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**Adam Bruntlett** 

The 2018 vintage offers a snapshot, perhaps, of the new normal in Burgundy. A warm and dry summer yielded perfectly ripe and healthy grapes, picked in August and early September, giving charming and succulent wines. Gone are the days when *vignerons* faced an anxious wait as grapes struggled to ripen before the onset of rot. Thin, green, acidic wines are no more. The practice of chaptalisation – adding sugar to the grape must to boost its alcohol – is a thing of the past. At their best, the 2018 reds are fleshy and dense, with melting tannins, while the crop of Chardonnay is both plentiful and concentrated – a rare combination.

The changing climate of the region, however, presents new challenges. Growers face a delicate balancing act to pick at precisely the right moment to retain acidity, keep alcohol levels in check, and make sure the tannins and flavours are ripe. They have to innovate, often borrowing techniques from the New World, to ensure the fruit ripens gradually and acidity levels are retained. Now, more than ever, the hard work is done in the vineyard. Making great wine in this new age is no easier; the challenges are simply different.

The noise surrounding the 2018s was cacophonous even before the first grapes were picked. Such a wonderful summer could only produce great wines. This year's barrel tastings, however, were surprising; the white wines are of very consistent quality, wellbalanced and concentrated. The reds, while often outstanding, can vary significantly, even within the same cellar. Those who picked their Pinot Noir too late often had high alcohol, stuck fermentations and bacterial problems. We are fortunate enough to work with some of the best names in Burgundy, shielding us from the worst of the excesses, but we have also made a particularly careful selection of growers and wines this year, rejecting anything which did not meet our high standards.

As a rule in Burgundy, it is best to follow an estate rather than a village or region, and 2018 is no exception. It is therefore difficult to make generalisations about which areas came out on top; however, for white wines, the Mâconnais particularly impressed, perhaps because growers are more adept at dealing with warm summers. As for the reds, the Côte de Beaune has produced a particularly consistent set of wines and Beaune itself continues to offer exceptional value. Vineyards with deeper clay soils – typically the low-lying village and Bourgogne vineyards – really punch above their weight.

In light of the changing face of the region, we continue to seek out *domaines* which offer value, and particularly those with vineyards in cooler appellations. To that end, we are delighted to introduce Domaine Denis Carré, in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune, as well as Domaine Rollin in Pernand-Vergelesses and François Berthenet in Montagny. We have also decided to broaden our *en primeur* offering of Chablis, including the exciting wines of Eleni and Edouard Vocoret, as well as Jean-Claude and Romain Bessin, a *domaine* we have followed for many years.

#### The vintage

The 2018 growing season was relatively straightforward. After an unusually warm and wet January, there was a welcome cold snap in February, before yet more rain in March. These substantial periods of rainfall, along with a humid spring, would prove key to sustaining the vines through the warm and dry summer. From April onwards, the temperatures were consistently a degree or two above average, with daily showers in the spring pushing the vines on quickly, but also bringing a threat of mildew. This risk was nullified by a period of warm, dry weather, from mid-June to well after harvest. For spring and summer the number of sunshine hours was significantly up, giving the wines a sense of "luminosity". Frost was not a serious issue, but in July hail struck twice to the south of Nuits-St Georges. Harvest began very early, on 20th August, with the vast majority of the crop brought in by mid-September. Conditions were dry and warm, with some rain showers on 7th September, and the fruit was nearperfect. Read more about the vintage at bbr.com/burgundv2018.

#### The white wines

The fear with a large crop and a warm summer was that wines would be either dilute or heavy. In fact, the two factors have cancelled one another out, giving wines with both concentration and freshness. Stylistically they have a mineral freshness, along with a muscular and sinewy grip. They have gained focus with time, and I feel they will finish at a point which is not far from the excellent '17s. The level of consistency is notable, and there is value from Bourgogne level upwards, with St Aubin and low-lying Meursault village sites particularly impressing.

### The red wines

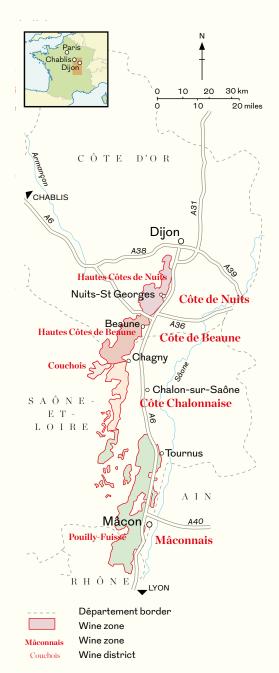
The best reds are beautifully ripe and fleshy, with expressive aromatics, sweet red-berry fruit, supple, melting tannins and a pleasing mineral freshness. The current trend for gentle extraction and using less new oak fits perfectly with a riper vintage such as '18, where there is plenty of natural colour and structure in the grapes, and those who took a lighttouch approach have been most successful. Comparisons have been drawn with 1959, '90 and 2015. These are wines which, while charming and approachable now, have very good ageing potential. As with whites, the Bourgogne wines and cooler sites such as the Hautes Côtes and Santenay offer great value.

### Key points

- Generous volumes of whites, while reds are around 10 to 20% down on 2017
- Whites of a consistently high standard, while reds reach higher peaks
- A perfectly ripe vintage, with ageing potential for reds in particular
- Many regional and village vineyards have overperformed and offer excellent value
- Generally stable prices, although there are some increases

As normal, every producer receives a double introduction. The first part, in italics, is an overview which may be useful to those coming to our producers for the first time. The second part gives a commentary on the 2018 vintage. As with last year, this offer is a collaborative affair which owes much to the assistance of my colleagues, Mark Pardoe MW and Will Heslop. This was a fascinating vintage to taste and talk about; we hope you enjoy reading about and – in due course – tasting the wines.





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## CHABLIS

## Samuel Billaud

#### SAMUEL BILLAUD



The brilliantly talented Samuel Billaud was finding family politics hard-going, so he founded his own wine label in Chablis separate from Domaine Billaud-Simon. However, with the sale of Domaine Billaud-Simon to Faiveley in 2014, Samuel has got back a proportion of the vineyards for himself. Whether from domaine sources or purchased grapes, Samuel Billaud's wines demonstrate his exceptional talent.

Samuel describes 2018 as a generous vintage, with lots of matière and excellent terroir-expression, despite the warm summer. Similarly to '15, he firmly believes that the extended lees ageing he favours will provide the wines with tension and structure with time. The Premier and Grand Cru wines will therefore remain in tank over the second winter and be bottled in 2020. In general, he feels that 2018 is a more accessible vintage than '17 and '16, but that the wines still offer plenty of ageing potential. A thoughtful vigneron, he theorised that generally those wines on the right bank of the river Serein have come out on top this year, offering greater complexity and concentration than their left bank peers, which he suggests are likely to drink earlier. Overall, this is an exceptional range of wines, and a further reminder that Samuel is one of the most dependable and exciting winemakers in the region.

### White

#### CHABLIS, LES GRANDS TERROIRS

The 2018 vintage sees a return to the classic blend of Bas de Chapelot, Pargues and Cartes, the latter being over 80 years old, and all three being very well-sited next to Premier Cru vineyards. The nose is classically Chablis, with citrus and oyster-shell notes, and a complexity that is a cut above most village Chablis. The palate is juicy with good generosity underpinned by a steely, mineral core and surprising structure. Drink now to 2026.

E4566B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£165.00

#### CHABLIS, SÉCHET, VIEILLES VIGNES, 1ER CRU

Samuel's Séchet is made from 70-year-old vines, an important factor in moderating the yield to a modest 45hl/ha. Raised exclusively in stainless steel, this is the quintessence of Chablis purity. It's an intensely mineral and restrained wine with sizzling, precise focus and an iodine finish. Severe and strict within the context of the vintage, this is excellent. Drink 2021-2027.

E4568B	12 x 75cl bottles in bond	£288.00

#### CHABLIS, MONT DE MILIEU, 1ER CRU

This wine undergoes 20% barrel fermentation and ageing, adding a little texture and breadth without oaking the wine. This is generous, with a ripe and powerful nose which offers white fruit and spice. The palate opens with citrus and minerals, offering real power and a fine thread of acidity, with a touch of white pepper adding complexity. Drink 2021-2027.

**E4569B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£288.00** 

#### CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU

From two parcels – one at the top of Chapelot and one in the triangle of Montée de Tonnerre, this is an intense and powerful wine which needs time to achieve its potential. The nose is complex, with smoke, spice and subtle fruit. The palate is tightly wound, with huge concentration and power bubbling under the surface. Despite this, it remains fine and reserved, with a cool character that defies the warm vintage. Drink 2022-2028.

**E4570B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£324.00** 

#### CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU

This is a blend of two parcels; one facing east, one facing west. The former brings freshness, the latter maturity. It's raised in two-year-old oak for a year, before moving to tank for the second winter. The nose offers oak spice and floral notes, while the palate is rich and exotic with a cashmere texture, generous peach and apricot fruit, and a powerful but elegant warmth. Drink 2022-2028.

**E4571B** 6x75cl bottles in bond £330.00

#### CHABLIS, LES PREUSES, GRAND CRU

Fermented and raised for the first year in barrel, this is then transferred to tank for the second winter. The 60-year-old vines resisted the warm conditions of the vintage, providing plenty of mineral tension and elegance to what is a rich, dense and thickly textured wine. Drink 2022-2030.

E4572B 6x75cl bottles in bond £
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#### CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU

This is outstanding – a very exciting wine with surprising openness for such youth, though Samuel expects it to close down over the winter. The nose is intense with spicy minerals, vibrant citrus, stone-fruit and smoky bacon-fat notes. The density of fruit and viscous texture speak clearly of Grand Cru, and are perfectly balanced by a pure, fine thread of acidity which gives a dry, stony finish. Drink 2023-2032.

£336.00

E4573B 6x75cl bottles in bond

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### **Domaine Louis Michel & Fils**

GUILLAUME GICQUEAU-MICHEL



This domaine, based in the heart of Chablis, dates back to 1850. Prior to 1970 all the wines were fermented and matured in old oak barrels; by 1980 the old oak had been thrown out and the domaine had switched entirely to stainless steel. Today, it is run by Guillaume Gicqueau-Michel and comprises 25 hectares of vineyards, mainly Premier and Grand Cru. It remains the byword for unoaked Chablis.

The relief of having a full crop was plain to see on the face of Guillaume Michel. After a succession of tough vintages, 2018 presented a new challenge; picking the grapes early and quickly against a backdrop of large volumes and warm conditions which sped up ripening. Beginning on 4th September with Butteaux and Vaillons, he had picked everything within a week, working long days to avoid overripeness. This is a vintage he really likes. highlighting the power and balance of the wines as key attributes. The majority of the wines were still in *élevage* in the autumn and the top *cuvées* will be bottled in the spring, as Guillaume predicts that they will gain further freshness and terroirexpression in tank. Guillaume feels there are some comparisons to be made to 2015. but that '18 has a less marked vintage effect and displays greater transparency of each vineyard at an earlier stage than in '15.

#### White

#### CHABLIS, VAILLONS, 1ER CRU

This sheltered parcel enjoys a warm microclimate and is therefore always one of the first to be picked. The nose is open and attractive with ripe stone and orchard fruit to the fore, while the palate is similarly succulent with purity, freshness and a chalky grip to the finish. It's elegant and approachable, but yet to express its full potential. Drink now to 2025.

E4576B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£138.00
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#### CHABLIS, FORÊTS, 1ER CRU

Guillaume's two parcels total a little under two hectares and are well-located in the middle of Forêts, the rows running from bottom to top. The nose is more open than in cooler years, with ripe lemon and floral notes. The palate has a pleasing citrus freshness and tingling minerals which prolong the finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E4577B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£141.00

CHABLIS, BUTTEAUX, VIEILLES VIGNES, 1ER CRU

Guillaume has three hectares in total in Butteaux, and this is made from around 0.75 hectares of 65-year-old vines in a small area with white clay soil. A wine for those with patience, this is brooding and tightly wound on the nose. The palate is slightly more giving, with an initial ball of ripe citrus fruit followed by a piercing, tight mineral finish, as though giving just the briefest of glimpses before snapping shut. Drink 2022-2028.

E4578B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£147.00
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#### CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU

This is a large *cuvée* for Guillaume, made from 3.7 hectares in the *lieu-dit* of Chapelot, southeast-facing and with classic Kimmeridgian soils. There's spicy, mineral reduction on the nose, while the palate is open and layered. At once weighty and fresh, the textural elements are impressive, with real dry extract prolonging the lengthy finish. Drink 2022-2028.

E4579B 6x75clbottlesinbond £150.00

#### CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU

Guillaume's largest Grand Cru holding, at one hectare, this parcel lies on the north-facing slope of the vineyard, so tends to ripen late and retain high acidity, but its clay soils contribute weight and texture. The palate is more open than the nose at present, with a slight viscosity and textural feel, rather than any overt fruit character. It is somewhat shy and reserved now, but there is undoubted potential. Drink 2022-2030.

#### **E4580B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£264.00**

#### CHABLIS, GRENOUILLES, GRAND CRU

This 0.5-hectare parcel is situated at the top of the hill, with a southerly aspect. The nose is open and giving, with melon, spice and cream notes. As Guillaume points out, this is the wine that tasters always believe – wrongly – has oak. It's rich and buttery but carried on a firm, flinty bed of minerals with iodine touches to the finish. Drink 2022-2030.

E4582B 6x75clbottlesinbond £300.00

#### CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU

From half a hectare of vines situated in the mid-slope at the heart of Les Clos, the southerly aspect is in evidence in the powerful, smoky and spicy aromas. The palate is weighty with citrus purity, a laser focus and chalky, chewy finish. Despite the complexity and layered feel of this wine, it still gives the impression of enormous further potential. Drink 2023-2033.

**E4581B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£300.00** 

## CHABLIS

## Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin

#### **BENOÎT DROIN**



The Droins have been producing wines in Chablis for nearly 400 years (their history as vignerons goes back at least to 1620). Benoît represents the 14th generation, having taken over from his father Jean-Paul. The domaine covers 26 hectares and produces 17 different wines, including nine Premiers Crus and six Grands Crus. Benoît runs a sophisticated operation from a large modern winery almost in the shadow of the Grands Crus. He has revised his pruning system and significantly reduced yields; in the cellar, the principal change has been away from new oak. An innovative and forward-thinking grower, Benoît began using DIAM corks in 2008 and all of his wines are now bottled under this closure.

Benoît Droin is one of our most consistent growers and one who excels in the most challenging vintages. It is therefore no surprise that he has turned out a magnificent array of wines in 2018. As is often the case, he was the earliest of our Chablis growers to begin picking, setting out on the 1st of September and bringing the grapes in within 10 days - an impressive feat for someone with such substantial holdings. The majority of his vineyards are machine-harvested, a practice frowned upon by some purists, but which allows him to begin picking at 5am, when the temperatures are still low, bringing grapes to the cellar in under 90 minutes, and avoiding the problem of the

grapes heating in the sun as they stand in the vineyard. These are outstanding, benchmark examples of Chablis which offer excellent typicity even – or perhaps one might say particularly – in the most challenging vintages.

## White

#### CHABLIS

This was bottled in the spring to capture its freshness and energy. The fruit is a touch riper and sunnier than in 2017, but this just adds further charm to what is an excellent village-level wine. There is still plenty of freshness and the hallmark oyster-shell minerals. Classically styled, but friendly and approachable. Drink now to 2024.

E4583B 12x75clbottlesinbond	£174.00
CHABLIS, MONT DE MILIEU, 1ER CRU	
With 25% fermented and raised in oak, Mon shows its "right bank" character, with a ripe peach and subtle white flowers. The palate c in a similar vein, initially juicy and succulen sunny edge, before an iodine coolness provis of freshness to the finish. Drink now to 2025	r nose of ontinues t with a les a twist

#### **E4584B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£156.00**

#### CHABLIS, VAULORENT, 1ER CRU

With the volume returning to normal in 2017, this wine was once again partially aged and fermented in oak, a technique which Benoît feels softens its power. The nose has touches of gunflint and rich spice, while the palate builds from a discreet base to offer plenty of power. It's rich and supple with chewy, warming minerals on the long finish. Drink 2021-2027.

E4585B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£156.00	E4590B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£300.00

#### CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU

The vines here are in the Côte de Bréchin, which is noted for its grey-blue marl and gives the wine its textbook bacon-fat reduction and mineral power. The nose is intense and complex, with a smoky, brooding character masking the fruit at present. The palate is concentrated, dense and chewy, with a dry, mineral finish that is almost tannic in profile. A wonderful wine which needs a little time. Drink 2022-2028.

#### E4586B 6x75cl bottles in bond £168.00

#### CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU

Just over a third of the wine has seen oak, marrying harmoniously to the exuberant and perfumed character of the site – a warm valley which gives an exotic and spicy edge. The palate is packed with stone-fruit and smoke. While there is refreshing, tangy acidity to the finish, this is the least mineral, but most hedonistic wine in the cellar. Drink 2022-2028.

£264.00

## CHABLIS, VALMUR, GRAND CRU

E4588B 6x75cl bottles in bond

Valmur's position, with its sheltered valley, makes this a less explosive wine than Vaudésir. There is, however, a brooding power and richness, with a minerality that is initially more flint and hot stone in profile before finishing on a chalky limestone note. The lingering impression is of crisp elegance with a touch of wood spice. Drink 2022-2030.

#### **E4587B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£264.00**

#### CHABLIS, GRENOUILLE, GRAND CRU

Benoît uses around 50% oak here, giving a spicy, smoky, bacon-fat character which marries well with the opulent, powerful profile of the wine and its sunny, early-ripening site. The old vines here provide concentration and complexity, culminating in a chewy, intensely mineral grip. Drink 2021-2028.

#### CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU

For the first time in many years, Benoît is happy with how much Les Clos he has made. The nose is tightly closed, giving only a subtle scent of spice and crushed oyster shell. The palate is equally reserved, with noble reduction before the middle expands slightly, tightening up again on the finish with sizzling mineral freshness. Outstanding potential. Drink 2023-2033. E4589B 6x75cl bottles in bond £300.00 CHABLIS, LES PREUSES, GRAND CRU This is only the second vintage for this cuvée, of which around 1,200 bottles are made per year. Benoît describes this as possessing the finesse of Vaudésir and the minerality of Les Clos. The nose offers elegant, smoky minerals and some cool oyster-shell notes while the palate's intense minerality is clothed in the richness of the vintage to give a lasting feeling of finesse. Drink 2022-2030. E4591B 6x75cl bottles in bond £300.00

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## Le Domaine d'Henri

#### MARGAUX LAROCHE



Having stepped down from the company which bears his name, Michel Laroche, along with his daughters, launched a domaine based on their family vineyards, named after Michel's father Henri. The holdings now total 22.5 hectares, in addition to managing a five-hectare estate on behalf of its owner. Their flagship vineyards are in Premier Cru Fourchaume, especially a Vieilles Vignes cuvée from 47-year-old vines in L'Homme Mort and an Héritage cuvée, which comes from the oldest parcel (planted in 1937) in the lieu-dit of L'Ardillier.

There are exciting developments here, driven by the bright and energetic Margaux, who has been studying viticulture and oenology. Organic conversion is underway, and all vineyards will be certified from the 2021 vintage. In addition, sulphur levels are being carefully reduced across the board to obtain wines with greater purity, accessibility and terroir-expression. Inert gases such as nitrogen and CO2, which do not harden the wine as sulphur does, are being favoured, and initial results are very encouraging. Picking in 2018 began on 5th September and the volumes harvested are the best since the establishment of this domaine in 2012. Margaux is delighted with the style of the vintage, arguing that the wines are fresher than the '15s. while Michel pointed out that the best vintages in his almost 60-year career were those with generous volumes. Praise indeed!

## White

#### CHABLIS, TROËSMES, 1ER CRU

This south-facing vineyard is always one of the first to be picked. The vines suffer from *court-noué* (fanleaf virus) – a disease which gives small, concentrated grapes of very high quality. The nose offers plenty of white peach and pear, while the palate is very charming with generous fruit and a tingling finish with just a hint of bitterness. Drink now to 2025.

#### E4594B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### CHABLIS, L'HOMME MORT, VIEILLES VIGNES, 1ER CRU

From vines approaching 50 years of age, 25% of the wine is fermented and raised in older oak barrels. It's rich but fine, with a brooding power and underlying sophistication. This is still quite austere and youthful, and will require time to show its full potential. Drink 2022-2028.

#### CHABLIS, FOURCHAUME, HÉRITAGE, 1ER CRU

This is the classic Héritage plot of now 80-year-old vines in L'Ardillier. Unusually this year, the whole *cuvée* was fermented and raised in two used, 600-litre Austrian oak barrels for the first year, before being transferred to amphorae ahead of bottling. As a result it is a little more marked by its *élevage* than usual, but also has Grand Cru texture and ageing potential. The nose offers notes of fresh cèpe mushrooms, while the palate is rich, powerful and concentrated, with plenty of spice on the saline finish. Drink 2022-2030.

E4597B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£180.00

£99.00



## CHABLIS

## **Domaine Pinson Frères**

#### LAURENT PINSON



There is a Rue Pinson in Chablis, dating back to an earlier generation when three Pinson brothers lived in identical houses on the street. The legendary Louis Pinson himself retired in 1983, having made some fabulous old-style Chablis. His great-granddaughter, Charlène, along with her father Laurent and her uncle Christophe are now in charge. Everything is hand-harvested, with sorting of the grapes both in the vineyard and at the winery. The wines are wild-fermented, mostly in stainless steel tanks, before barrel ageing, with the proportion of oak depending on the cuvée.

Laurent and Charlène are delighted with the 2018s, pleased with the quantity and also pleasantly surprised by the freshness and *terroir*-expression in each *cuvée*. The low pH levels of between 3.15 and 3.2 and therefore high acidity levels have ensured that the wines have that classic Chablis freshness, as well as the perfectly ripe fruit one would expect from a warm summer. Laurent uses perhaps the most fitting adjective to describe the 2018 vintage: avenant, meaning likeable, affable or appealing. These are certainly wines with an easy disposition, very pleasurable and *gourmand*. With the exception of Les Clos. all wines were bottled before the 2019 harvest, as is typical for this domaine. Stylistically, Laurent drew comparisons to the 2015 vintage; one with clear vineyard individuality, ripe fruit profile and a pleasing balancing bitterness.

## White

#### CHABLIS

This is a blend of five different parcels, split 50-50 between the left and right banks of the river Serein. Raised entirely in stainless steel to preserve freshness, the nose is unmistakably Chablis, with fine oystershell reduction and citrus fruit. The palate has real purity and focus, crisp apple fruit and a salty, salivating finish. Drink now to 2024.

E4598B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£120.00
E4090D 12X/OCIDOLLIESINDONU	£120.00

#### CHABLIS, CUVÉE MADEMOISELLE

From a 0.3-hectare parcel of old vines which are wellsited at the top of the slope behind Mont de Milieu, this undergoes 18 hours of skin contact as well as fermentation in older barrels, giving spicy notes and some grip to the finish. The oak notes add breadth, charm and complexity to what is a concentrated and intense Chablis. Drink now to 2025.

E4599B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£156.00

#### CHABLIS, VAILLONS, 1ER CRU

From 0.2 hectares of vines in the *climat* of Châtains, this wine is fermented in tank and raised in used barrels. The nose displays classic smoky reduction combined with both floral and spicy notes. The palate is compact and steely, with a wet-stone feel, and a grilled almond and sea salt finish. Drink now to 2026.

E4603B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£228.00	E4604B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£438.00
CHABLIS, LA FORÊT, 1ER CRU			
Planted in 1955, these are the oldest vines of the <i>domaine</i> , used for massal selection to plant new parcels as they never suffer from disease. The restrained nose has sea breeze and lemon notes, while the palate is initially dominated by generous lemon fruit, with a spicy reduction underneath, before tapering to a firm, saline finish. Drink now to 2026.			
E4602B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£228.00		

#### CHABLIS, MONTMAIN, 1ER CRU

These vines were planted in 1956, so are slightly younger than those in La Forêt. There is a good amount of clay in the soil here, and consequently the nose has a more expansive, earthy feel. The palate is intense, with ripe yet bitter confit-lemon flavours and a salivating finish. A real success this year. Drink 2021-2028.

#### **E4601B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£228.00**

#### CHABLIS, MONT DE MILIEU, 1ER CRU

The Pinson family has almost five hectares here and consequently this is something of a flagship wine. With 10% of the *cuvée* fermented in new oak, there is more spice here, but the class of the wine ensures it is not dominant. There is a ball of rich, ripe fruit on the front of the palate, with some spicy reduction too. Thick and layered, this has Grand Cru density and concentration, with intensity, warmth and a cleansing, chewy, stony finish. Drink 2022-2030.

**E4600B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£228.00** 

#### CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU

From 2.5 hectares of vines, this was fermented in 20% new oak and 80% tank. A brooding and serious nose gives little away at this early stage, with well-integrated oak and subtle spice. The palate is a little more yielding, with an earthy texture, dense apricot and peach fruit, and a saline, grippy finish. The flavours and textures come and go in waves, prolonging the finish. Drink 2023-2033.

## **Domaine William Fèvre**

#### **DIDIER SÉGUIER**



This leading Chablis domaine was developed by the eponymous William Fèvre between 1957 and his retirement in 1998, when he sold to the Champagne House Joseph Henriot. Since then the wines have been made by the talented Didier Séguier who had previously been with the Bouchard team in Beaune. The domaine wines include 12 hectares of Premier Cru vineyards and no less than 16 hectares of Grand Cru vines. Everything is harvested by hand. The Premier Cru wines are vinified in 30 to 50% oak, the Grands Crus 50 to 70%, all in older barrels from Bouchard.

Didier is delighted with the 2018 vintage, welcoming the rare combination of both quality and quantity, and pointing out the importance of their organic and biodynamic practices in maintaining freshness in the wines in warm years. In a theory proposed by many other Chardonnay growers across Burgundy, he suggests that the generous crop and warm summer have cancelled one another out, avoiding either dilution or overripe flavours. Harvest began in good time, on 3rd September, with minimal sorting required thanks to the perfect quality of the grapes.

Fèvre has succeeded in producing a range of wines which, while not hugely acidic, display real freshness and minerality. Indeed, Didier points out that the wines are very similar in profile to the '06 and '09 vintages, both of which are drinking well now. A hallmark of the range is a pleasant bitterness on the finish, which provides a refreshing counterpoint to the juicy fruit.

## White

#### CHABLIS

Fèvre's *domaine* Chablis bottling is arguably one of the benchmarks. Drawn from almost 50 hectares of vineyard exclusively on Kimmeridgian soils, this displays the classic Chablis nose of pretty orchard fruit and tangy oyster-shell minerals. It's a little more rounded than in some years, but all the more appealing as a result. A portion (20%) is barrel-fermented, which adds a little texture to the saline and crisp palate. Drink now to 2024.

## CHABLIS, VAILLONS, 1ER CRU

E4619B 6x75clbottlesinbond

This comes from 3.5 hectares of vines mostly in the heart of Vaillons which average 50 years of age. Didier is delighted with the oyster-shell reduction on the nose, which brings out the Kimmeridgian limestone character. Crystalline, fine and steely with a lemony fruit character, this is a chiselled wine with elegance, freshness and a pure, saline finish. Drink now to 2026.

E4620B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£156.00
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#### CHABLIS, MONT DE MILIEU, 1ER CRU

This is a sunny site which consequently is typically picked on the second or third day of the harvest. The nose offers floral touches and some ripe orchard fruit, as well as a hint of salinity. The palate has mineral freshness with plenty of chalk to counter the rich and powerful mid-palate. This is less restrained and pure than the Vaillons, but with greater depth. Drink 2021-2027.

E4622B 6x75clbottlesinbond £198.00

CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU

A blend of Côte de Bréchain, Pied d'Aloup and Chapelot, 40% was fermented in old oak. The vines are very old, some having been planted in 1936, and the yield is consequently low even in the most generous years – in 2018 it was around 30hl/ha. The nose has smoky mineral notes, while the palate is rich, dense and chewy with plenty of grip. A perfect juxtaposition of power and precision. Drink 2022-2028.

#### **E4623B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£240.00**

#### CHABLIS, VAULORENT, 1ER CRU

As the only Premier Cru on the Grand Cru hill, this wine is treated by Fèvre as an honorary Grand Cru, and the quality is certainly of that level. The nose is rich and spicy, with smoke and jasmine notes. The palate offers rich, ripe fruit and a silky texture with exotic oils and a warming tension underneath. It's very persistent with a tense finish. Drink 2022-2030.

#### £78.00 E4624B 6x75cl bottles in bond £270.00

#### CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU

This south-facing vineyard is in the warmest part of Chablis, as evidenced by the rich and exotically spiced nose which shows some oak. Open, flattering and spicy with some stone-fruit, gunflint and lily, this is typically fruity in youth, but will gain minerality after three to five years. Drink 2023-2032.

E4625B 6x75clbottlesinbond £360.00

#### CHABLIS, LES PREUSES, GRAND CRU

This is from two parcels: the first on a steep slope, facing east, which lends minerality and freshness; the second southwest-facing on deep clay, giving richness and power. Arguably the most elegant and refined of the Grands Crus, there is a pleasing marine aspect to this wine, with iodine, crushed oyster shell and sea salt to the fore. Drink 2022-2032.

**E4626B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£360.00** 

#### CHABLIS, BOUGROS, CÔTE BOUGUEROTS, GRAND CRU

The vines here are planted in the best part of Bougros, on the steep, south-facing slope overlooking the river Serein. The nose offers plenty of Chablis mineral touches overlaying a rich bed of white stone-fruit. The palate is initially broad and powerful, but neatly hidden by the tension and freshness offered by proximity to the river. Drink 2023-2033.

E4628B 6x75clbottlesinbond £405.00

#### CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU

Fèvre owns a sixth of the vines in Les Clos, mostly towards the top of the vineyard. Over half were planted by William's grandfather, and the deep root systems of these old vines are a huge benefit in drier vintages. The nose is smoky and spicy with bacon-fat notes, while the palate has a rich entry with plenty of stone-fruit to the fore. Cleansing limestone minerals run through the whole, providing a dry, grippy counterpoint to the sleek, powerful profile. Complex and layered, with real potential. Drink 2024-2035.

E4629B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£480.00

## CHABLIS

## **Domaine Sébastien Dampt**

## SÉBASTIEN DAMPT



*The Dampt family has been making wine* for more than 150 years in Chablis. Having studied viticulture in Beaune, young Sébastien worked in Sancerre, Nuits-St Georges and Australia to broaden his *experience before returning to the family* domaine in 2005 to work alongside his father, Daniel, and brother, Vincent. In 2007, he took back seven hectares under his own name and in 2018, when Daniel retired, Sébastien and Vincent took over completely. The domaine is situated in Milly, to the west of Chablis, and 50% of the holdings are Premier Cru. The wines are largely vinified and raised in stainless steel and concrete. the aim being to produce a linear and classic interpretation of Chablis.

Sébastien is very happy with the results of the 2018 harvest, having the biggest crop since he returned to Chablis in '07. While he feels '18 is very different to '17, he is confident that there is potential for ageing as the wines display good concentration despite the generous yields. He feels that hard work in the vineyards by his young team has paid off in keeping alcohol levels between 12 and 13 degrees, and acidity levels fresh (only slightly below '17). He noted that old vines, of which he is fortunate to have a good number, coped better with the conditions than younger plants, their deeper and more established root systems being able to go deep for water during the dry summer. In the winery

he has taken great care not to overwork the wines, with no *bâtonnage* in order to preserve the mineral feel of the wines, something he observes has increased during the *élevage*. In an interesting contrast to Samuel Billaud, Sébastien feels that the vineyards on the left bank of the Serein have come out on top of those on the right. Such is the success of Sébastien's wines, we have taken the decision to introduce another of his wines, Les Lys, to our range.

## White

#### CHABLIS, LES LYS, 1ER CRU

Sébastien explains that this is the only north-facing Premier Cru in Chablis, which was something of a disadvantage in the past, but is now a real benefit in warmer years. The vines here are 60 years old and planted on clay soil with lots of Kimmeridgian limestone rocks. The nose has a lovely dairy note with some crushed rock touches, while the palate has some ripe citrus fruit, a creamy texture and tingling, salty finish. Very fresh. Drink now to 2025.

#### **E5517B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£192.00**

#### CHABLIS, CÔTE DE LÉCHET, 1ER CRU

There is a lovely classic Chablis nose of crushed oyster shell, salty minerals and lemon. The palate has an initial generosity, but the fruit remains decidedly citrus and while there is a sucrosity to the mouth-feel, there is also a feeling of lightness. The old vines suffer from *court-noué* (fanleaf virus), giving lots of very small grapes, which in 2018 resulted in a modest crop with plenty of concentration and chewy grip. Lemony and saline, this is textbook Chablis with a punch. Drink now to 2026.

**E4575B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£192.00** 

## **Domaine Eleni & Edouard Vocoret**

#### EDOUARD & ELENI VOCORET



The Vocoret name is well-known in Chablis, going back four generations. Having met during the 2010 harvest in New Zealand, Eleni and Edouard returned to Chablis and took over 4.9 hectares of Edouard's family domaine, the majority of which is village Chablis, with just 0.3 hectares of Premier Cru Butteaux. Protégés of Vincent Dauvissat, the Vocorets work in a similar fashion, fermenting their wines in steel tank before ageing in older, neutral oak barrels. Whether in the vineyard or the winery, their focus is on quality, with real attention to detail in everything they do.

Tasting with Eleni and Edouard is always a pleasure, but rarely do they talk in detail about their wines, and there is certainly no sales pitch. There is something charming about how unpolished the whole operation is: there's a real humanity to their domaine. Perhaps it is modesty, or perhaps they prefer to allow the wines to speak for themselves. However, visiting in spring and autumn of 2019, the relief at having finally made a full crop for the first time in their nascent careers was palpable. There was a crackle of excitement as they presented the wines, a feeling that they finally had the chance to do what they wanted. Having begun with the difficult 2013 vintage, they had survived a succession of challenging vears with frost, hail and excessive heat all thrown at them.

In 2018 everything went as planned and picking began on 4th September and was finished within five or so days. The resultant wines are described by Eleni and Edouard as "fruit-focused and very well-balanced".

## White

#### CHABLIS, EN BOUCHERAN

This parcel is located between the Premiers Crus of Montmains and Vaillons, with a band of clay running through the vineyard. A challenge in cooler years, the clay soil was a real benefit in 2018, allowing the vines to access water through the dry summer. The nose offers charming orchard fruit, while the palate is crisp, open and giving, with green apple, flowers and a precise finish. Drink now to 2025.

E4610B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£198.00

## CHABLIS, LES PARGUES

This *cuvée* is from an excellent spot between Montmains and Vosgros, on an identical slope to the Premiers Crus, but which for some reason was omitted from the Premier Cru appellation – perhaps because the slope had not been replanted post-phylloxera when the map was being drawn up. Stricter and more precise than En Boucheran, this has a stinging purity and laser focus. Drink 2021-2027.

#### E4611B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£198.00

#### CHABLIS, LES BUTTEAUX, 1ER CRU

The Vocorets have just a third of a hectare here, enough to make eight barrels in a good vintage. This is a step up in terms of concentration and complexity from the Vocorets' village *cuvées*, with greater breadth and power. It is not heavy, however, and the rippling muscles are punctuated by tight sinews of sizzling acidity. Drink 2022-2030.

E4613B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£198.00

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## Jean-Claude & Romain Bessin

JEAN-CLAUDE BESSIN



From a small cellar and cuverie in a quiet backstreet in the tiny village of La Chapelle-Vaupelteigne, Jean-Claude and Romain Bessin are making some of the most exciting wines in Chablis. We have been working with Jean-Claude's wines for many years, appreciating his powerful yet understated style. Romain joined his father at their 12-hectare estate in 2017, bringing with him a passion for organics and biodynamics. All of the soils are ploughed, everything is hand-harvested, and the winemaking is in a mixture of tank and older barrels.

The 2018 vintage is the first full one for many years, indeed since '11, and the taciturn Jean-Claude even managed to crack a smile when we visited, explaining that after a very successful flowering and fruit-set, the summer was dry and warm, and the crop was healthy and plentiful. He explained eloquently that the wines possess a power, generosity and richness that is similar to the Côte d'Or, but the persistence of salinity and minerality that is unmistakably Chablisien. Harvest began early here, on 1st September, and there is real tension in the wines, something Romain feels has increased with *élevage* as each terroir shows itself more clearly. This is an excellent range of serious, ageworthy Chablis.

