermented on native yeasts in cask (25% new) before ageing without bâtonnage.

Domaine Belleville, Rully, 1er Cru Chapître, Burgundy, 2021

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW
(at Burgundy, 01 Nov 2022)
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2035

Rully premier cru Chapitre is located at the base of the slope on the border with the village. In 2021, it delivered a powerful wine with a reserved plum and mulberry fruit that opens more on the palate than on the nose. The texture is silky but markedly tannic. This powerful wine could be more expressive at this point. The destemmed grapes are given almost a week of maceration before fermentation; ageing in cask (25% new) will continue for a year.

Domaine Belleville, Rully, 1er Cru La Pucelle, 2021

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Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW
(at Burgundy, 01 Nov 2022)
Drinking Window: 2023 - 2033

Belleville owns one hectare in this premier cru at the base of the slope just outside the village. The 2021 vintage shows impressive definition and depth of flavour this year with aromas of lemon peel, ripe apricot, and a floral note. The texture is creamy and elegant, with balanced acidity and considerable persistence on the finish. The grapes come from a prime mid-slope, east-facing site, and are gently pressed before fermentation and ageing in cask (25% new).