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CHÂTEAU DE CORTON-ANDRÉ, Aloxe-Corton

Bought by the Ballande family, who also own Prieuré-Lichine in Margaux. The winemaker Ludivine Griveau is passionate about wine and in charge of vines and wines. From the Côte Chalonnaise, she is just 31 now, having previously worked for Jacques Prieur.

They have lots of different Corton appellations and a total of 4-5ha in reds, 1 in whites. They picked pretty late, mid Sep to mid Oct! Nuits reds are apparently better because limestone of Beaune hurried the ripening too much. They have access to and manage 95ha of vines.

Only the first three whites and the first two reds are bottled.

Corton-André 2007 Meursault Blanc 16/20 Drink 2010-13

Sweet smoky nose. Racy and lively and smoky. Chewy finish. Quite a bit of finesse - certainly not fat on the palate but a bit richer than the Chassagne!

£33.22 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André 2007 Puligny-Montrachet Blanc 16/20 Drink 2011-14

Refined and focussed nose - pretty sleek and with lots of steely fruit. Admirable purity.

£36.36 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Chanvennes 2007 Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 16/20 Drink 2010-13

A brand not a lieu-dit. Good fresh hand-etched wine with excellent delineation. Lots of acidity and (just) enough fruit. Bone dry and real zest. Lemony. Very clean.

£36.50 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Les Blanchots Premier Cru 2007 Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 17/20 Drink 2010-15

Very nervy nose with lively richness and some excellent tension. Bravo! Very satisfying already yet there is clearly lots in reserve here.

£53.31 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Les Poruzots Premier Cru 2007 Meursault Blanc 16/20 Drink 2011-15

A little bit of oak in evidence on the nose and pretty discreet and introvert for the moment.

£58.09 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Les Folatières Premier Cru 2007 Puligny-Montrachet Blanc 16.5/20 Drink 2010-15
Really racy and minerally on the nose. Polished and quite creamy. Relatively forward though with quite a bit tucked in underneath.
£66.97 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André Grand Cru 2007 Corton Blanc 17/20 Drink 2012-16
From the Pernand side. Light and very slightly lean on the nose. Lightly nutty on the nose. Racy and transparent - a very light form of grand cru but well balanced and nicely dry on the finish. Sort of grand cru lite but made with integrity.
£88.43 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André Grand Cru 2006 Corton-Charlemagne 17.5/20 Drink 2012-18
Above Ladoix. Tingly and exciting on the nose. Real richness on the palate. Sweet and juicy start with some chalky texture. Neat with some tension - definitely made for the future and not too loose.
£89.93 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Domaine 2007 Ladoix Rouge 16/20 Drink 2010-12
Very fresh, borderline raw on the nose - pure 2007 Pinot. Lots of juicy fruit in light idiom with quite a dry finish. Refreshing lunch wine?
£20.92 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André 2007 Pommard 16/20 Drink 2012-15
Rich, ripe, pretty nose full of fruit. Big mouthful of fruit - quiet dry finish. Pure rather than flattering. Crunchy fruit and just a little dry at the moment thought good persistence.
£29.39 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, En Chevret Premier Cru 2007 Volnay 17/20 Drink 2012-16
Heady, pretty hedonistic nose. Good assertive ripeness and pretty fruit treated delicately. Some hint at complexity on the finish - which is rare at this stage.
£38.48 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Clos de la Commaraine Premier Cru 2007 Pommard 17/20 Drink 2012-17
Jaboulet Vercherre owns this property and the land is divided, row by row, with Jadot according to Ludivine's suggestion. Rich and round and really very ripe and pretty gorgeous. A good textbook foil for the more delicate Volnay.
£44.15 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Les Petites Lolières Premier Cru 2007 Aloxe-Corton Rouge 17/20 Drink 2011-16
Slightly tired sample but there is a good intensity of fruit. Juicy and manages to be sufficiently fresh even though there is so much ripe fruit. A success!
£38.96 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Clos de la Commaraine Premier Cru 2005 Pommard 17/20 Drink 2009-13
NB vintage. Heady, concentrated nose - much more substance here than on the 2007s! Sweet and round and a little softer on the mid palate (even if there are some very slightly dry tannins on the very end) than some Pommards but certainly an attractive rewarding drink. Long.
£42.51 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Les Pruliers Premier Cru 2007 Nuits-St-Georges Rouge 16.5/20 Drink 2012-17
Bright crimson. Racy, sinewy, elbows out and with good savour and energy. Not the most concentrated but not forced. Wait a while for the dry finish to dissipate. Slight note of bitterness on the finish but persistent.
£48.52 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André, Les Cazetiers Premier Cru 2007 Gevrey-Chambertin 17/20 Drink 2012-18
Sweet, rich nose. Racy jewel-like fruit with real definition and length. Dances. Good energy.
£62.60 per bottle dpd incl VAT

Corton-André Grand Cru 2007 Corton-Renardes 17.5/20 Drink 2012-18
Heady and full on the nose. Pretty sweet and ripe with a delicate, lively finish. Playful. Reverberates on the palate. Nicely delineated and gives every indication of being a good drink throughout its life. Relatively crisp - very 2007.
£59.87 per bottle dpd incl VAT

The following may give you a rough idea of how we use these scores:

20 = perfection

19 = truly exceptional

18 = a humdinger!

17 = a cut above 'superior'

16 = superior

15 = average but undistinguished

14 = sound but dull

13 = borderline faulty

12 = faulty in some way