## White

#### CHABLIS, VIEILLES VIGNES

This is made from the *domaine*'s oldest vines, all of which are at least 40 years of age and planted in La Chapelle-Vaupelteigne on steep slopes opposite Fourchaume. The nose is tense and tight, with smoky iodine and oyster-shell notes. Serious and very concentrated on the palate, there is wonderful weight and density in the mouth, with a real purity. Juicy, fresh and fine, this is classic Chablis with mouthwatering tension to the finish. Drink now to 2026.

E4614B 12x75clbottlesinbond	£180.00
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#### CHABLIS, LA FORÊT, 1ER CRU

From just over 1.5 hectares of vines planted in the late 1960s and early '70s, La Forêt is an aromatic delight, with spicy floral touches of angelica and rose. The palate has a stinging purity, with breath-taking acidity and an understated, deceptive, elegant power. Drink 2021-2028.

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£144.00

#### CHABLIS, LA FOURCHAUME, LA PIÈCE AU COMTE, 1ER CRU

This wine is only made in certain vintages when volume and quality allow. Made from one hectare of vines planted in 1934 and located in the heart of Fourchaume, this is a wine of Grand Cru quality and power. Some new oak (15%) is used, but the wine absorbs it seamlessly. The nose wafts from the glass with exotic spices and aromatic fruit. The palate has a thick texture and a concentrated, powerful feel, with an extraordinary finish that lingers long after the wine itself. Drink 2022-2032.

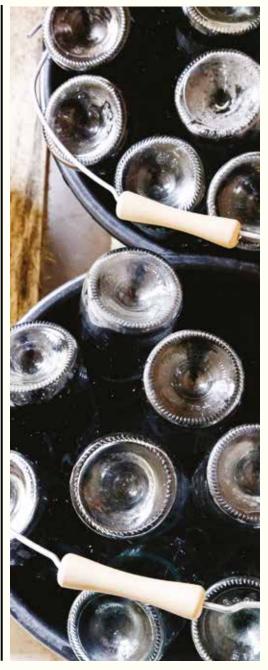
E5515B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£168.00
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#### CHABLIS, VALMUR, GRAND CRU

Jean-Claude and Romain are fortunate enough to have just over two hectares of Valmur, the oldest part of which was planted in 1947. Almost half the wine (45%) is fermented in oak, of which around 10% is new. The nose offers spicy peach and orange and a little warming oak spice. The palate is rich, exotic and generous, but with stinging acidity underneath. There is huge intensity and density of confit lemon. Broad yet taut, this is a fascinating wine. Drink 2023-2033.

E4618B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£210.00



## MÂCONNAIS

### Domaine de la Soufrandière

JEAN-GUILLAUME & JEAN-PHILIPPE BRET



Grandfather Bret bought this property in Vinzelles in 1947. In 2000 Jean-Philippe and Jean-Guillaume Bret took their vineyards out of the local co-operative and established Domaine de la Soufrandière with four hectares of vines in Pouilly-Vinzelles. They also have a négociant business, Bret Brothers. The majority of their holdings is in Vinzelles, with the addition of two vineyards in each of Pouilly-Fuissé and St Véran from 2016. The estate is certified organic and biodynamic, with no new oak used in the cellar.

Jean-Philippe Bret describes 2018 as sportif, a reflection of the breakneck pace at which they had to harvest. With a big team of around 50 pickers per day, they began on 25th August and had brought in all the domaine and négociant fruit within 12 days, a process which usually takes them three weeks. Despite the dry conditions over the summer, the wet winter and spring, along with regular small amounts of rainfall during the summer, ensured that the grapes were full of juice, and consequently volumes are generous. Jean-Guillaume is delighted with the amount of acidity and freshness they have preserved in the wines, as well as the modest alcohol levels (between 13 and 13.5%), all of which he attributes to their careful organic and biodynamic farming methods. There is no Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Longeays this year, as the Brets felt it was not up to their usual high standards.

## White

#### ST VÉRAN, LA COMBE DESROCHES

Located at the foot of the north side of the Roche de Vergisson, this is a cool site which has come into its own in recent warm vintages. Most (80%) of the wine went to tank, while the remaining 20% went to barrel. Fresh and juicy, this has a charming nose of white flowers and orchard fruit, and the palate has crisp apple flavours and crunchy acidity. Drink now to 2024.

E4632B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£192.00
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#### ST VÉRAN, LA BONNODE

This east-facing parcel is made up of long rows on a slope, so the grapes ripen in stages and have to be picked in successive *tries* (passes through the vineyard). It's fermented and aged for the first year in barrel, then transferred to tank before the next harvest. From the first sniff, this is a wine of freshness, with green apple aromas and a touch of white pear. The palate has bright fruit and a long, salty finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E4633B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£222.00
E4633M	6 x 1 50 cl magnums in bond	£234.00

#### POUILLY-FUISSÉ, EN CHATENAY

This vineyard's cool location on top of the Roche de Vergisson, facing east, means it is always an elegant and fresh expression of Pouilly-Fuissé. Half the wine was made in second-hand 300-litre barrels from Olivier Lamy. The nose has perfectly ripe fruit and a touch of struck-match reduction, while the palate is energetic and juicy with a citrus finish. Drink now to 2025.

E4635B 12x75cl bottles in bond £270.00

#### POUILLY-FUISSÉ, AU VIGNERAIS

A likely Premier Cru vineyard, Au Vignerais is cool at 350 metres' altitude, but the shallow red soils and sunny, south-facing exposition give both freshness and richness. The nose has ripe white peach and a sunny feel, while the palate's initial richness is tempered by an intensely chewy finish courtesy of *millerand* grapes. Drink 2021-2027.

E4636B	12x75clbottlesinbond	£270.00
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#### POUILLY-VINZELLES, LES QUARTS

From vines aged over 80 years old and located in the mid-slope sweet spot of this vineyard, this is beautifully balanced. The nose is a cocktail of apple, citrus and a touch of peach, while the palate is intensely fresh with spine-tingling acidity that emerges from the mid-palate and stretches the wine to a long, tangy, mentholated finish. Drink 2021-2028.

£300.00

#### E4638B 12x75cl bottles in bond

## POUILLY-VINZELLES, LES QUARTS, CUVÉE MILLERANDÉE

This special *cuvée* – bottled for us exclusively in magnums – comes from a few rows of vines which produce tiny, ultra-concentrated grapes. As one would expect, there is huge concentration and density here, and a leap up in terms of concentration versus the standard bottling. The real strength of this wine, however, is its textural complexity. Drink 2022-2030.

**E4639M** 6x150cl magnums in bond **£390.00** 

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## Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon

#### DOMINIQUE LAFON



In September 1999, the Lafon family bought a domaine at Milly-Lamartine, renaming it Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon. In May 2003, a further six hectares in the villages of Uchizy and Chardonnay were added, followed by Viré-Clessé in 2009, and Prissé, Pouilly-Fuissé and St Véran in 2014. The whole operation, based at Milly, is now looked after by Caroline Gon under the supervision of Dominique Lafon and totals 26 hectares. The vineyards are now biodynamic and the wines are vinified partly in stainless steel, partly in large wooden foudres and partly in demi-muids, depending on the cuvée.

Harvest began here on 27th August, starting with Prissé and earlier-ripening parcels of St Véran. In recent years Dominique and Caroline have been working very hard to understand the detail of their Mâcon vineyards, to enable them to pick each parcel and sub-parcel at precisely the right moment. Consequently, they have divided their Viré-Clessé into 12 different parcels, each of which is harvested separately. Further changes include the introduction of more *foudres* (large wooden vats), the aim being to minimise oak influence and keep the wines fresher and more tense.

Caroline is delighted with the results, explaining that the wines are very well balanced and have gained in complexity and transparency through the process of *élevage*. This is an excellent range of wines which marries the joy of the Mâconnais with serious winemaking and *terroir*-expression.

#### White

#### MÂCON-MILLY-LAMARTINE

Two-thirds raised in *foudre* with the remainder in large barrels, this comes into its own in warmer vintages. A cool site at high altitude and facing east, it was picked towards the end of the harvest around 12th September. The nose has citrus fruit and floral touches, along with a hint of spicy reduction, while the palate is clean, sizzling and precise. Excellent acidity for a warm vintage. Drink now to 2024.

#### MÂCON-UCHIZY, LES MARANCHES

E4641B 12x75clbottlesinbond

The Maranches vineyard has a significant proportion of old Chardonnay Muscaté vines, a variety which provides a floral note to the fruit. The vineyard faces south but has a high proportion of active limestone, so marries warm fruit and cool acidity. The wine is sunny and floral, with plenty of weight and a fresh finish. Drink now to 2023.

E4642B 12x75clbottlesinbond	£168.00
MÂCON-CHARDONNAY, CLOS DE LA	CROCHETTE
This vineyard faces south but has a marl preserves freshness. Raised 50-50 in <i>fou</i> barrels, there are some pleasing leafy no as well as an oyster-shell touch reminisc A generous attack and salivating finish as seductive and charming wine. Drink now	<i>dres</i> and large tes to the nose, ent of Chablis. ld up to a
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#### MÂCON-MILLY-LAMARTINE, CLOS DU FOUR

Two-thirds of this is raised in *demi-muids*, one-third in a small *foudre*. As ever, this really shines in a warm vintage, the vineyard's natural austerity softened slightly by the conditions. There is pure citrus fruit on the entry, wrapped around smoky, graphite reduction. Very fresh, focused and almost austere, this is concentrated with a slight sweetness and a mentholated fresh finish. Drink 2021-2026.

#### **E4644B** 12x75clbottlesinbond **£186.00**

#### VIRÉ-CLESSÉ

Dominique has divided this into 12 different subsections, each of which is picked separately at optimum ripeness. The young vines were declassified into the Mâcon-Villages (not offered *en primeur*), leaving only the old vines, a decision which shows clearly in the intensity and concentration on the palate. Beautifully fresh, with plenty of grip and density, this has a pure, fresh finish. Outstanding. Drink 2021-2027.

E4645B 12x75clbottlesinbond £192.00

#### STVÉRAN

£138.00

Since 2017 this has been made from two separate parcels, one of which is south-facing, the other at high altitude, with very old vines yielding small volumes of concentrated grapes. Raised mostly in *foudres* with some large barrels, this is deep and complex with bright acidity and crunchy, fresh citrus fruit. Drink 2021-2026.

E4646B 12x75clbottlesinbond £192.00

## MÂCONNAIS

## **Olivier Merlin**

#### OLIVIER MERLIN



Olivier and Corinne Merlin have been established in the Mâconnais village of La Roche Vineuse since 1987. Over the years they have bought the domaine which they originally rented, built a new cuverie, planted new vineyards locally and spread out into further appellations such as Pouilly-Fuissé and Moulin-à-Vent. Theirs has been one of the great success stories of the modern Mâconnais. Sons Théo and Paul joined them for the 2017 harvest and are, as of the 2018 vintage, permanently involved.

This is a landmark year for the Merlins, being the first full vintage with the involvement of sons Théo and Paul, a development which has led to an expansion of the estate. They have ceased much of their *négociant* activity (which now represents about 10% of production), and have taken on farming contracts for a substantial number of excellent vineyards in the St Véran and Pouilly-Fuissé appellations, taking their holdings up to an impressive 22 hectares.

Olivier is constantly looking at ways to combat the effects of global warming in his wines, not only in the vineyards, but also in the cellar, where he has significantly reduced the amount of new oak in recent years to avoid adding any sweetness or sucrosity. Harvesting early was essential for Olivier, and they began on 27th August, finishing on 17th September because of the number of new vineyards and the large yield. Fortunately, maturity did not move too quickly in early September so they could take their time once they had begun, picking each vineyard at optimum ripeness and bringing grapes in between 12.5 and 13.7 degrees of potential alcohol. Olivier describes 2018 as a vintage which is concentrated but tense and fresh, with energy, dynamism and well-defined *terroirs*.

## White

#### MÂCON LA ROCHE VINEUSE, VIEILLES VIGNES

The old-vine *cuvée* is fermented and aged for the first year in oak, before moving to tank. The nose offers citrus and orchard fruits, as well as some subtle spice and flinty minerals. The palate offers surprising weight and generosity initially, before closing with a tense, fresh finish. Complex and intense. Drink now to 2024.

E5489B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£129.00

#### STVÉRAN

A blend of several very good vineyards from across the St Véran appellation, this wine is made entirely in old oak and bottled in the summer to preserve the purity of fruit. Charming peaches and cream notes combine on the nose, while the palate offers succulent citrus and a buttery but fresh finish. Drink now to 2024.

E5490B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£132.00
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#### ST VÉRAN, LE GRAND BUSSIÈRE

This vineyard has a high proportion of Chardonnay Muscaté, which gives the wine its characteristic floral nose, rose petals mingling with confit lemon. Olivier picks this vineyard early to make sure there is plenty of acidity to give balance to the perfume. Ripe and generous, but with a salivating acid-driven finish. Drink 2021-2025.

**E5491B** 6 x 75cl bottles in bond £90.00

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STVERAN	EN CRÉCHES

This small parcel provides a maximum 10 barrels per year. Olivier loves the site's old vines and steep slope. The nose is spicy and rich with an orange fruit character, while the palate is dynamic and tense, but with power and weight. A very complete wine. Drink 2022-2027.

#### V9547B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### ST VÉRAN, CÔTE RÔTIE

A much bigger *cuvée*, yielding around 30 barrels, this is a site Olivier knows well. As the name suggests, it is a well-exposed slope, and it is the richest and most powerful of the St Véran wines, but with a pure, focused finish that is almost chewy in character. Drink 2023-2028.

#### V9546B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### POUILLY-FUISSÉ, VIEILLES VIGNES

The fruit for this wine now comes from a selection of well-situated old-vine parcels mostly in the village of Chaintré, giving a slightly fresher and more elegant style than in the past. The nose offers toasty oak and ripe white peach, while the palate is generous and spicy with a clean finish. Drink 2022-2027.

## V9548B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MÂCON LA ROCHE VINEUSE, LES CRAS

From old vines planted on a steep, south-facing site with a high limestone content, this is a wine which always punches above its weight. At once generous and fresh, there is the power and density of a Pouilly-Fuissé, combined with piercing chalky minerality. A wine with real ageing potential. Drink 2021-2027.

E5492B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### POUILLY-FUISSÉ, SUR LA ROCHE

rrels steep ge fruit 1se, vine.	When the Premier Cru classification finally arrives, this will be the highest-altitude Premier Cru at over 300 metres above sea-level. A wine of real tension and energy, there's an elegance that provides a pleasingly bitter, mineral finish, with touches of iodine and sea salt. Drink 2022-2028.		
£90.00	V9549B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£120.00	
	POUILLY-FUISSÉ, CLOS DE FRANCE		
els, this ests, and a pure, ter. £90.00	The Clos de France is just over a hectare in total, of which the Merlins have a quarter. This is a very special wine for Olivier, with a very individual character which makes it one of the outstanding vineyards of Pouilly. There is lots of noble reduction on the nose, while the palate has a thick texture, power, grip and zesty mandarin flavours. Incredible length with flinty reduction. Outstanding. Drink 2023-2030.		
	V9550B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£135.00	
ction of illage of legant oak and and spicy	Red MOULIN-À-VENT		
£105.00	From four old-vine parcels surrounding th eponymous windmill, this is a delicious exp of Gamay whole-bunch fermented, with ve extraction, then raised in a large oak <i>foudre</i> result is a gorgeous red-cherry-scented win crunchy fruit and fine, granitic tannins. Be Drink now to 2027.	pression ry gentle e. The ne, with	
erous Pouilly-	E5494B 12x75clbottlesinbond	£132.00	
ality. A 2027.	MOULIN-À-VENT, LA ROCHELLE		
£108.00	Olivier's La Rochelle vineyard is a 0.95-hectare parcel situated high above the <i>moulin</i> (windmill) at almost 300 metres' altitude. The ancient vines give a wine		

V9551B 6x75clbottlesinbond

tannins. Drink 2022-2032.

of wonderful concentration, with touches of pepper,

violet floral touches and serious but juicy granite

graphite and a slight leafiness. The palate has gorgeous

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## Château des Quarts

**OLIVIER MERLIN** 

#### BOURGOGNE ROUGE, LES CRAS

The young vines used for this *cuvée* come from cuttings of old Pinot Fin taken from the Clos des Epeneaux around 20 years ago, planted on the steep, south-facing limestone slope of Les Cras. Whole-bunch (50%) gives a delicious nose of pure Pinot fruit, with crushed strawberry and floral touches. Very elegant and delicate, it's a massive success. Drink 2021-2028.

E5493B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£156.00

Château des Quarts was created in 2012 by two of our favourite vignerons, Dominique Lafon and Olivier Merlin, who are old friends. The vineyard is managed by Olivier and the wine made in his facility at La Roche Vineuse. The Clos des Quarts monopole is 2.23 hectares in Chaintré, surrounded by a high stone wall, facing east, overlooking the Saône valley. The 2017 vintage saw the 100-year anniversary of the planting of the oldest parcel of vines here. The key to their longevity is riparia rootstock and an oldschool training and pruning regime.

As is typical, Olivier picked the Clos des Quarts early, on 28th August, the second day of harvesting. The soil is very poor, with an abundance of limestone which means the fruit ripens quickly and has to be picked in good time to preserve freshness. Despite the age of the vines here, the crop was generous, the best Olivier and Dominique have made since they bought the property, and even the 101-year-old vines managed to produce a very healthy 52hl/ha. The Premier Cru project is advancing slowly, but Clos des Quarts is certain to be classed as one of the top vineyards once the political machinations have concluded.

## White

#### POUILLY-FUISSÉ, CLOS DES QUARTS

From the very first nose, this wine is utterly charming, with exuberant fruit and an undercurrent of chalky minerals. The palate is at once creamy and stony, with real finesse and elegance courtesy of a saline, citrus acidity. What's most impressive, however, is the level of detail, which is more than a match for many a grander name in the Côte de Beaune. Drink 2021-2028.

