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DOMAINE LEFLAIVE

94-97 POINTS, "DON'T MISS"

2007 Montrachet: (from a small .08 ha parcel on the Chassagne side worked only by horse). As good as the Chevalier is, and it's very, very good, this is indisputably at another level. A compelling nose of acacia blossom, ripe orchard fruit and exotic spice notes is followed by classy, pure and tautly muscled big-bodied flavors that possess both seriously impressive power and wonderful elegance, which continues onto the linear, multi-dimensional, dense, long, explosive and palate staining finish. A dramatic wine of sheer class that makes you say "wow". 2015+

92-95 POINTS, "DON'T MISS"

2007 Chevalier-Montrachet: A strikingly complex nose that is even more complex than that of the Bâtard as there is a great breadth of aromas to the ripe, pure and airy nose of white flower, spice and subtle pear aromas that complement to perfection the rich and mouth coating flavors built on a base of fine minerality, all wrapped in a sappy and mouth coating finish that oozes dry extract. This is really a lovely effort that is almost as powerful as the Bâtard but as one would expect, finer and even a bit longer...A very impressive effort. 2015+

91-94 POINTS

2007 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru: (from 3 different parcels, two on the Chassagne side and the third in the Puligny sector, almost on the border between the two communes)... on the ripe side for a 2007 with an ultra elegant nose that is pure, airy and cool, indeed this is unusually elegant for the appellation with its white flower, citrus, pear and light spice hints that are in perfect keeping with the rich, full and broad-shouldered flavors that possess the usual volume and power of a classic Bâtard but do not lose any of the precision or detail on the expansive, mouth coating and hugely long finish. Like a number of examples in 2007, this is an elegant Bâtard. 2015+

91-93 POINTS

2007 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru: (from 45+ year old vines, which are the oldest vines of the Domaine). A reserved and quite discreet nose reflects notes of spice, honeysuckle and ripe white peach that complement well the rich, full and intense flavors that are delicious, textured and have a wonderful mouth feel on the beautifully balanced and powerful finish. This is a classic Bienvenues with impressive levels of dry extract yet this finishes quite dry. Lovely, understated and impeccably balanced. 2014+

90-93 POINTS

2007 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Combettes: (from 35 to 40 year old vines)...hints of oak, white flower, wet stone and ripe pear become apparent. The relatively big-bodied flavors are rich, full and powerful but retain an underlying sense of cut and detail on the palate staining and beautifully long finish. This is a big wine and while it's not as weighty as the grands crus, it knocks on the door. 2014+

90-93 POINTS

→ **2007 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Pucelles:** (from two very large parcels of vines totaling over 3 ha). A mild hint of exotic fruit together with honeysuckle and slight oak influences gives way to rich, full and notably generous medium weight plus flavors that

possess good mid-palate fat and extract, which serve to buffer the firm acid spine on the wonderfully fine and lingering finish. A lacy, long and stylish wine of finesse rather than power. 2013+

90-92 POINTS

→ **2007 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières:** (from 3 separate parcels spread out over the entire vineyard)...the nose is restrained...with more primary notes of lemon peel and rose petal with spiced pear nuances that can also be found on the pure, racy, intense and strikingly detailed medium-bodied flavors brimming with an almost pungent minerality on the explosive, complex and driving finish. I really like the underlying sense of personality... 2013+

89-92 POINTS

2007 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon: (Leflaive is the largest holder of Clavoillon with a whopping 4.8 ha parcel that averages 40+ years of age). A pretty and extremely fresh, bright and expressive nose offers up hints of white flower, peach and apple that precede the clean, intense, precise and energetic medium-bodied flavors that possess good cut...all wrapped in a mildly austere and wonderfully long finish. This seems to have more "presence" than usual. 2013+

89-91 POINTS

2007 Meursault sous le Dos d'Âne: A cool, airy and almost delicate nose sports notes of pain grillé, citrus and dried rose petal plus a wet stone hint that carries over to rich and nicely full yet precise and clearly stonier middle weight flavors that possess a seductive mouth feel and excellent cut, intensity and length if not the depth of the best 1ers in the range. This should age nicely as it's very well balanced. 2013+

87-90 POINTS

2007 Puligny-Montrachet: (from 5 separate parcels, the largest of which is Les Tremblots)...extremely fresh with an expressive nose of acacia blossom, white peach and discreetly spiced pear that introduces the vibrant, stony and sappy flavors that aren't overly concentrated but possess fine precision on the persistent finish. This is also quite good if not truly stunning... 2012+

86-88 POINTS, "TOP VALUE"

→ **2007 Bourgogne Blanc:** (includes some declassified villages wine)...this always boxes above its weight and the 2007 version is no exception with its lightly toasted notes highlighting the fresh and relatively elegant aromas of floral and pear that slide gracefully into citrusy and detailed flavors that possess plenty of energy and finishing punch. This offers excellent potential and would make for a great house wine, or even a fine restaurant choice. 2011+

88 POINTS

2007 Mâcon-Verzé: (bottled in February, 2009). A very fresh and bright nose of green fruit, white flower and citrus nuances leads to cool, refreshing and vibrant middle weight flavors blessed with a light mineral streak on good detail and punch on the solidly long finish. Very good quality... 2010+

95 – 100:	Truly incomparable and emotionally thrilling. A wine so rated is as good as Burgundy gets. By definition, it is reference standard for its <i>appellation</i> .
90 – 94:	Outstanding. Worth a special effort to purchase and cellar and will provide memorable drinking experiences.
85 – 89:	Good to High quality. Burgundies that offer solid quality in every respect and generally very good typicity. "Good Value" wines will often fall into this category. Worth your attention.
→	Regional, <i>villages</i> or <i>premiers crus</i> receiving this symbol (→) are particularly outstanding for their respective appellations and especially merit your attention; <i>grands crus</i> stand on their own merits.
"Top Value"	119 wines with a price under \$40 (2007 vintage)
"Dont' Miss"	46 wines chosen based on quality alone with price or availability having no effect on their selection; they represent the very best wines of the 2007 vintage.