



We are delighted to offer the 2021 vintage from Esprit Leflaive, a standout project led by Leflaive's esteemed winemaker, Pierre Vincent. Established with the 2018 vintage, Esprit Leflaive sees an expansion of the great Domaine's approach to terroirs beyond Puligny-Montrachet. Working with vigneron partners who share the Domaine's philosophy, the team has isolated individual terroirs of superlative quality and their potential to yield wines of thrilling purity, precision, and tension. The project stems from partnerships with selected winegrowers, who often work very old vines harvested by the Domaine's teams.

The 2021 vintage faced challenging weather conditions, not unlike those in 2024, resulting in a significantly reduced harvest- only half of a typical yield. Unfortunately, this means that some cuvées, including Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume and Pommard 1er Cru Les Arvelets, were not produced this year. The good news is that cooler vintages always reveal themselves as excellent for ageing and we are happy to be offering you wines of great purity and precision.

In an effort to clarify the négociant offering, the Auxey-Duresses previously sold under Leflaive & Associés will now be part of the Esprit Leflaive label. As such, you'll find the 2023 Auxey-Duresses offered alongside the 2021 wines on this occasion.

We are delighted to share these precise, elegant wines with you, crafted with the signature expertise and philosophy that Leflaive represents.

"Looking for details, every day"

Pierre Vincent





The Vintage

2021

"Marked by frost and humidity, this year proved to be particularly difficult for the vines. It is nature that decides everything...

Exceptions are needed to confirm the rule: with late harvests, the 2021 vintage breaks the precocity that the vineyards have experienced in recent years. April's powerful frost came as a painful reminder of the forces of nature.

After a rather cold first part of winter, March turned out to be spring-like, even hot in the last week of the month. The buds appeared, the vegetation developed, and after these premature advancements, the vines then experienced three days of snow and even worse, three nights of severe frost, from April 6th to 8th. The effects are extreme, with losses of around 30% in some places all the way up to 80% of the harvest in Chevalier-Montrachet, for example.

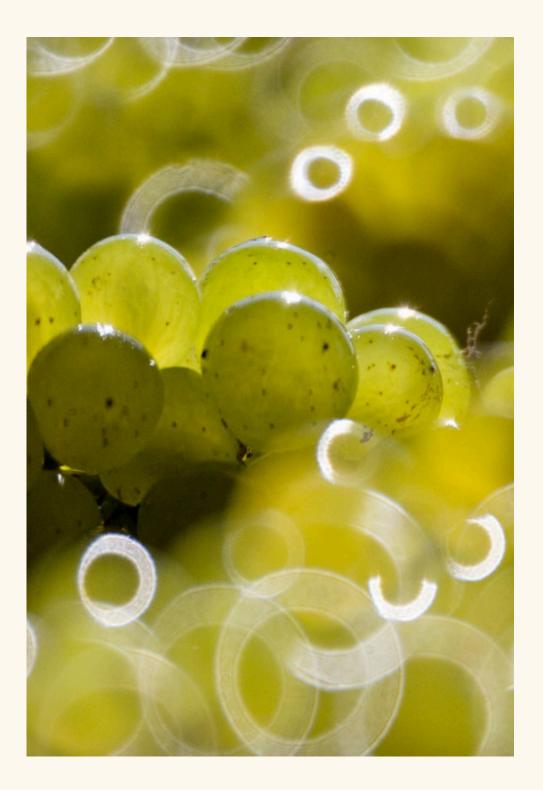
April and May were then cool and rainy, which slowed down vegetative development and the month of June offered an alternation of stormy periods and heat. These erratic conditions culminated in a small heat wave from June 15th to 19th, followed by frequent thunderstorms the

following week, including an episode of hail on the 21st in Solutré.

In summer, we experienced a gloomy and often rainy period in July. The pressure from mildew and powdery mildew was a constant this year, requiring expert intervention from our vineyard teams. It wasn't until the second part of August that we found the sun again, observing a significant rise in temperatures toward the end of the month. This weather pattern, which lasted through the beginning of September, allowed for the maturity of the grapes to catch up.

The return of the rain in mid-September (up to 65 mm in a single week) signaled the time for the harvest, which began on September 22nd. In comparison, we started on August 20th in 2020 ... It lasted eight days as usual, for a half harvest. In this complicated year, between frost and humidity, the maturity remained remarkable with degrees (12 ° 5 potential alcohol) offering promise for a most satisfying vintage."

Domaine Leflaive



AUXERRE CHABLIS* SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE + BEAUNE POMMARD * * SAINT-ROMAIN PULIGNY-MONT POUILLY . * CHAINTRE



Esprit Leflaive Wines The Chardonnay



Auxey-Duresses 2023

Auxey-Duresses

£290 per 6x75cl IB



Pouilly-Fuissé 2021

£399 per 6x75cl IB



Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru



"Initially closed on the nose with aromas of deep citrus layered with hints of seaweed and mouthwatering salinity.

Firm structure with impressive density.

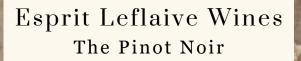
VINE

Grape: Chardonnay
Vintage: 2021
Year of planting: 1993
Plot: Located on the best part
of the hill of Corton, facing
South-East.
Soil: Jurassic marl, silt and
limestone.
Surface Area: 0.11 ha

£2,120 per 3x75c1 IB











Nuits-Saint-Georges 2021

£815 per 6x75cl IB



Savigny Les Beaune Rouge ler Cru Les Jarrons 2021

£639 per 6x75cl IB



Beaune ler Cru Les Epenottes 2021

£815 per 6x75cl IB



Gevrey-Chambertin 2021

£1,035 per 6x75cl IB £1,215 per 3xl50cl IB

Corton Grand Cru
Les Grandes Lolières



"Superbly expressive nose, compliments impressive density and a refined grainy texture. The purity and tension elegantly captures both delicacy and power"

VINE

Grape: Pinot Noir
Vintage: 2021
Year of planting: 1953
Plot: Located on the Ladoix-Serrigny
side, facing South-East
Soil: Gently sloping, clay-limestone
brown mixed with oolitic stones
Surface Area: 0.35 ha





ARMITWINES

To enquire about your allocation for the 2021 vintage releases from Esprit Leflaive, please contact your account manager or email <u>clients@armitwines.co.uk</u> at your earliest convenience.

Due to high demand and limited quantities, all Leflaive wines are sold by allocation only and we kindly request balanced orders. We will prioritise customers who support Armit broadly throughout the year and buy broadly across the Burgundy campaign.

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