E4648B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£156.00

## CÔTE CHALONNAISE

#### **Domaine Berthenet**

#### FRANÇOIS BERTHENET



This domaine is a recent addition to our portfolio, and it's the first year that the wines have been included in our en primeur offer. While the potential and value of Montagny has long been recognised, with a number of our Côte d'Or producers sourcing grapes from the area for many years, François in based here. in the attractive hillside village of Montagny-lès-Buxy. Indeed, the *Berthenets have been making Montagny* for four centuries, but the domaine in its current quise was established by Francois's grandfather in 1974. Today the property has vineyards on all sides of the village, the majority on east or north-facing slopes. Unusually for Burgundy, Francois favours a mixture of oak - using American and Eastern European as well as the more traditional French.

François began harvesting a little later than his neighbours, on September 11th: here, grapes picked any earlier, he says, had attained sugar but not phenolic ripeness. He was delighted to harvest a full crop in 2018, and marvelled at the quality of the fruit.

Unusually among our Burgundy suppliers, François chooses to harvest by machine, vaunting the capacity it gives him to pick and process his grapes in the cool of dawn, and on the exact day of his choice – a particular benefit in the warmth of '18. François confesses he is pleasantly surprised by the freshness of his '18s, which he feared could be overripe but now finds perfectly balanced. In fact, it's on the strength of the vintage that François has been elected 2020 Winemaker of the Year by the respected Hachette wine guide.

## White

#### MONTAGNY, TÊTE DE CUVÉE

The *domaine*'s Tête de Cuvée is blended from all but one of its vineyards. The 2018, however, draws heavily on fruit from the calcareous slopes adjacent to the winery, to provide the steely freshness that is the wine's hallmark. Raised exclusively in stainless steel, it is characterised by bright citrus aromas, shimmering acidity and a pithy, saline finish. Drink now to 2023.

#### **E5524B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£114.00**

#### MONTAGNY, MONT-CUCHOT, 1ER CRU

East-facing, with relatively deep clay soil, the Premier Cru Mont-Cuchot vineyard is invariably the first harvested. It is aged in a combination of tank and two- to three-year-old barrels (making up 30% of the blend). The 2018 is an ebullient, expressive wine, with hints of tropical and stone fruit on the nose; but it gains tension towards the finish, suggesting it will age well. Drink 2021-2026.

## **E5523B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£156.00**

#### MONTAGNY, LES PERRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Like Mont-Cuchot, this parcel faces east and sees plenty of sunshine, but the soil here is limestone (rather than clay) and replete with fossils. The resulting wine is less expansive and more mineral than Mont-Cuchot, with a concentrated white-fruit core and steely acidity. It's raised exclusively in used oak, contributing texture to the mid-palate and a seductive toasty note to the finish. Drink 2021-2027.

**E5525B** 12x75clbottlesinbond **£162.00** 

#### MONTAGNY, LES BONNEVEAUX, 1ER CRU

This is François's most powerful, full-bodied *cuvée*, owing to the parcel's reddish soils rich in iron oxide. For all its heft, the old vines here deliver freshness to the palate too. It's aged exclusively in *demi-muid*, of which a quarter are new: they mark the nose at present but can't disguise the panoply of enticing stone and tropical fruit aromas beneath. Drink 2022-2028.

E5526B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£240.00







## CÔTE DE BEAUNE

### **Jean-Yves Devevey**

#### JEAN-YVES DEVEVEY



Jean-Yves started with a smallholding of generic Bourgogne from modest locations and nothing but a shed behind the house to work in. Through hard work and considerable skill, he built up a successful business, part vigneron, part négociant, with a properly equipped cuverie and cellar to hand. He stopped his négociant activities in 2014, with the cellar paid for and, with so many short harvests, he was finding it hard to find affordable organic grapes of the quality he wanted. He now concentrates solely on his domaine, which encompasses eight hectares, all certified organic, covering the Hautes Côtes de Beaune in both red and white, Beaune, Volnay and Rully.

The trip to Demigny to see Jean-Yves is a little out of the way, but always worth it. Unsurprisingly, much of our conversation this year revolved around the conditions of 2018, and how to adapt to what seems to be a continuing trend of warm and early harvests. Jean-Yves was one of the first to say to us that he had noticed a marked capacity in his vineyards to work in "balance" - that is to say vineyards that he has worked for many years and now need minimal assistance, having escaped the past influence of fertilisers and herbicides. It is almost as if these vineyards were able to self-regulate during the hot weather and produce grapes with harmony and freshness. For example, it took Jean-Yves

10 years to get his Volnay vineyard back into a satisfactory condition.

More technically, Jean-Yves also felt that the way he pruned the vines, allowing a more vigorous flow of sap, played an important role this year. As ever, yields are low at 28hl/ha. He began his harvest in Beaune (on the day Lafon began picking his Montrachet) and finished his Rully vineyards in mid-September. His harvests naturally gave 13.5% potential alcohol, but still kept their freshness. Ever the experimenter, Jean-Yves has planted some Savagnin from the Jura near his house. It was like a creamy Aligoté, but richer and, alas, not for sale.

### White

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE BLANC, CHAMPS PERDRIX

This is sourced from one of Jean-Yves's several plots near Nantoux. The smaller harvest has freed up some barrels, so this year the whole crop is in wood. The low sulphur levels allow notes of honey and quince to be expressed. There is a lovely linearity from these higher vineyards. Drink 2020-2023.

E4650B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£186.00

#### RULLY BLANC, LA CHAUME

As always, this exceeds expectations. La Chaume has a lot of limestone for the region and so transcends the more rustic reputation of Rully. The 2018 is really expressive, with a full rich texture and an arresting sweet-citrus acidity. Drink 2022-2024.

**E4652B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£216.00** 

#### Red

#### RULLY ROUGE, LA CHAUME

Such a lovely bright and alive wine. There are minimal levels of SO2. Whole bunches are gently crushed to release succulent redcurrant and simple primary aromas, resulting in an effortless expression of gluggable Pinot Noir. Drink 2021-2024.

**E4653B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£204.00** 

#### VOLNAY

This is from three parcels: La Gigotte (0.45 hectares), Les Famines (0.45 hectares) and Les Pluchots (0.4 hectares). This is a sharecropping arrangement, so nine barrels were made, of which Jean-Yves will keep six. He only did 70% whole-bunch this year, but the characterful palate is plush, ripe and silky. Drink 2022-2026.

**E4654B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£174.00** 

#### BEAUNE, PERTUISOTS, 1ER CRU

On the Pommard side of Beaune, this vineyard is next door to the renowned Vignes Franches. The bouquet is adorable, perfumed and delicate, the palate creamy with a welcome bite of tannin on the finish. Drink 2024-2029.

r **E4655B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£195.00** 

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### **Domaine David Moreau**

#### DAVID MOREAU



David Moreau took over part of his octogenarian grandfather's domaine in Santenay in 2009. Prior to that, he worked with Olivier Lamy, at Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and at Neudorf in New Zealand. David now has seven hectares in production and has made significant changes in both viticulture and vinification. The vineyards were almost all planted in the 1960s, so he has old vines to work with. David is now president of Santenay's vine-growers' syndicat, a measure of the high regard in which he is held by his peers.

It could be argued that Santenay is an appellation that will benefit from the current level of global warming. It is laterripening and has some fascinating soils - although, historically, also a reputation for volume and, as such, was largely planted with higher-yielding clones. That is changing and David Moreau is at the forefront. Last year he commissioned a very detailed geological map of the appellation which will certainly assist Santenay's push for quality. Previously rather rustic in style, Santenay is now home to wines of great freshness and energy, with the accent on red fruit, usually underpinned by positive but increasingly friendly tannins.

The 2018 vintage will add to the reputations of both David and Santenay. The harvest started on 5th September for his reds. For the first time he was able to use a sorting table in the vineyard (rather than just in the winery). He likes to use some whole-bunch, up to a maximum of 20%. If whole-bunch is used, he will employ a shorter maceration. Overall the vintage didn't raise any problems. There was some mildew in May, but it was easily managed. This year we were especially impressed by the well-situated Les Hâtes, and the genuinely complex Clos des Mouches.

#### Red

#### MARANGES

This is sourced from old Premier Cru vines – some on red clay planted in 1947, some on decomposed granite planted in 1943. The wine is very appealing and perfumed, with the element from granite giving a firm, spicy edge. The wine's freshness makes it accessible and lovely for early drinking. Drink now to 2024.

E4657B 6	3x75clbottlesinbond	£72.00
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#### SANTENAY, CUVÉE "S"

This is from two very different vineyards: David has 0.8 hectares of 35-year-old vines in Les Cornières on glacial alluvial spoil from the combe, and 0.15 hectares in Charmes-Dessus on complex limestone, all planted in the 1980s. Here the spiciness is complemented by black fruits, and there is a final lift of sweet red fruit on the finish from 15% whole-bunch. Drink 2021-2026.

E4658B 6>	75cl bottles in bond	£90.00
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#### SANTENAY, LES HÂTES

From the higher section of the vineyard behind David's house, his 0.68 hectares were planted in 1964 and '65. Sandwiched between Premiers Crus, this part has a higher proportion of limestone and is better drained than the lower section. There is lovely energy this year, with a mineral bite and then a wonderful creamy finish. Drink 2022-2027.

E4659B 6x75clbottlesinbond £90.00

#### SANTENAY, CLOS ROUSSEAU, 1ER CRU

David farms 0.4 hectares here, planted in 1967. Clos Rousseau is one of the best sites of Santenay and lies on the southern extremity of the appellation, where there is limestone under very thin topsoil. Here David's yields are naturally low due to fanleaf virus, helping to create a wine that is compact, well-structured and capable of ageing very well. Drink 2025-2032.

#### E4660B 6x75cl bottles in bond £120.00

#### SANTENAY, CLOS DES MOUCHES, 1ER CRU

David's 0.9 hectares of vines, planted in 1963, sit on a complex geological fault line and its makeup is hard to establish. The vineyard sits just above a limestone quarry, but there is marne (a sedimentary calcite and clay) as well. The wine has a really interesting bouquet (which David relates to grape hyacinth), adding a grassy note to the already purposeful character. Drink 2025-2032.

E4661B 6x75clbottlesinbond £14

£141.00

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE St Aubin

## **Domaine Hubert Lamy**

#### OLIVIER LAMY



There have been Lamys growing vines in St Aubin since 1640. Today the domaine is run by Olivier Lamy in succession to his father Hubert. Olivier ceased supplying négociants in 1997, grubbing up and selling off peripheral vines, keeping only the best and oldest sites. He has been experimenting with different planting densities in a quest to capture an even greater expression of terroir.

According to Olivier Lamy, in 2018 St Aubin enjoyed 25% more sunshine and 30% less rain compared to 2017. Olivier is well-known for his iconoclastic opinions, most notably for his move towards extremely high-density planting in his St Aubin Derrière chez Edouard and Puligny Tremblots vineyards, where there can be up to 30,000 vines per hectare (compared to the usual maximum of 10.000). In fairness, he bases this policy on records from the Middle Ages which indicate this density was normal up until the advent of phylloxera in the late 19th century. He also takes a more radical view on harvest dates and is usually the first to start, because the excellent health and vigour of his vines ripens the fruit earlier.

True to form, in 2018 he began his harvest on 22nd August but was also still picking on 12th September, and so was the first and last to finish in the village. The later vineyards were those badly frosted in '17 and so took longer to recover this year. This remains a difficult cellar in which to make an early judgement of the wines. They are always very tight and unforgiving and assessments are made on previous experience as much as the tasting on the day. Happily this is also a cellar where older vintages are always on offer too, and thus context is achieved. It's a fine year for Olivier. The inherent freshness and detail always present in his wines give this vintage a very special focus.

## White

#### ST AUBIN, LA PRINCÉE

From 10 parcels over three hectares of village St Aubin, this is aged mostly in larger 500- and 600-litre *foudres*, with about 10% in new barrels. Always with pinpoint freshness, this year the warmth of the vintage is still not really in evidence. Cool and assertive. Drink 2021-2024.

£150.00

#### ST AUBIN, LES FRIONNES, 1ER CRU

E4662B 6x75cl bottles in bond

The oldest vines of this east-facing vineyard were planted in 1935, with parcels also from 1960 and 1985. Oliver has 2.4 hectares on deep composite limestone and the wine is spine-tingling in its minerality. Drink 2022-2027.

E4663B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£192.00
SANTENAY BLANC, CLOS DES GRAVIÈRE 1ER CRU	S,

Although the name suggests a gravel soil, much of the vineyard is on white marlstone. Its warmer character gives a more generous, citrus style and offers a rounder wine in the Lamy range. Drink 2021-2026.

**E4664B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£192.00** 

notes in 2018. Drink 2023-2027.	opical
E4665B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£255.00
ST AUBIN, EN REMILLY, 1ER CRU	
Olivier has two parcels, one at the top adjacet Chevalier-Montrachet on the other side of th Rachet, the other by Chatenière. Confidence composure are evident this year. Drink 2023	e Mont- and
E4666B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£255.00
ST AUBIN, LES MURGERS DES DENTS DE 1ER CRU Olivier only has 0.25 hectares of this prime, s facing, well-ventilated vineyard, which touch Puligny-Montrachet's Premier Cru Champs The wine is intense and classy, with real com Drink 2023-2029.	south- ies Gain.
E4667B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£255.00
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For this wine, Olivier likes to make a <i>millefeu</i>	

ST AUBIN, CLOS DE LA CHATENIÈRE, 1ER CRU

Olivier's clos is west-facing, steeply sloping, and with

old vines from 1964. It catches the evening sun and

makes a fulsome St Aubin showing almost tranical

For this wine, Olivier likes to make a *millefeuille* in the *cuve* for fermentation – layering whole bunches and de-stemmed fruit, to better integrate the tannins. The result is proper, crunchy Pinot Noir. Drink 2021-2026.

#### E4670B 6x75clbottlesinbond

SANTENAY ROUGE, CLOS DES GRAVIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Olivier is moving this vineyard to higher density planting, although the full benefits may take a decade. More voluble than his St Aubin reds, this is juicy and quite succulent. Drink 2021-2026.

E4671B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£186.00

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### Jean-Claude Bachelet & Fils

#### JEAN-BAPTISTE BACHELET



With the move to superb new cellars in the hamlet of Gamay, next to St Aubin, Benoît and Jean-Baptiste Bachelet have taken over from their father Jean-Claude, though he may still be seen with his wartime vintage truck ferrying the grapes at harvest time. The basic principle of a long, slow barrelageing for almost two years remains in force, while the state-of-the-art winery has improved consistency. In the vineyard, the brothers have been experimenting with biodynamic viticulture and have plans to extend this across their holdings in St Aubin, Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet.

"Who wouldn't be happy with 2018?" says Benoît Bachelet. The vintage was simple, not a complication in sight, just a little stress on the vines at the start and some mildew that was easily controlled, and then the weather turned warm and dry, so any further threat dissipated. They started the vintage on 30th August. The quality of the juice was outstanding, so Benoît aimed to get the wines into barrel faster, to leave more texture in the wines, and also to help compensate for the lower levels of acidity this year.

Benoît feels there is something "extra" to 2018, maybe akin to '04, but with more density. This, he says, is a vintage with a lot more to give. The best wines have two winters in barrel, which will allow them to soften and evolve, and there is clearly much more to come. The range is certainly impressive and was particularly useful for an insight into St Aubin's success in the vintage. Recent early harvests have swivelled a spotlight onto this previously cautiously accepted appellation. Its cooler vineyards make it a regular victim to frost, but its high-quality and complex *terroirs* are capable of producing increasingly serious and age-worthy wines.

#### White

#### ST AUBIN, LE CHARMOIS, 1ER CRU

This vineyard is south of the village of St Aubin, bordering the Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru vineyard Les Chaumées. Its east-facing aspect gives the wine a lot of energy in this warm year. Drink 2023-2027.

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ST AUBIN, LA CHATENIÈRE, 1ER CRU		E4679B 6
This is opposite the Bachelet winery. The exp southwest and steep. There are only two barr year, but the wine offers an almost savoury, C like intensity. Drink 2023-2027.	els this	CHASSAG DESSUS, 1 This brillia
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This vineyard borders Puligny's Premier Cru Gain. This is a more solid, stony wine, but wit impressive lift of intense and gently spicy fru	han	BIENVENU GRAND CF
finish. Drink 2023-2027.		This year th François Fi
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#### PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES AUBUES This is a wonderfully positioned vineyard for a simple village wine, nestling under the Grand Cru Bâtard-Montrachet. The Bachelets' parcel also touches Chassagne's Les Encegnières. The fruit is rich and luscious, around a very mineral and compact core. A very fine example at this level. Drink 2022-2025. E4676B 6x75clbottlesinbond £240.00 CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LA BOUDRIOTTE, 1ER CRU Boudriotte is sub-section of the larger Morgeot vineyard. There is deep red soil with more clay, so this wine has a lush, creamy style, but is not in any way fat. Drink 2023-2027. E4678B 6x75cl bottles in bond £315.00 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, SOUS LE PUITS, 1ER CRU This is Puligny's highest Premier Cru, above Blagny. Despite the altitude, the Bachelets have still found a succulent expression to mix with Puligny's more sterity. Drink 2024-2028. 6 x 75cl bottles in bond £345.00 **SNE-MONTRACHET, BLANCHOT** 1ER CRU ant vineyard is a continuation of the et Grand Cru as the slope starts to fall away. rand Cru structure, its florality hidden deep ing its youth. Drink 2024-2030. 3x75cl bottles in bond £510.00 UES BÂTARD MONTRACHET, RU he wine is in one double-sized barrel, from rères as usual. This monster is almost like s in its richness. Huge and, to coin a phrase, Drink 2025-2032. 6 x 75cl bottles in bond £1,140.00

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Chassagne-Montrachet

#### Domaine Michel Niello

MICHEL COUTOUX



Michel Niellon has turned operations over to his son-in-law, Michel Coutoux, who operates out of smart new cellars between Chassagne and Chagny. They have only six hectares of vines, almost all within the confines of Chassagne-Montrachet, including a range of half a dozen different Premiers Crus. There's a tiny amount of Chevalier-Montrachet as well. The wines are made in a classical style and are usually bottled just before the next harvest.

Michel Coutoux is a straightforward and practical *vigneron*, working traditionally with a pragmatic approach to viticulture and vinificaton to make classical wines. He found the 2018 vintage remarkable, having rarely seen such perfect balance of maturity and acidity in his career. The rain which fell early in the year was key, warding off the threat of drought stress during the summer. Michel explained his theory, one shared by many other growers, that the generous volumes (all wines were around the permitted maximum yield) compensated for the heat and sun of the summer, as though nature created its own balance. Harvest began on 31st August, with fermentations passing without issue, and a maximum of 25 to 30% new oak, as usual.

