La Soufrandière - BRET BROTHERS - Press Book Pro -

2024

VINTAGE 🗸		WINE •	COLOUR 🗸	STARS 🗸	SCORE 🗸
0	2022	St-Amour Côte de Besset, Bret Brothers	Red	****	86
	2022	Mâcon-Chardonnay Les Crays, Bret Brothers	White	****	91
	2022	Pouilly-Fuissé En Carementrant, Bret Brothers	White	****	92
0	2022	Mâcon-Chardonnay, Bret Brothers	White	\$	92
0	2022	Fleurie Poncié, Bret Brothers	Red	****	90
0	2022	Juliénas La Bottière, Bret Brothers	Red	****	87
0	2022	Pouilly-Fuissé Terres de Vergisson, Bret Brothers	White	****	91
	2022	Mâcon-Igé Les Vernayes, Bret Brothers	White	****	90
0	2022	Mâcon-Villages, Bret Brothers	White	****	88

2022, Pouilly-Fuissé En Carementrant, Bret Brothers

Bottled, without filtration, earlier than usual just after the harvest as the tank was needed. Fuller yellow because of this and less clear than it would otherwise be. 60 year old vines with Millerand grapes. A little toasty and leesy on the nose, complex. This will need time in bottle to settle down but there is plenty of fruit in the winel 12% alcohol. Drink from 2026-2031. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Mâcon-Chardonnay Les Crays, Bret Brothers 🛛 🖓

Exposed to the west with a deepish soil with white limestone. Mid lemon yellow. The bouquet is more reticent than for the straight Chardonnay. It is on the palate that the quality really shows, a broad bench of white orchard fruit, then a slightly more saline touch, still with a silky texture and impressive length. 12.5% alcohol. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Mâcon-Chardonnay, Bret Brothers 🛛 🖓

Mostly in tank. Paler lemon in colour with a fresher white fruit. This is exquisite with a perfect fruit acid balance, clean and delicious. Noticeably more stylish than the thoroughly agreeable Mâcon-Villages – I would be happy to pay the extra, though one should drink this young. 11.5% alcohol, what a joy! Drink from 2024-2025. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Pouilly-Fuissé Terres de Vergisson, Bret Brothers 🛛 🖓

In fact, uniquely from Les Courtelongs. Pale lemon yellow. A savoury note to the nose, a little smoky reduction. Supple and long, with quite a sensual wave of fruit through the middle, enough acidity without being trenchant, medium long finish. A cooler site where the grapes can mature at a sensible pace. 12.5% Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted Mar 2024.

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2022	St-Véran La Bonnode Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	90
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2022	Vin de France La Carbonnode, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	90
2022	Pouilly-Fuissé En Chatenay Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	93
2022	Pouilly-Fuissé Au Vignerais 1er Cru, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	92
2022	Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts Millerandée, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	93
2022	Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	92
2022	Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	*	94
2022	Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Longeays, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	92
2022	St-Véran Cuvée Ovoide, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	90
2022	Pouilly-Vinzelles Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	91
2022	Pouilly-Vinzelles, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	89
2022	St-Véran La Combe des Roches, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	91
2022	Mâcon-Vinzelles Clos de Grand-Père, Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	87
2022	Bourgogne Aligoté « Cuvée Aligato », Domaine de la Soufrandière	White	****	88

2022, Pouilly-Fuissé En Chatenay Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière

North-east facing, 55 year old vines. The last to be picked usually, which was 2nd September in 2022. Mid lemon yellow. A clear cut, fractionally reductive, chiselled nose, all in white fruit. Electric and very Bret in style. A lovely fine fresh finish, very typical Vergisson. 13% alcohol. Drink from 2026-2032. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Pouilly-Fuissé Au Vignerais 1er Cru, Domaine de la Soufrandière

Mid yellow colour. A sunny site which one can tell from the nose. Beautifully juicy with just a touch of bacon fat, soft and suave, less grip than a Vergisson Pouilly-Fuissé would have. The wine does build on the second half of the palate, and the length is impeccable. Classic Pouilly-Fuissé, less Bret in style Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted Mar 2024.

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2022, Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts Millerandée, Domaine de la Soufrandière

Mid lemon yellow in colour. The bouquet as ever a little more succulent. Pretty mid yellow. Racy on the palate with extra intensity but only at the finish does it really open out. Extra weight in the texture, but not in itself classier. The finish, though, is exquisite, with the perfect balance of fruit and minerality. 13.5% alcohol. Drink from 2026-2035. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière

No lighter in colour this time, a more open but not a finer nose, just a little wilder and not quite the depth at the moment. Less precision. Still the same fabulous wine beneath, but in this pairing, today, I prefer the regular. The finish shows this has nearly as much promise. Drink from 2025-2032. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts, Domaine de la Soufrandière

Mid lemon yellow. The bouquet begins discreetly but there is such a wealth of flavour waiting to emerge, which it slowly does on the palate. This is much more in a pure and intense white fruit, with just a little plum note alongside. It carries its 13.5% immaculately. A very fine mix of fruit and underlying minerals, and very long. (29mg) Drink from 2026-2035. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Longeays, Domaine de la Soufrandière

Half is made in ZEN style and half not, then assembled. Mid to full lemon yellow. Plenty of fruit on the nose with much more energy than the regular Pouilly-Vinzelles. An extra dimension on the palate, with its depth of ripe citrus fruit and an excellent mineral underlay. pH 3.15 indicates why there is such an energetic feel. Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, Pouilly-Vinzelles Zen, Domaine de la Soufrandière

Perhaps a touch paler in colour. A much classier nose, even if the individual definition is not there yet. A clean fresh and mineral aspect to the palate, pears with a light toasting on top, fresher and better balanced throughout. 13% Drink from 2025-2027. Tasted Mar 2024.

2022, St-Véran La Combe des Roches, Domaine de la Soufrandière

A north facing vineyard. Mid lemon yellow. A delicious chiselled nose, plenty of minerals here. All the sensuality yet with all the freshness - two thirds tank and one third barrel seems to be a good combination here. A long and juicy finish. Fresh pears and a trace of red berry fruit. 13% alcohol. Drink from 2024-2027. Tasted Mar 2024.