## White

#### CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Michel makes this wine from 20 separate parcels over 2.3 hectares, and one section is always in the process of being replanted. Spicy reduction and toasty oatmeal oak combine on the nose, while the palate has density, grip and ripe citrus fruit. Chewy. Drink 2021-2027.

**E4728B** 12x75cl bottles in bond £300.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, CLOS DE LA MALTROIE, 1ER CRU

From the centre of the appellation and just south of the village, the soil here is what Michel describes as *limoneux* (silt-like clay with white stones). The wine itself is very lemon-focused, with sizzling freshness and a Chablis-like minerality. Drink 2022-2028.

#### E4729B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£225.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES CHAUMÉES, CLOS DE LA TRUFFIÈRE, 1ER CRU

Michel has 0.54 hectares in this high vineyard in Chassagne, where the vines are quickly through the very thin topsoil and onto hard rock. This is a charming mix of pure, fresh acidity and a slightly oily, mealy texture. A wine of grip and chewy, sinewy concentration, with noble reduction. Drink 2022-2030.

**E4730B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£225.00** 

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## **Domaine Jean-Noël Gagnard**

#### **CAROLINE LESTIMÉ**



Caroline Lestimé took over from her father, Jean-Noël Gagnard in 1989, since which time she has fine-tuned the holdings, increasing the number of white wine cuvées by separating out each different vineyard. She has also planted new sites in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune to complement her range of Chassagne-Montrachet (including nine white and two red Premiers Crus) and Grand Cru Bâtard-Montrachet.

There is plenty of optimism from Caroline this year. The 2018 vintage is generous and the Chardonnay berries were full of juice, with the harvest beginning on 26th August. The last time the estate enjoyed this combination of quality and quantity was 1989. This is a great address to taste through a comprehensive range of Chassagne's Premiers Crus, in a way similar to the experience with Ghislaine Barthod in Chambolle. It allows a more comprehensive overview of the village, albeit guided by the winemaker's style.

Tasting with Caroline is always a most enjoyable, if slightly chaotic experience, as we dash from barrel to barrel, and opinions on each wine and the vintage are delivered enthusiastically. Overall the result for 2018 is very encouraging. Caroline has avoided the overripe tendencies found at some Chassagne addresses and, while she freely admits that acidity of the '18s is not comparable to '17, her wines have structure from a beneficial mineral bitterness. She is very conscious that this characteristic must<br/>not dominate and so she will bottle earlier<br/>than usual, as the wines are already tasting<br/>well and are in balance. Caroline's reds<br/>also deserve a mention: they are almost<br/>an afterthought in a cellar with so many<br/>fine whites, but her juicy and assertive red<br/>Chassagnes are a worthy reminder of why<br/>the village was also historically so well-<br/>regarded for its reds.CH.<br/>CH.<br/>CH.

#### White

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE BLANC, SOUS EGUISONS

This *cuvée* comes from a 10-year-old 1.5-hectare vineyard at La Rochepot, above St Aubin. The white limestone soils give a lovely cool edge to a wine with some exotic notes. The fruit was harvested on 5th and 10th September, with half the blend aged in barrel (20% new). Drink now to 2022.

**E4733B** 12x75cl bottlesin bond **£186.00** 

#### CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES MASURES

This single plot is in the heart if the appellation, just under the Premier Cru Les Champs Gains. Arguably this is one of the best examples of village Chassagne-Montrachet. There is real detail in this wine, with a splendid tension between its ripeness and minerality. Drink 2021-2024.

**E4734B** 12x75cl bottlesin bond **£384.00** 

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES CHAUMÉES 1ER CRU	CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES PETITS CLOS, 1ER CRU		
A higher vineyard at the northern end of the village Caroline has 0.59 hectares of old vines, planted on light, stony soil over rock. It's aromatically compace now, but will soon burst open with energetic and ju fruit. Drink 2023-2027.	Petit Clos is another sub-sector of Morgeot, this time on prime bright limestone. The aromas are imposing and succulent, with a spicy note to the palate, and a sense of structure over the creamy notes. Drink 2024-2029.		
<b>E4735B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£27</b>	E4739B         6x75cl bottles in bond         £390.00		
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, CLOS DE LA MALTROYE, 1ER CRU	CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES CAILLERETS, 1ER CRU		
At the southern end of the village, nestling agains the last of the houses, the vineyard's equal suitabi to Pinot Noir means it produces a more generous style, with some interesting verbena notes. Drink 2024-2028.	Caroline has 1.06 hectares of this prime vineyard, said to have more finesse than Chassagne's Grands Crus, although not their weight. It is understated but confident, imposing in texture but tangibly structured. Drink 2025-2030.		
<b>E4736B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£27</b>	E4740B         6x75cl bottles in bond         £540.00		
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LA BOUDRIOTTI 1ER CRU	Red		
La Boudriotte is a parcel within Morgeot (which the wine could also be called), within which there are five additional <i>lieux-dits</i> – Caroline's 0.48 hectares within Chaumes. This is a smoky wine with notes of butterscotch leading to a sturdy and powerful finis Drink 2024-2028.	This wine's objective is immediate pleasure. It is all about maximising the juicy red fruit and minimising		
<b>E4737B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond <b>£31</b>	the tannins, and the immediate impression is of strawberry, raspberry and redcurrant, although red Chassagne's heavier soils do bring a gentle, earthy grip		
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, BLANCHOT DESSUS, 1ER CRU	to the party. Irresistible. Drink now to 2023.		
A glance at the map will show that this is brilliantly	<b>E4744B</b> 12x75clbottlesinbond <b>£300.00</b>		
sited immediately below Le Montrachet, so there is expectation by association. The wine is understa dense with a lot of body and a firm structure. Drink 2024-2029.	d, CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET ROUGE, MORGEOT, 1ER CRU This has quite a serious edge and demonstrates		
<b>E4738B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£37</b>	— Chassagne's often overlooked potential for satisfying,		
	<b>E4745B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£195.00</b>		

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Puligny-Montrachet

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## Olivier Leflaive

#### OLIVIER LEFLAIVE



After studying at business school, Olivier Leflaive headed to Paris to live a rather bohemian life during the 1970s, working in music and television. He returned to Burgundy in 1981 to manage Domaine Leflaive with his uncle Vincent and later his cousin Anne-Claude. Having long aspired to work for himself, he set up his own négociant business in 1984 and, upon leaving the family domaine a decade later, he gave 15 years' notice that he would take back his share of the family vines from 2009. Experienced winemaker Franck Grux now makes between 85 and 90 different cuvées, vinifying the equivalent of 120 hectares, of which 17 are estate. The focus here is on elegance and finesse over power.

One can only step back and admire the skill with which such a wide portfolio is handled at Olivier Leflaive. Franck Grux seems to have his finger on the pulse of every barrel and nothing is done by rote. For example, the village Puligny-Montrachet is assembled from so many elements, all eventually adding up to much more than the sum of their parts. Arguably this is the most complete expression of the fundamental character of Puligny. For a full immersion in the Leflaive experience, Olivier has a luxurious hotel and restaurant in the village.

For the vintage, Franck felt that the whites were "on a knife-edge". What he meant was that the window during which

the Chardonnay could be picked was very narrow. Sugars were climbing fast at the end of the season and even a day's delay could eventually result in heavy or lifeless wines. But the Leflaive team was welldrilled and the harvest came in rapidly and efficiently, beginning at the end of August and all gathered within a week. Our observation on the 2018 vintage here is how balanced and alive the wines seem to be. There is very little sense of the heat of the year or the solidity that can come under those conditions. Many wines are comparable to the livelier '17s, but with more muscle on the bone.

## White

#### BOURGOGNE BLANC, ONCLE VINCENT

This comes from eight parcels across four hectares, all but one owned by the *domaine*, and all farmed by them. The wine spent six months in oak, of which 15% was new. This really captures the essence of Puligny-Montrachet and offers superb quality at this level. Beautiful minerality in 2018. Drink 2021-2026.

£90.00

## E5311B 6x75cl bottles in bond

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

This covers every village *climat* in Puligny except Trézan and Charmes, over 35 parcels across seven hectares. Every plot is barrel-fermented in 20% new oak. The result combines the spice and energy of the appellation's more northerly components with the fresher, more floral notes of the south. A brilliant tapestry. Drink 2022-2027.

**E5309B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£210.00** 

MEURSAULT, CLOS DE LA VELLE		CORTON-CH
From the higher section of Sous la Velle château), close to the D974, Leflaive has this vineyard since 2016. The soil is heav there are some old vines (from 1956), an a fine, spicy minerality, with more gener Drink 2022-2027.	managed vier clay but d the wine has	The fruit here Le Corton and south and sou with 25% new year. Drink 20
E5310B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£210.00	E5312B 6x7
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, CLOSS 1ER CRU	SAINT-MARC,	BIENVENUE GRAND CRU
This comes from a sub-section of Les Ve mid-slope, more easterly facing vineyar Aubin. Behind the notes of orchard fruit individual, hot-stone minerality. Drink	d, towards St t there is a most	This is source growing just s barrels were r There is plent complexity. D
E5315B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£285.00	E5313B 3x7
MEURSAULT, SOUS LE DOS D'ÂNE, 1	ERCRU	BÂTARD-MO
This is a high vineyard at 300 metres' al from Les Perrières. The soil is reddish a both Pinot and Chardonnay. This is fine taut, with citrus lift. Drink 2023-2027.	nd suitable for	Olivier Leflaiv Domaine Lefl vineyard. The that is someti others. Drink
E5314B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£336.00	E5318B 3x7
PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES FOLAT 1ER CRU	lières,	CHEVALIER-
This large, sunny, southeast-exposed vi be one of Puligny's best. Early to harves complex notes of acacia and white flowe persistent freshness. Drink 2023-2029.	t, there are	Chevalier's sh strata create a Montrachet. I this is layered
E5316B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£480.00	E5319B 3x7
PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES PUCEI 1ER CRU	LLES,	MONTRACH
Superbly sited right beside Bienvenues- Montrachet, the vines here were planted and run directly up the slope beside the Crus. This is aristocratic and heady, with butterscotch. Drink 2024-2030.	d in 1955 Grands	On the Puligr Grand Cru vi hallmark of N vitality. This Drink 2026-2
E5317B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£510.00	E5320B 3x7

#### CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

by the old nanaged ier clay but l the wine has osity in '18.	The fruit here comes from three parcels Le Corton and En Charlemagne, so cow south and southwest. In 2018 there are with 25% new oak. A strong and powerf year. Drink 2026-2032.	ering southeast, nine barrels,	
	E5312B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£555.00	
£210.00			
AINT-MARC,	BIENVENUES-BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU		
rgers, a l, towards St there is a most 2023-2028.	This is sourced from six rows of vines p growing just south of the middle of the v barrels were made in 2018, but both are There is plenty of heft here to go with th complexity. Drink 2024-2030.	vineyard. Two second-fill.	
£285.00	E5313B 3x75clbottlesinbond	£675.00	
RCRU	BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU		
itude, uphill Id suitable for grained and	Olivier Leflaive's plot here is biodynam. Domaine Leflaive's vines), on the Pulign vineyard. There's tremendous energy h that is sometimes rather heavy-handed others. Drink 2024-2030.	ny side of the ere, in a wine	
£336.00	<b>E5318B</b> 3x75cl bottles in bond		
IÈRES,	CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET, GRAND	£900.00	
evard can	Chevalier's shallower soil and different		
, there are	strata create a more energetic and racy		
, and a fine,	Montrachet. From one 500-litre, one-ye		
	this is layered and alluring. Drink 2024		
£480.00	E5319B 3x75cl bottles in bond	£1,095.00	
LES,	MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU		
nd Bâtard- in 1955 Grands 1 nougat and	On the Puligny side of Montrachet, thi Grand Cru vineyard not owned by Oliv hallmark of Montrachet is sheer power vitality. This is unctuous, floral and im Drink 2026-2035.	vier. The r fused with	
0510.00	E5320B 3x75cl bottles in bond	£1,425.00	
£510.00			



## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Meursault

### Domaine Sébastien Magnier

#### SÉBASTIEN MAGNIEN



No relation to the many Magniens of the Côte de Nuits, young Sébastien comes instead from Meloisey in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune – a village whose wines were as well thought of as those of Volnay in the 14th century, and were served at the coronation of King Philip II Augustus in 1180. To be in the thick of things, however, Sébastien has transferred headquarters to revamped cellars in the middle of Meursault. He is equally adept at making red and white wines.

Sébastien's great gift is to be able to maximise the potential across his small domaine. He has no Premiers or Grands Crus and his biggest holdings are in the Hautes Côtes. Notwithstanding, this is always a compelling tasting, whether to admire his engaging lighter reds (which always leave the palate with a sense of greater status than expected), or to analyse his cunningly situated village wines. His Meursault, Volnay and Pommard are located in plots that all have the capacity to deliver above their station, because of altitude and soil, orientation or proximity to greater vineyards. The skill is to recognise and extract that potential. Sébastien achieves it with punctilious vinevard management and a magical, instinctive touch in the winery. I doubt it can be taught; it is a gift.

The harvest began in Beaune on 25th August, moving to Meursault the next day. For Sébastien, achieving balance in 2018 was all about timing, as well as understanding what balance really means. With acidity naturally low this year, the freshness has to come from the vineyard and its integrity which, in turn, comes from the health of the vineyard – from the vine being in balance with its environment. He is as pleased with his whites this year as he was with his reds last year, which means that both turned out much better than expected. His expectations of the reds this year, harvested in glowing, rude health, have been fully met.

### White

#### MEURSAULT, LES MEIX CHAVAUX

At the same altitude as Meursault's Premiers Crus, but facing more easterly, this is the last vineyard before Auxey-Duresses. Sébastien has 0.44 hectares, twothirds planted in 1977, the rest in 1993. The wine has his trademark subtle note of reduction, a lively limecitrus note and a lovely lift on the palate, this time with lime-blossom. Drink 2021-2026.

E4771B 6x75cl bottles in bond £180.00

Red

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE, CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE

One of the best sites in the Hautes Côtes, this vineyard is south-facing and stony. The old vines regulate the yields. The 2018 offers a lovely contrast between vineyard site and vintage, with the cool, chalky notes of the *clos* sustaining a nose of kirsch and cinnamon. The finish is surprisingly serious. Drink now to 2024.

E4772B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£168.00

#### VOLNAY, LES ÉCHARDS

Sébastien's vines are neatly positioned at the top of the vineyard, and so abut the Premier Cru of Ronceret. He only has 0.13 hectares, so no more than three barrels are made in a good year. It's easy to forget this is just a village wine with its classic pillowy perfume and generous supple flavours. Drink 2021-2026.

#### **E4773B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£150.00**

#### POMMARD, LES PETITS NOIZONS

This vineyard is above the Premiers Crus north of the village of Pommard, towards Beaune, with a lovely southerly exposure. It is quite high at 300 metres' altitude and stony, with limestone; Sébastien's 0.4 hectares was planted in 1934. The wine offers pure blackcurrant notes, but with a confident, fresh, mineral line and bright tannins beneath. Drink 2022-2027.

**E4774B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£174.00** 

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## **Dominique Lafon**

#### DOMINIQUE LAFON



From 2008 Dominique Lafon decided to make a few wines under his own label, separate from the family domaine (Domaine des Comtes Lafon). Though this new company has the official status of a négociant, almost all the wines are in fact domaine bottlings from vineyards which Dominique either owns or has the contract to farm. The wines are now vinified, matured and bottled in extensive cellars at the Château de Bligny-lès-Beaune.

Tasting with Dominque Lafon involves time at the famous *domaine* in Meursault. then a drive to Bligny-lès-Beaune for his "négociant" wines - although that may be too pejorative a term for them, as all the vinevards are either owned or farmed by Dominique. What is striking, despite the different premises and facilities, is just how tangible the Lafon style is across both ranges. Few vignerons master making white and red wines to equal degrees. It could be argued that in his early years, Dominique was a better white winemaker and, certainly, that was where his reputation rested, but today, the status of his reds wines is at least equal to that of his whites.

His simpler wines easily express and enhance the textbook characteristics of each appellation, while his grander wines manage to present an effortless marriage of latent intensity and pedigree, and all are endorsed by the silky textures that are the hallmark of a Lafon wine. The harvest here began on 25th August for the whites, with the reds picked during the first week of September. The wines of both colours are ripe and opulent and, although in Dominique's view, lacking a degree of aromatic precision, he feels in some cases that the wines will benefit from a longer period in barrel as they have the structure there to make it worthwhile. After the difficulties of recent years, it is very pleasing to see a full range again of these impeccable wines.

### White

#### **BOURGOGNE BLANC**

This 50-50 blend of regional wines from Meursault and Puligny is aged in 500-litre casks with 20% new oak. Production is back to normal levels this year and, as a result, the wine has a classic mealy richness and fine intensity, ending with a lovely stone-fruit finish. Drink now to 2022.

**E4776B** 12x75clbottlesinbond **£186.00** 

#### MEURSAULT

The fruit for this *cuvée* comes from one of the community-sponsored vineyards for young *vignerons* planted in 1999. Dominique's 0.33 hectares are part of a plot known as La Petite Montagne en Chaume des Narvaux, which sits just above Goutte d'Or. It's always energetic and creamy, with a flinty edge. Drink 2021-2025.

**E4777B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£546.00** 

MEURSAULT, LES NARVAUX	BEAUNE, VIGNES
A rocky vineyard above Les Genevrières, the very poor soil here helps to create an ethereal mix of tight minerality, expressive white fruit and blossom notes. This is always one of Dominque's favourites, as he	This parcel of 60-ya vineyard, alongside fine vineyard make with fine, linear tar
rates the vineyard highly, and it also clearly carries the Lafon stylistic imprint. Drink 2022-2027.	E4780B 6x75clb
<b>E4778B</b> 12x75cl bottles in bond <b>£648.00</b>	BEAUNE, LES GRI
PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CHAMPGAIN, 1ER CRU This parcel of very old vines rarely produces large volumes and sadly provided less fruit this year than in	Dominique rents th Franches, and the v Beaune's best viney meaty richness alo
2016. The nose is very floral, with honeysuckle notes	Drink 2024-2031.
and a noble reduction which runs through the palate. It is delicate and elegant, but with a racy intensity that undersing the first end since a columbia force	E4781B 6x75clb
that underpins the fruit and gives a salivating finish. Drink 2023-2030.	VOLNAY, LES LUR
E4779B 6x75clbottlesinbond £540.00	
Red	used for the Lafon y that a few metres up but this is much mo and still quintesser
VOLNAY	E4782B 6x75clb
This comes from one parcel of Les Lurets, which partially borders Meursault. The vineyard is mostly classified as village, but the higher section is Premier Cru and is bottled separately. It is late to ripen and so has a sense of discretion among the pretty notes of rose and redcurrant. Drink 2021-2026.	
E4783B 12x75clbottlesinbond £450.00	
BEAUNE, LES ÉPENOTTES, 1ER CRU	
Low on the slope and bordering Pommard, this can be quite a durable wine. The vines were planted in 1985. The wine is full of strawberry fruit, but with a spicy edge; well-judged and nicely structured. Drink 2023-2030.	
<b>E4784B</b> 6x75cl bottlesin bond <b>£255.00</b>	

#### EAUNE, VIGNES FRANCHES, 1ER CRU

This parcel of 60-year-old vines is at the top of the
vineyard, alongside Drouhin's Clos des Mouches. This
fine vineyard makes wines of persistence and density,
with fine, linear tannins. Drink 2024-2030.

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## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Meursault

## **Domaine Michel Bouzereau & Fils**

#### JEAN-BAPTISTE BOUZEREAU



The Bouzereau clan is widespread in the village of Meursault, with Domaine Michel Bouzereau at the forefront. Jean-Baptiste Bouzereau, Michel's son, is now in sole charge. He moved to a purpose-built winery in 2009 which has made the winemaking a great deal easier to manage and has enabled him to refine his style towards greater purity as well as more substance. The wines are racked after 11 months, with the better village Meursaults and all the Premiers Crus being returned to barrel for additional ageing, before bottling early the following year.

Jean-Baptiste's immaculate cellars give a clue to the style of his wines. All are precise and purposeful, neatly and intelligently composed. This sense of control is further endorsed by the decision to buy a property in the village with land that has never been planted to vine, so serving as the *domaine*'s vine nursery for cuttings taken from their best plant material, and leave nothing to chance for the replanting of his Limozin vineyard.

We heard a very positive story regarding the 2018 whites from Jean-Baptiste, who contended that there was consistently more rain in Meursault than generally believed. The village consistently received more than its neighbours throughout the summer, and this was critical in easing the maturation cycle of the grapes. There was a little more rain just before the harvest, and the sugar and acidity levels ended up close to normal. That insight is borne out by the wines. The whole range has a very appealing vigour and liveliness on the palate and does not rely too heavily on minerality for balance. In particular, his three Meursault Premiers Crus all demonstrate a lift of fruit and a controlled expression that puts them at the top of the tree this year. The harvest began in Puligny on 24th August and in earnest on 27th August, with everything picked by 3rd September. Overall, yields were a generous and welcome 65hl/ha.

## White

#### BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR BLANC

From four hectares of vines across Puligny and Meursault, in 2018 the mix is 60-40 in favour of Meursault, and the ageing is 60% in 300-litre barrels, with the balance in 228-litre *barriques*. This is an important wine for the *domaine*, and much care is lavished to create a modern, satisfying white Burgundy. Drink now to 2024.

#### **E4785B** 12x75cl bottles in bond £150.00

#### MEURSAULT, LES GRANDS CHARRONS

At the same elevation at the Premiers Crus, Les Grands Charrons is a large vineyard with more limestone on the higher ground, where Jean-Baptiste has the majority of his two parcels. With some lime blossom and citrus, there's a touch of stone on the finish, and an appealing freshness. Drink 2022-2027.

£342.00

E4786B 12x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT, LES TESSONS

This small four-hectare vineyard is above Les Grands Charrons, with more limestone. The *domaine*'s vines are over 50 years old, producing a wine that is tight and vibrant, with lovely tension, as well as cooler notes of acacia and blossom. The more spartan *terroir* is beautifully evident. Drink 2022-2028.

#### **E4787B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£420.00**

#### MEURSAULT, LES CHARMES DESSUS, 1ER CRU

In Meursault-Charmes, you want to be in the higher (Dessus) section. Jean-Baptiste has three parcels, all at the top of the vineyard. This has a clever transparency and is light on its feet. Drink 2024-2032.

£315.00

£420.00

#### E4788B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

The *domaine*'s vines here are on the same level as its Charmes, but in the lower section of this vineyard, which has deeper red soils and can produce quite exotic wines. The power is well harnessed, with a core of stone-fruit. Drink 2024-2032.

#### E4789B 6x75clbottlesinbond £315.00

#### MEURSAULT, PERRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

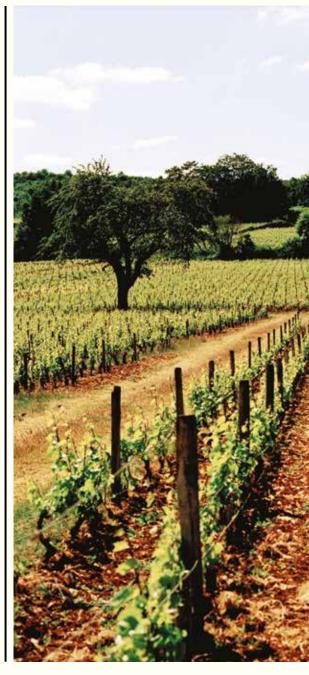
Here the *domaine* has vines in both sections: upper (representing 80% of the blend) and lower (the remaining 20%), where the vines are over 55 years old. Always viscous, this has notes of cream and black truffle, yet is still elegant. Drink 2025-2032.

E4790B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£420.00
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#### PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LE CAILLERET, 1ER CRU

A perfect position, Jean-Baptiste's plot is immediately by and under Le Montrachet and Chevalier-Montrachet. Its class is evident at every turn, with its great *terroir* triumphant in a neat, considered, long and controlled wine. Drink 2025-2035.

E4791B 6x75clbottlesinbond



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## **Patrick Javillier**

PATRICK JAVILLIER



The Javilliers have been involved in the wine business for generations as courtiers. When Patrick started out in 1974, this was the main source of his income, alongside which he worked three hectares of vineyards. His courtier days are now long behind him, and his domaine covers 11 hectares. Recently, Patrick has been joined by his daughter Marion and her brother-in-law Pierre-Emmanuel Lamy.

Patrick's daughter Marion has an interesting take on the 2018 vintage. She distinguishes between a year *ensoleillé* and *solaire*, meaning she feels that it was a sunny and warm year, but not a baking hot year. The result is wines that are fresher and fruitier, without showing any signs of overheating, such as low acidity and thick skins on the grapes.

The Javillier style is always to try to find a good balance between texture and freshness, but it was certainly notable in the tastings that their wines were often at around 13% alcohol, when 13.5% was a common measure at other addresses. The wines also had notably good levels of natural acidity. In fact, the Javillier harvest did not start especially early (on 30th August for the whites), so the resultant relative delicacy has come from the vineyards, but also, as we found as we tasted more widely in the Côte de Beaune, from the overall success of Meursault in this vintage.

### White

#### BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR BLANC, CUVÉE OLIGOCÈNE

For many years, Patrick has isolated his generic vineyards that sit on limestone for this *cuvée*. From these 0.75 hectares, the *domaine* produces an unusually complex Bourgogne Blanc, in the mould of a Puligny-Montrachet. Acidity is always apparent, with stone-fruit and citrus notes. Drink now to 2025.

**E4792B** 12x75clbottlesinbond £192.00

#### MEURSAULT, LES TILLETS

The *domaine* has six parcels in this vineyard, totalling 1.7 hectares, with vines between 30 and 70 years old. Always floral and racy, the wine can also show an herbal note, this year in the form of verbena. Never a heavy Meursault, the wine is open and expressive. Drink 2021-2025.

E4793B	6 x 75 cl bottles in bond	£192.00

#### MEURSAULT, CLOS DU CROMIN

This is from one hectare on heavier clay soils on the north side of the village, almost in red wine territory. The richness of the wine means that new oak is not necessary. The wine has opulence and an exotic note of mango but is not at all overblown, with 13% alcohol. Drink 2021-2025.

#### MEURSAULT, LES CLOUSOTS

Patrick has been making this 60-40 blend of two *lieux-dits*, Les Clous (0.35 hectares beside Les Tillets) and Les Crotots (0.25 hectares below Poruzots), for years. Les Clous is clay-rich and the resulting wine is lush, but still with good energy. The palate is creamy and sunny, while the palate offers texture and freshness. Drink 2021-2025.

E4797B 6x75cl bottles in bond £234.00

#### MEURSAULT, CUVÉE TÊTE DE MURGER

Patrick's other blend combines 0.21 hectares of Casse-Tête (below Les Clous) and 0.4 hectares of Murger de Monthélie (from the north of the appellation). The poorer soils give a tightly coiled impression, with firm, stony fruit and an extra level of complexity. Drink 2022-2026.

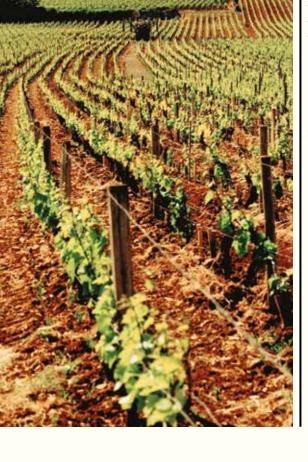
#### E4794B 6x75clbottlesinbond £300.00

#### CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

This is from one parcel of 0.17 hectares in the Pougets section of the vineyard, so facing full south. It delivers an immense mouthful of deep, compact flavours, with just a hint of mango and pineapple lifting the finish. Drink 2024-2030.

E4795B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£570.00



## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Meursault

## Jean-Philippe Fichet

#### JEAN-PHILIPPE FICHET



Fichet's big step forward came in 2000, when he moved the whole operation to splendid cellars at Le Creux du Coche by the Hôpital de Meursault. Jean-Philippe is looking for purity in his wines. He deals mostly with lieux-dits in Meursault and just one Premier Cru in Puligny. Constantly experimenting and refining, his wines have real definition, with the individual terroirs clearly exposed. The wines are raised in barrel for the first year, using larger demi-muids for the lesser appellations, then assembled in tank. A maximum of 30% new oak is used on any cuvée.

More so than Chassagne or Puligny, Meursault is exceptionally rich in vinevards classified only at village level, but capable of wines of real quality and individuality - although, in fairness, not approaching the level of the appellation's best Premiers Crus. A glance at a map shows that vineyards such as Grands Charrons, Les Chevalières and Le Tesson are a continuation of the run of Premiers Crus, with only the twist of their slopes towards the north seeming to set them apart. It is now many years since Jean-Philippe identified the opportunity to exploit this potential and now he owns or sharecrops in nine different Meursault village vineyards. Fulfilling this potential requires enormous dedication, organisation and hard work; challenges Jean-Philippe is well-equipped to meet and these abilities – in tandem with his eye for parcels of old vines – elevate his range to something very special.

The 2018 vintage seems to have taken Jean-Philippe aback; he was very concerned about the hot weather and how to retain balance in the grapes. "Vines," he says, "need to be controlled, but they must not suffer." He was not concerned, however, about the yield, which was a fecund 68hl/ ha, the largest of his career. In the end, he could not be happier with the result and he beamed from ear to ear throughout our tasting. After tasting his splendid village Meursault together, he confided that it was exactly the kind of wine he wants to make.

#### White

#### BOURGOGNE BLANC

This is from just 1.5 hectares of *domaine* vineyards within the Meursault commune, which cover all its aspects, north to south. Matured in a mix of 600and 500-litre oak barrels, it's a very tight and classic Meursault-style Bourgogne Blanc, with a pleasing grip and top note of spice. Drink now to 2024.

**E4798B** 12x75cl bottles in bond £144.00

#### BOURGOGNE BLANC, VIEILLES VIGNES

The fruit here comes from two parcels: Pellans, with vines between 40 and 76 years old, and Millerands, planted in 1976. Pellans is especially of interest as a generic vineyard that borders the Charmes Premier Cru. Rich and full, almost with a tarte tatin note, this could really be a Meursault. Drink 2021-2025.

**E4799B** 12x75clbottlesinbond **£180.00** 

#### MONTHÉLIE, SOUS LE CELLIER

The Sous le Cellier vineyard was replanted in 1994. This sunny, southwest-facing vineyard on white clay used to produce red wine, and so Chardonnay always achieves full ripeness. The core of the wine is smiling and open, inside Monthélie's slightly taciturn mien. Drink now to 2024.

#### E4800B 12x75clbottlesinbond

#### AUXEY-DURESSES

This is sourced from two parcels: 0.22 hectares of Les Nampoillons planted in 1974 towards St Romain on stony marl, and Les Closeaux, 0.17 hectares on the Meursault side of the village. Textbook Auxey-Duresses, it has nervy tension behind crisp fruit and acidity. Delicious and mouth-watering. Drink 2021-2024.

## E4801B 12x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT

Some of the best village sites in Meursault make up this wine: Clous, Narvaux, Limozin, Crotots and Criots, with two-thirds on the slope and one-third on the flat. This is fine, sunny and expressive, intense and confident, but not heavy. It is very impressive for a village wine. Drink 2022-2027.

#### E4802B 12x75clbottlesinbond #

#### MEURSAULT, LE MEIX SOUS LE CHÂTEAU

This is only a small vineyard of 1.42 hectares, of which Jean-Philippe has 0.47 hectares of vines which are over 50 years old. It is a warm, west-facing site, under the town hall, and so offers the more luxuriant style of Meursault that can definitely be called "buttery", but also – in Jean-Philippe's hands – with firm acidity. Drink 2022-2027.

E4803B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### MEURSAULT, LES GRUYACHES

n 1994. hite clay ay always s smiling m mien.	This 0.28-hectare plot was planted in 1930, taking a corner out of Meursault Charmes Premier Cru. A well-drained vineyard of clay over gravel, it often shows notes of honey and is exuberantly open-textured, but the old vines administer discipline. Drink 2022-2028.	
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£ 180.00	MEURSAULT, LES CHEVALIÈRES	
res of Romain es bk d crisp ring.	A fine vineyard that is very close to Pre quality. Jean-Philippe has two plots: on other at the top of the vineyard, both w vines. The light stony soil creates wine elegance and a fine, detailed fragrance. depth for a village wine. Drink 2022-20	ne central, the rith some old s with a racy . It has brilliant
i iiig.	E4805B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£252.00
£204.00	MEURSAULT, LE TESSON	
nake up and -third e, intense essive for a	This centrally placed, steeply sloping vineyard is probably the pick of the Meursault village <i>lieux-dits</i> . Jean-Philippe has just under one hectare of vines planted in 1949, '65 and '76. Its easterly exposition gives a more mineral style, with an intense lift of fruit on the finish. Drink 2022-2029. <b>E4806B</b> 6x75clbottles in bond <b>£252.00</b>	
	E4806B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£252.00
£360.00	PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES REFE	RTS, 1ER CRU
U s, of which ich are ite, under ant style	Jean-Philippe's 0.22-hectare plot of vines planted in 1963 is just into Puligny, adjacent to the middle of Meursault Charmes. His winemaking brings delightful precision to full-bodied, age-worthy Puligny. Drink 2023-2030.	
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### **Domaine Antoine Jobard**

#### ANTOINE JOBARD



What was formerly Domaine François Jobard became Antoine & François Jobard when Antoine joined his father in 2002, evolving into just Domaine Antoine Jobard when François fully retired in 2007, after 50 vintages in Meursault. The style has evolved only slightly with the change of generation. Antoine bottles slightly earlier (typically after 21 months, rather than 24), however the winemaking remains traditional here, with no lees stirring and very little new wood. The wines reflect an unhurried restraint, competence, dedication and precision, giving them complex and elegant characteristics.

It is Antoine's view that the size of the Chardonnay harvest in 2018 saved the vintage from being too heavy, as the larger volume actually helped to dilute the effects of the summer heat. The result, in his opinion, is a well-balanced vintage of classic proportions. He is also taking the decision to bottle earlier. Previously the wines would have stayed in barrel for two winters, but now, with regular warm summers, there is less need to give the wines so much time to integrate. Overall what Antoine seeks is texture in his wines, which he gets by beginning the fermentations immediately after pressing, without waiting for the juice to clarify. With that structure built into his wines, fresh acidity is a bonus which adds another dimension, but it isn't a prime objective. The '18 vintage is certainly a

good vehicle for the Jobard style. The wines are confident and measured. There are no pyrotechnics, just intelligent interpretations of some outstanding vineyards, and wines built for the longer term, even in a year like '18.

#### White

#### BOURGOGNE BLANC

The fruit for this is from five parcels, all in Meursault, including En l'Ormeau and Sous la Velle close to the town. As always, it's a serious Bourgogne Blanc: spicy and assertive on the nose, creamy and quite weighty on the palate. The warmth of the year shows in an appealing peaty note. Drink now to 2025.

£120.00

£255.00

## E4808B 6x75cl bottles in bond MEURSAULT, EN LA BARRE

This plot is over the wall from Lafon's Clos de la Barre, on the north-eastern edge of the town. The wine has plenty of volume and shows the generosity of the warm summer. On the palate there is a lot going on, offering plenty of *matière* and a chewy, pithy finish. Should go a long way. Drink 2022-2028.

### E4810B 6x75clbottlesinbond MEURSAULT, LES TILLETS

This high vineyard, just under the woods of Montmellian, is renowned for its floral aromas, suggestive of *tilleul* (lime blossom). The vineyard's cool environment delivers a beguiling crystalline aspect, while the palate and finish are positive and lifted. Drink 2022-2028.

**E4811B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£255.00** 

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LE TRÉZIN	I
The highest vineyard in Puligny, above is an exposed site with miserable, poor s translates to a dazzling wine with a qua It's still a full-bodied wine, but hummin and featuring an Islay peatiness. Drink	soils; but it rtz-like gleam. 19 with energy
E4813B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£255.00
ST AUBIN, SUR LE SENTIER DU CLOU	J, 1ER CRU
There is enough to offer this wine this yes southeast-facing vineyard is rather pro With a precise attack, this has more fles immediately apparent, echoed on the pa Aesthetic rather than vivacious, but rew Drink 2022-2026.	ne to frost. h than is alate.
E4812B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£255.00
MEURSAULT, PORUZOTS, 1ER CRU	
This is from the better, higher section of where Antoine has three parcels at diffe comprising 0.5 hectares in all. There is s typical exoticism of the vineyard, but it control. Drink 2023-2028. E4815B 6x75cl bottles in bond	erent levels, some of the
MEURSAULT, BLAGNY, 1ER CRU	
The white wines of the village of Blagny in the Meursault appellation. The viney out south-facing and sheltered, and are categorised as "muscular". That is the ca sinewy wine; no fat, just muscle. For the Drink 2023-2028.	ards are high typically ase with this
E4816B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£390.00
MEURSAULT, CHARMES, 1ER CRU	
Antoine has parcels in both the upper a sections, and some fine 50-year-old vine s floral, but tight within the vintage sty deliberate, earthy minerality. Drink 20:	es. The wine le, with a
F4818B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£480.00

#### MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Antoine's vines are in Genevrières's lower section, but well-placed. The Jobard style imbues this wine with an extra layer of resolve. There is more than minerality here, salinity perhaps. Compelling. Drink 2025-2032.

E4817B 6x75cl bottles in bond £525.00

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Meursault

## **Domaine de Montille**

#### ETIENNE DE MONTILLE



Domaine de Montille was developed by Hubert de Montille (1930-2014), a prominent Dijon lawyer, who inherited 2.5 hectares of vinevards in Volnay in 1947. Over the years he acquired further parcels in Volnay, Pommard and Puligny-Montrachet Les Caillerets. Today the business is run by his son Etienne who has extended the domaine with purchases of vinevards in Beaune, Corton and the Côte de Nuits, including some marvellous Vosne-Romanée Les Malconsorts. The vinevards are farmed biodynamically and the red wines are increasingly vinified with whole bunches. The 2017 vintage saw the Château de Puligny-Montrachet wines brought under the Domaine de Montille banner, giving this property one of the most enviable vineyard holdings in the Côte d'Or.

A visit with *chef de cave* Brian Sieve always offers fascinating insight, and this year was no exception, as he explained that 2018 had 25% more growing hours (over 10°C) than any other year. He is delighted with both reds and whites in '18, comparing the former to '10 Barolo for their power and delicate, fine tannins. For the whites, he explains that the good volumes "saved our butts" and balanced out the warm vintage, keeping acidity levels high, while their biodynamics and severe pruning methods maintained concentration. Generally, Brian and Etienne have used more wholebunch for the reds this year, to give a herbal, *garrigue* freshness. The red wines are serious, structured and age-worthy, while the whites are muscular, sinewy and concentrated. Both are hugely successful and a highlight of the vintage. For reasons of space, the very top red wines, available only in limited quantities, have not been included in this brochure.

## White

#### BOURGOGNE BLANC, CLOS DU CHÂTEAU

This comes from the five hectares immediately in front of the château, a park until it was planted in 1986. Brian did not use any SO2 until after the malolactic fermentation, and the wine is only aged in minimum 500-litre barrels. It's classically Puligny in style, with flinty reduction and a pure, floral, citrus profile. Drink 2021-2026.

E4819B 12x75clbottlesi	in bond <b>£216.00</b>
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#### MONTHÉLIE, LES DURESSES, 1ER CRU

There is 10% new oak here. The fruit comes from two contrasting plots, the lower portion on heavier clay soils, the upper on light sand and friable limestone. Flowering was not perfect, reducing the yield to 35hl/ha and giving a concentrated, powerful attack with intense, saline acidity at the finish. Excellent. Drink 2022-2028.

E4820B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£270.00

#### ST AUBIN, EN REMILLY, 1ER CRU

The upper part of this vineyard is very well-exposed and can sometimes give exotic wines if picked too late. This, however, is perfectly balanced, with a ripefruit attack underpinned by stinging acidity and a chewy grip on the finish. A serious and textural wine. Drink 2022-2029.

E4821B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£360.00

#### CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

The fruit here is from two parcels totalling 0.67 hectares: Les Houillères, which bestrides the Chassagne/Puligny boundary, and Champ Derrière, just below Château de Chassagne-Montrachet. There's plenty of texture this year; the wine's viscous, with a hint of wild honey and a long, rich finish. Drink 2022-2028.

#### E4822B 12x75cl bottles in bond

#### PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

Most (80%) of this wine comes from a section of the Chalumeaux Premier Cru vineyard, which had to be declassified in 1975 when the previous owner illegally imported some fertile topsoil. Deep roots and soil erosion have since rectified the damage and, combined with parcels from Levron and Baudrières-Nosroy, this makes a top village Puligny. It's precise, clean and classic, with floral top notes. Drink 2022-2029.

#### E4823B 12x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT, SAINT-CHRISTOPHE

This wine comes from the *climats* of Casse-Tête, Les Petits Charrons and Narvaux du Dessous, three *terroirs* which are perfectly sited in the middle of the hill of Meursault, also known as the Montagne Saint-Christophe. There is good weight here, but this is a true hillside Meursault with a serious acid structure, graphite reduction and chewy, mineral finish. Drink 2022-2028.

E4824B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£522.00
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#### MEURSAULT, LES PORUZOTS, 1ER CRU

Poruzots is a vineyard quick to ripen, and Brian takes care to pick this in good time, as evidenced by the vibrant bead of acidity which runs through the wine. There is the classic Poruzots breadth, along with an earthy reduction, but there is real freshness here. It was in 20% new oak. Drink 2023-2029.

E4825B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£315.00

#### PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LA GARENNE, 1ER CRU

.67 e errière, et. s viscous,	This high, exposed vineyard close to Blagny is benefitting from this current run of warm vintages. The 50-year-old vines yield very small berries, but the warmth of the year has added some lustrous fruit to the steely core of minerality. Drink 2024-2029.		
sh.	E4826B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£336.00	
£462.00	MEURSAULT, LES PERRIÈRES, 1ER CI	าบ	
There is slightly more new oak here, aroun Montille's 0.5 hectares are in the upper pa vineyard, lending a cooler, stonier feel and ad to be and-lime fruit profile. This is a brooding w serious power which is yet to be unleashed chewy, grippy texture gives a hint of what Drink 2025-2032.		art of the d a lemon- wine, with d. The	
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ête, s, three le of the ne Saint- nis is a	From half a hectare in the middle of the s bordered either side by Leflaive and Lero essence of Puligny. It's floral and citrus of with a more rounded, elegant and volupto then an intense freshness which Brian fe increase with time. Drink 2025-2032.	y, this is the n the nose, 10us texture, els will only	
ructure,	E4828B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£480.00	

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LE CAILLERET, 1ER CRU

A wine which merits its name, this is stony and flinty on the nose, with smoky reduction running the length of the wine. The palate is salty, precise and tangy, with fine, chiselled detail and a pulpy richness to the finish. Drink 2025-2032.

E4830B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£495.00

#### CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

The vineyard's easterly exposition means it loses the afternoon sun and so always retains a decent level of acidity, a real boon in 2018. This is still dense, powerful and rich, but at just 13.2% it is fresh, with a saline minerality that can be felt on the tongue. Drink 2025-2033.

F4831B	6x75cl bottles in bond	£525.00
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#### CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

The wine comes from a quarter-hectare in the most northern part of the vineyard. The nose is intensely floral with some promising spicy reduction. The palate exudes class and refinement, with a creamy, silky texture and effortless grace. Drink 2025-2035.

E4832B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£1,830.00
Red	

#### BOURGOGNE ROUGE

This is a blend of the Volnay Bourgogne *lieu-dit* Les Longbois – an historic De Montille parcel – and two parcels around Puligny. Such was the quality of the fruit that Brian took the unusual step to use one-third whole-bunch which lends a little twist of freshness and structure to the finish, balancing the ripe red berry fruit to give a rather serious Bourgogne. Drink 2021-2026.

E4833B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£216.00
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#### BEAUNE, LES PERRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Brian has used two-thirds whole-bunch this year, adding some mid-palate sweetness and reinforcing the chalky tannins of Les Perrières to give added freshness. The high active limestone content in this vineyard gives an energetic and mineral expression of Pinot Noir, with a creamy attack and high-quality chalk tannins on the finish. Drink 2022-2028.

£213.00

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRU

Brian explains that Thorey is the vineyard with the highest limestone content of all their Pinot holdings, which gives the wine a uniquely chalky freshness and cleansing finish. Two-thirds whole-bunch gives a leafy, floral nose of violets and rose petals, a delicate theme that continues onto the pretty, red-berry palate. Drink 2023-2030.

E4836B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£330.00
POMMARD, LES PÉZEROLLES, 1ER CR	U
As Pommards go, Les Pézerolles is rather V in style, thanks to its limestone soils, whic more elegant and delicate expression. The is most definitely red and this is pretty, per and charming, but with a serious, chalky lis structure. Drink 2024-2032.	h give a fruit here rfumed
E4838B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£441.00

#### VOLNAY, LES CHAMPANS, 1ER CRU

Brian was limited to 50% whole-bunch here; it would have been more, but there was no space in the tank. Champans can tend towards the rustic and tannic, and Brian softens the edges to give a softer, gentler and more delicate expression with silky tannins and lovely, perfumed lift. Drink 2023-2029.

E4837B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£444.00

#### VOLNAY, LES TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU

So good is the 80-year-old plant material in this exceptional vineyard that 100% whole-bunch is used regardless of the vintage. The nose has a magnificent floral perfume, while the palate is initially creamy and rounded with incredible fruit weight, before the firm, mineral core stretches the finish. Drink 2025-2035.

**E4839B** 6x75clbottlesinbond £495.00

#### CORTON, CLOS DU ROI, GRAND CRU

As is typical, whole bunches make up two-thirds this year, with new oak maintained at around 50%. The vines are almost 85 years old, providing an intensity and elegance to this wine, which has a ferrous and meaty middle, but a beautifully delineated and elegant finish. Drink 2025-2035.

	E4841B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£600.00
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## CÔTE DE BEAUNE Volnay & Pommard

#### **Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur**

#### FRANÇOIS BITOUZET



Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur – along with current winemaker François - was born of the marriage of Vincent Bitouzet (of Volnav) and Anne Prieur (of Meursault), bringing together two distinguished Burgundian families. The domaine has a red cellar next door to Lafarge (who are distant relatives) and a white cellar in Meursault, with reds making up approximately 60% of production. The estate's notable vinevard holdings include a selection of the finest Premier Cru sites in Volnay and Meursault. The whites are elegant and restrained, rather than being broad-shouldered, old-fashioned *Meursault. The reds are de-stemmed, with* new oak kept to a modest level.

This is really two, perfectly formed domaines, one in Meursault, the other Volnay, but all under the aegis of François Bitouzet, And what riches he has: beautifully sited vinevards in Meursault Charmes and Perrières, mirrored by Caillerets, Clos des Chênes and Taillepieds in Volnay. Although François currently runs two cellars, he is in the process of building a new winery in Meursault, so everything can be under one roof.

He started his 2018 harvest with his whites on 27th August, moving to Taillepieds the next day, and everything was in by 3rd September. He is happy with his reds but personally he prefers the aromatic freshness of '17. The key, as elsewhere, was the ability to decide and act quickly, as

maturation came so fast. François de-stems all his reds and is not a fan of whole-bunch, feeling it adds some "toughness" which he doesn't appreciate.

Our view is that the reds are certainly successful, generous, well-balanced and with plenty of pure perfume, while the whites have a well-defined, mineral, stony firmness. Both the Meursault Charmes and Perrières are right on the money, with great precision and typicity. Away from the classic sites, the Volnay Pitures caught our eye with its delicious juiciness and, of the whites, the Meursault Santenots, a white wine on a principally red wine soil, which seemed to find '18's heat very conducive.

#### White

#### MEURSAULT, LES CORBINS

The domaine has 1.5 hectares here, its largest Chardonnay holding, between the north of the village and Santenots. Interesting hints of mint and verbena mingle with the expected stone-fruit notes, and the 20% new oak gives a spicy element. Thoroughly decent Meursault, and elegant too. Drink 2021-2026.

E4758B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£195.00
MEURSAULT, CLOS DU CROMIN	
This is an interesting site, partly sloping a Premier Cru land to the north of the villa tensile wine, but with a nice firm edge, the of citrus and pineapple, before tightening almost saline finish, mixed with more exe Drink 2022-2028.	ge. Always a ere are notes g to a firmer,

E4759B 6x75clbottlesinbond £216.00

#### PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES LEVRONS

This vineyard is well-placed below Premier Cru Les Referts, bordering Charmes (under consideration for elevation as it borders Meursault's Premiers Crus). The tortuous reasoning employed to support a village Puligny explains why its stony and citrus-flecked character is a cut above. Drink 2022-2027.

#### E4760B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT, SANTENOTS, 1ER CRU

An interesting curiosity, this comes from the Les Blancs section of Santenots which, despite its name, is mostly planted to red. As such this is more about structure than perfume, and - in a red wine year like 2018 - has great concentration. Drink 2023-2028.

#### E4761B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT, CHARMES, 1ER CRU

François's holding covers just 0.2 hectares, in two parcels which straddle the road between Charmes-Dessus and Charmes-Dessous. Sophisticated and creamy, this is more seductive than cerebral. Drink 2023-2029.

#### E4762B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MEURSAULT, PERRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

The fruit here comes from 0.27 hectares in the (better) lower section, by Clos de la Perrière and bordering Puligny. Driven and intense, poised and detailed, this is a really good expression of Meursault's crowning glory. Drink 2024-2030.

E4763B 6x75cl bottles in bond

VOLNAY

#### The fruit for this is sourced from over two hectares of village vineyards across Echards, Aussy and Petits Gamets, although the latter will be replanted this year. With 20% new oak, this offers very pleasing Volnay £270.00 florality. It's always a bit more serious than is initially apparent. Highly satisfactory. Drink 2021-2027. E4764B 6x75cl bottles in bond £159.00 VOLNAY, LES AUSSY, 1ER CRU Les Aussy - sold at other addresses as Ronceret - has Premier Cru and village vines, the latter appearing in François's straight Volnay. On the more solid end £330.00 of the Volnay spectrum, nonetheless there are plenty of charming floral notes and an earnest agreeability. Drink 2022-2028. E4765B 6x75cl bottles in bond £240.00 VOLNAY, PITURES, 1ER CRU This is François's only Volnay from the north (Pommard) end of the appellation, and stylistically £330.00 it's equally remote. The bouquet is more red fruit than floral, while the wine is juicy and strongly structured. Drink 2024-2030. E4766B 6x75clbottlesinbond £258.00 VOLNAY, TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU François has 0.7 hectares superbly sited in prime Taillepieds, adjoining the legendary De Montille £360.00 parcel. The scale is impressive, but not at the expense of Volnay perfume, and the multi-layered finish. Drink 2025-2035. £270.00 E4767B 6x75cl bottles in bond

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# VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU

Half a hectare here is equally split between the vineyard's upper and lower sections. Plots planted in 1996, '86 and '81 are now beginning to hit their straps, gaining texture and textbook silky creaminess. Drink 2025-2035.

F4768B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£300.00

## VOLNAY, CAILLERETS, 1ER CRU

This is from a tiny parcel of 15 ares, planted in 1983 (François's birth year). Raised in a second-fill 500-litre barrel, there is lovely composure and, even in 2018, a cool restraint. Grace and power in equal measure. Drink 2025-2038.

E4769B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£330.00



# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Volnay & Pommard

# **Domaine Michel Lafarge & Domaine Lafarge Vial**

# CLOTHILDE & FRÉDÉRIC LAFARGE



Lafarge is very much a family domaine, with three generations – Michel, his son Frédéric and Frédéric's daughter Clothilde – making use of their combined experience to produce some of the greatest wines in Volnay. There is nothing modern in their winemaking, though the meticulous care of their biodynamically farmed vineyards puts the domaine at the forefront of viticultural practices. When they are working on a patch of vines they are usually accompanied by their hens who eat up any lurking pests. The grapes are de-stemmed, vinified traditionally, and very little new oak is used in the cellar. In 2014. they purchased vineyards in Beaujolais which are farmed using the same biodynamic practices as employed in the Côte de Beaune.

You step back in time when you enter the Lafarge winery. From the simple vet pragmatic grape reception area, to your descent to the barrel cellar via by the slowest lift in Burgundy, and then the emergence into the dimly lit, scruffy and intimate cellar; everything feels as if it hasn't changed in decades. In many practical senses, that is the case, but there are always small innovations, such as the introduction of their manual de-stemming tray used for their smaller parcels such as Clos du Château des Ducs. But what pervades most of all is the feeling that here wines are made by instinct - and the process does not define the result.

For Frédéric Lafarge, this is a great year. The vines began to push at the end of April and there was never any interruption in their smooth progress towards perfect ripeness at the start of September. The grapes were in perfect health at harvest. and no berries had to be discarded. It was an early harvest, starting on 1st September, but the health and balance in their vineyards after years of organic and biodynamic practices meant that the vines took it all in their stride. This year there is also a special *cuvée* of Bourgogne Passetoutgrains from the oldest vines, Anthologie, to commemorate Michel's and the vineyard's 90th year, to be bottled only in magnums. In Beaujolais, the weather was kinder to the *domaine*. with the full range available again after last year's hail.

# Red

## BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAINS, L'EXCEPTION

The vineyard was co-planted with Gamay and Pinot Noir in 1928, and it was one of the two original parcels with which Michel's father began. The soil is gravelly and perfectly attuned to fruity wines. Always with bright fruit and tannins, there is also surprisingly depth. Drink now to 2024.

## **E4861B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£162.00**

## BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR

This comes from four parcels between Volnay and the D974, three in Petit Pré, one in Les Lurets. The wine has a clear Volnay character, with red berry notes and a silky feel. Although not a complex wine, it has a gentle gracefulness entwined within its immediacy. Drink 2021-2025.

E4862B 12x75cl bottles in bond £198.00

### CHIROUBLES, DOMAINE LAFARGE VIAL

From 45-year-old vines, this sees 30% whole-bunch and is aged in 350-litre casks. This wine is available again after last year's miniscule harvest, thankfully yielding 32hl/ha this year, which is still by no means generous. Chiroubles is one of the lighter *crus*. The wine is very prettily perfumed, the palate crunchy and rewarding. Drink 2021-2025.

# E4874B 6x75clbottlesinbond £1

Last year this *cuvée* had to be blended with other *lieuxdits* after the ruinous hail, but is back in its own right this year. Biodynamic from 2018, this still only gave 15hl/ha. The wine has 20% whole-bunch and was aged in 350-litre barrels. It has plenty of Beaujolais sapidity, but with dimension. Nicely done. Drink 2021-2026.

# E4875B 6x75clbottlesinbond £135.00 BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAINS, ANTHOLOGIE

This is a one-off *cuvée* to celebrate Michel's 90th year, and the planting of the first vines in this significant vineyard for the Lafarge family. The 90-year-old vines, planted at the top of the parcel, will be offered only in magnums. Similar in style to L'Exception, but with more intensity. Drink 2021-2026.

E5535M 3x150cl magnums in bond	£135.00
FLEURIE, LA JOIE DU PALAIS, DOMAINE LAFARGE VIAL	
This exceptionally steep vineyard, with half 40% slope, has to be ploughed by horse. A qu the grapes were manually de-stemmed. The	arter of

40% slope, has to be ploughed by horse. A quarter of the grapes were manually de-stemmed. The bouquet is dramatic, intensely perfumed and with pure notes of blackcurrant coulis. No wine at all was made in 2017. Drink 2021-2027.

E5534B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### CÔTE DE BROUILLY, DOMAINE LAFARGE VIAL

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£114.00	E4877B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£141.00
	VOLNAY	
other <i>lieux-</i> wn right nly gave d was aged iis sapidity, 1-2026.	This <i>cuvée</i> is made up from vineyards on t edges of the appellation, alongside Pomm Meursault, including some Premier Cru f Brouillards. It has a lovely, pure, confiden scented bouquet, with a sense of depth be superior village Volnay. Drink 2022-2026	ard and ruit from Les it and violet- hind. Very
£135.00	E4864B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£420.00
HOLOGIE	VOLNAY, VENDANGES SÉLECTIONNÉ	ES
90th year, mificant ar-old pe offered eption, but	This comes from the centre of the appellat Grands Champs, La Gigotte, Les Pluchots Echards, all of which border Premiers Cru vineyards are split equally between old an vines. With 10% new oak, this is deeper an introspective, classically styled. Drink 202	and Ez is. The d younger d more
£135.00	E4865B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£240.00
	VOLNAY, LES MITANS, 1ER CRU	
of it on a aarter of bouquet is e notes of	Mitans is towards the Pommard end of the appellation. Lafarge has two parcels, higher and lower in the vineyard. It's always beautifully perfumed and ethereal. Drink 2025-2032.	
e in 2017.	E4869B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£525.00
£138.00	VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU	ן 
a 130.00	The reputation of this vineyard rests largely on the magisterial wines produced by Lafarge over many years from nearly one hectare. Few come close to its intricate weave of heady perfume around its nugget of ripeness, even more so in 2018. Drink 2027-2038.	

# **Domaine François Buffet**

MARC-OLIVIER BUFFET

#### VOLNAY, CLOS DU CHÂTEAU DES DUCS, 1ER CRU

This tiny 0.57-hectare *monopole* sits just below the Lafarge home. The bunches are de-stemmed manually, giving more focus, purity and energy to the wine. It's not as structured as the Clos des Chênes, but just as beguiling. Drink 2026-2035.

£600.00

E4870B 6x75cl bottles in bond

Domaine François Buil



This family-run domaine, which dates back to 1692, is currently managed by Marc-Olivier, son of François, though still with help from his parents. The family had a very successful négociant business, under the name Ferdinand Buffet, until the 1930s, when fortunes were lost in the Great Crash. Even so, there is an impressive range of Volnay (Taillepieds, Clos des Chênes, Champans, Carelles, Clos de la Rougeotte) and Pommard (Rugiens, Clos Micot, Poutures) vineyards. Marc-Olivier uses some whole-bunch when he feels the vineyard is suitable, though not for young vines. The wines are matured in barrel for 22 months.

A successful year for Marc-Olivier, due in the main to the health of the soils in his vineyards which, he says, always give good acidity. With that knowledge, Marc-Olivier opted to wait for full phenolic maturity and began his harvest a little later than some in the Côte de Beaune, on 5th September, the same day as in '17. He harvested more grapes this year, but got less juice. He has also more tannins than usual, and the acidity is lower than last year, but not by much. The key point, however, is that there are no wines in this cellar much above 13% alcohol, a highly commendable endorsement of his philosophy.

In the vineyard, Marc-Olivier's desire is to feed the soil, not the vine, and plough the land as little as possible. He would love to remove copper and sulphur from the viticulture process altogether, if he could. In the cellar, Marc-O's style is, like the man, considered, gentle and, at times, self-questioning. You would not call the wines fragile, but there is always a delicacy about them. This is well demonstrated in wines like his Clos de la Rougeotte, which are all gentleness and charm. However, his more powerful *terroirs*, Champans and Taillepieds in Volnay, and his Pommard Rugiens with its centenarian vines, are given full rein.

Red

### VOLNAY

The fruit here is sourced from the *lieux-dits* Les Famines and La Gigotte, the latter a little higher on the slope. It's down a little in volume on 2017, to 13 barrels. The wine is very welcoming, open structured and appealing, full of ripe red fruit and a pleasing, lush top note. Drink now to 2024.

£162.00

E4881B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### VOLNAY, CHAMPANS, 1ER CRU

This wine's cellar nickname is *"le p'tit gros"*, the little fat one. It has typical Champans chunkiness, fleshed out by old vines and a third whole-bunch. Really creamy with growing intensity. Drink 2022-2027.

F4884B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£222.00
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#### VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU

Marc-Olivier has some fine old vines in this premium vineyard – for many the epitome of Volnay. There's onethird whole-bunch again this year and the fragrance of the *terroir* still shines through. Drink 2023-2030.

E4883B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£240.00
E4883M	3x150clmagnumsinbond	£249.00

#### VOLNAY, CLOS DE LA ROUGEOTTE, 1ER CRU

This *monopole* of the *domaine* lies on the northern edge of the village and yields a delicate, fragrant red, very much in the understated Buffet style. Red-fruited and well-mannered. Drink 2023-2028.

F4886B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£240.00
E4000D	o x 7 oci botties in bond	£240.00

#### VOLNAY, TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU

This is always a thrilling wine at this address. Sixtyyear-old, very *millerandé* (so low-yielding) vines on stony soil give heady yet rigorous aromas that then diffuse into the velvety palate. Drink 2024-2030.

**E4887B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£252.00** 

#### POMMARD, LES RUGIENS, 1ER CRU

This comes from 100-year-old vines on Rugiens's iron-rich soil, Pommard's finest. A brooding, lowering presence on the nose, there's a fist of dark fruit and intent on the palate. Unique. Drink 2026-2035.

E4888B 6x75clbottlesinbond

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£330.00
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# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Volnay & Pommard

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# **Domaine Comte Armand**

## PAUL ZINETTI



The family of the Comte Armand has owned the vineyard of Clos des Epeneaux in Pommard since 1826. The vineyard wasn't replanted post-phylloxera until 1930, but has since confirmed its rating as one of Pommard's very finest sites. The modern era began under Pascal Marchand followed by Benjamin Leroux and, from 2014, Paul Zinetti. Further vineyards were acquired in 1994: Auxey-Duresses, Auxey-Duresses Premier Cru, Volnay and Volnay Frémiets.

This is an important vintage for Comte Armand, delivering good volumes that go some way to making up for the lean years between 2012 and '16. Having only experienced small crops until '17, the generosity of '18 was something of a novelty for Paul.

With warm conditions at harvest, it was important to start picking early in the day to bring the fruit in at a cool temperature, and anything that was picked from midmorning onwards was cooled overnight before sorting, to avoid damaging the fruit. Paul prioritises phenolic maturity, arguing that ripe skins are essential for making quality wines, and he therefore began picking on 3rd September.

An unexpected benefit of the large crop was that the tanks were so full that the team regularly had to rack off a small amount of juice and return it to the tank later, a sort of mini-*délestage* which Paul feels has given the wines a little more purity. Extraction here is very gentle, with mostly *remontage* (pumping over) and the occasional foot-*pigeage* (punch-down) as required.

As in '17, the Clos des Epeneaux underwent a two-week post-fermentation soak to bring richness and generosity to the wine. Paul's style is certainly more accessible than that of his predecessors, but there is still a clear identity and structure to the wine which indicates excellent ageing potential.

# White

## **BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ**

This is a blend of purchased grapes from 92-year-old vines of Aligoté Doré in Meursault and some younger vines in Volnay and Pommard belonging to the estate. Vinified in 500- and 600-litre puncheons, there is a little more ripeness and floral perfume than in the 2017, but Aligoté's natural acidity provides a cleansing finish. Drink now to 2024.

E4893B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£84.00
Red	

# AUXEY-DURESSES

Seven barrels were produced, of which one is new. The nose offers ripe red-berry coulis aromas and a touch of blood orange. Paul carried out a very gentle extraction here, preserving the pure fruit and keeping the chalky tannins in check. Creamy and juicy with a long finish. Drink 2021-2026.

**E4894B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£135.00** 

#### AUXEY-DURESSES, 1ER CRU

As usual, this is a 60-40 blend of two of Auxey's best sites: Les Breterins and Bas de Duresses. Everything was de-stemmed and there is just over 20% new oak. This is ripe but with brisk acidity, as ever. Rich, sweet fruit and a silky texture; it's delicious. Drink 2022-2028.

E4895B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£186.00

## VOLNAY

The fruit here comes from the *lieux-dits* Famines, which has old vines, and Grands Champs, which is just above. There was 15% new oak this year. The nose is classically Volnay, with violet top notes. The attack serves up a ball of juicy red fruit which segues into a fine, chalky finish with some subtle spice. Drink 2021-2026.

E4896B 6x75cl bottles in bond £216.00

# VOLNAY, FRÉMIETS, 1ER CRU

E4897B 6x75cl bottles in bond

This early-ripening parcel is always picked first. Some vines are nearly 90 years old, and others 35 years old, with the crop a healthy 50hl/ha. The resulting wine is beautifully heady and perfumed. It's voluminous and sensual, but with precise, chalky tannins. Drink 2022-2028.

# POMMARD, CLOS DES EPENEAUX, 1ER CRU

This is picked, vinified and aged in four distinct parts, based on vine age and location, although Paul feels there are eight or nine distinct *terroirs* in the *clos*. Each adds something different, and the final blend is greater than the sum of its parts, with a dense fruit perfume leading on to a palate that is at once rich and fresh, with chalky tannins and floral touches. A rather delicate

E4898B 6x75clbottlesinbond

and elegant expression. Drink 2027-2040.

£615.00

£375.00



# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Beaune

# **Benjamin Leroux**

## **BENJAMIN LEROUX**



Having created a name for himself as régisseur (general manager) of Comte Armand in Pommard from 1999 to 2013, Benjamin Leroux established a small négociant business based in Beaune in 2007. The emphasis is on Côte de Beaune whites and Côte de Nuits reds. The company also owns a smallholding of Bâtard-Montrachet and, since 2014, some vineyards in Meursault. In a short space of time Benjamin Leroux's wines have built an impressive reputation.

Climate change is high in Ben's thoughts as he starts to face what he considers to be "New World" problems, with the recent sequence of early vintages. His white wine harvest began on 26th August, four days earlier than last year. The challenge for such early harvests with very ripe fruit is to be able to retain a sense of freshness in the wines. The generous size of the harvest certainly helped the quality of the vintage, as the grapes gave a lot of juice, which prevented the style of the whites from becoming too dense and unbalanced. This generosity also allows the mineral character of the best vineyards to give his white wines balance.

Ben's red wine vintage in the Côte de Nuits began on 5th September, harvesting in the morning and catching a window of cooler weather between the end of August and 9th September. Here the super-ripe grapes had quite low acidity. Ben has an excellent range of reds, enhanced by beautifully healthy, ripe skins and stalks. His Bourgogne wines and those from less esteemed sites have performed exceptionally well. By definition these are cooler sites, and the warm summer allowed a much greater level of ripeness than usual. Ben also posits that the best-placed Premier Cru sites have the potential to match the Grands Crus this year – whereas the latter, unless scrupulously monitored during harvest, may have over-ripe notes. The new challenges of climate change.

# White

## BOURGOGNE BLANC

As always, this is a very superior generic white Burgundy, based on vineyards in the Hautes Côtes (where the quality is superb in 2018) and Côte d'Or vineyards around Meursault. The beautiful ripeness of the Hautes Côtes gives a lemon and stone-fruit character, and good acidity; while the Meursault component is lush and joyous. Drink now to 2023.

£78.00

## E4900B 6x75cl bottles in bond

# MEURSAULT

This *cuvée* is now made entirely from *domaine* vineyards scattered around the appellation, including Criots, Sous la Velle, Millerands, Moulin Landin and Bois de Blagny. A perfect combination of rich fruit, power and saline minerals, this is classic Meursault but with Ben's hallmark purity and freshness. Drink 2021-2026.

E4904B 6x75cl bottles in bond £192.00

#### MEURSAULT, LES VIREUILS

The fruit here comes from three parcels: the first is high towards Auxey-Duresses, the second in the middle of the Dessus section, and the third is lower, towards Les Cloux. This is another example of the success of the cooler sites in 2018. The bouquet is lifted and expressive, the palate deep and rich, with precision and clarity. Drink 2022-2027.

E4905B 6x75cl bottles in bond

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES EMBAZÉES, 1ER CRU

£204.00

£252.00

£390.00

This is a higher vineyard in Chassagne, on the appellation's southern border. The soil is poor and stony over limestone. This Chassagne is riper than an equivalent Meursault this year, with an extra 0.5% potential alcohol, despite being harvested on the same day. But there is plenty of detail in the fruit and a lush, unctuous finish. Drink 2023-2029.

E4909B 6x75clbottlesinbond

## MEURSAULT, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU

Ben believes strongly in this vineyard, at the top of the hill above Meursault, with a south-easterly exposure as the hill turns towards Puligny-Montrachet. Of the 2.2 hectares available, he now has 1.5 hectares and this year he has 10,000 bottles (up from 800 bottles last year). The site's attraction is its ability to retain acidity and this has a cerebral, cold-stone vivacity linked to juicy and accessible fruit. Drink 2023-2030.

E4911B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£288.00
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## MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Ben owns this plot in the Dessous section of the vineyard – a detail not on the label, but revealed on the cork. It's always a buttery and opulent wine, shaped by the flatter land where the vineyard sits; nevertheless, the warmth of 2018 does not overwhelm and there is a solid intensity on the finish. Drink 2023-2028.

E4915B 6x75cl bottles in bond

MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES-DESSUS, 1ER CRU

The vines for this *domaine* bottling were planted in 1960. This amazing wine, so vivid and racy, yet equally complex and mineral, is only bottled in magnums, to allow a longer period of maturation and allow the wine to slowly unfold. There is tremendous definition to the wine, a clear case of *terroir* triumphing over climate. A marvellous, intense finish. Drink 2024-2030.

£180.00

E4916M 1 x 150cl magnum in bond

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# Red

#### **BOURGOGNE ROUGE**

This is a splendid potpourri of different sites mostly across the Hautes Côtes and Côte de Beaune, with generic vineyards and village wines from Pommard, Meursault, St Romain and Monthélie, Dames Huguettes in the hills and even some from Vosne-Romanée (Croix Blanches) all contributing. As always, this is the best foot forward in terms of value and quality. Heady and juicy in 2018. Drink now to 2024.

E4919B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£76.50

#### SAVIGNY-LÉS-BEAUNE, LES HAUTS JARRONS, 1ER CRU

This vineyard nestles just under the A6 as it cuts through the hill on its way down to Beaune. There is a small percentage of new oak here and it is unashamedly a crowd-pleaser, with hints of beetroot and tomato that might make you think this was from New Zealand, before the svelte tannins and creamy mid-palate draw you back to Burgundy. Drink 2021-2025.

**E4921B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£135.00** 

#### VOLNAY

This comes from three contiguous vineyards, Carelles, La Gigotte and Les Grands Champs, all of which have their higher sections classified as Premier Cru. Thus two-thirds of this wine is actually Premier Cru quality and so, unsurprisingly, this boxes well above its weight. Furthermore, the average vine age is 40 years. It has a heady and floral bouquet, and an impressively defined palate. A little star. Drink 2021-2027.

E4922B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

E4927B 6x75cl bottles in bond

This is another important *cuvée* for Ben and it demonstrates his ability to capture the essence of a village's character with, it seems, almost minimum effort. Everything was de-stemmed this year and, yes, it's immediate and authentic, but also delivers more complexity than is at first evident. Notes of lavender and sweet peony, and a more schoolmasterly structure. Drink 2022-2028.

£195.00

£195.00

£288.00

£315.00

# BLAGNY, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU

This comes from the same vineyard that produces Ben's Meursault. As with the white, Ben is building his position whenever he can. Why Blagny? In the best years it can make some of the most individual wines of Burgundy – lean, powerful, understated and intensely mineral. Warmer summers are now adding a further layer of downy comfort. From last year's four and a bit barrels, Ben can offer 13 barrels this year. Drink 2025-2032.

#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE

E4928B 6x75cl bottles in bond

E4935B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£180.00

Ben now has access to all the vines from his supplier in Vosne, so this year this wine is an even more complex quilt of different vineyards, namely Basses Maizières, Genaivrières, La Rivière, Aux Raviolles and Les Jacquines. It's full of sumptuous, open and juicy fruit, with a lovely positive mid-palate. The greater volume this year from the newer vineyards means a little less whole-bunch, at 33%. Drink 2023-2027.

# GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHAMPEAUX, 1ER CRU

This is the most northerly of Gevrey's Premier Cru vineyards, with an easterly exposure. The wines are always fruity and in lighter years they can be quite stern, but the warmth of 2018 has given a note of cranberry, and the allusion continues on the palate, with sweet red fruit marbled with bright acidity. Drink 2025-2032.

E4929B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### VOLNAY, CLOS DE LA CAVE DES DUCS, 1ER CRU

This 0.64-hectare vineyard is a *monopole* for Ben. It's an extension of the La Cave village-level vineyard above it on the hill, but inside the village, which creates a warmer environment. As a result, the wine is not as expansively aromatic as the best Premiers Crus but, by contrast, has a more old-fashioned aspect of solid dependability, which Ben successfully enhances with 20% whole-bunch. Drink 2024-2029.

£315.00

## E4932B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### VOLNAY, LES SANTENOTS, 1ER CRU

This wine is new to the portfolio, although it formed part of the village Volnay blend last year. From the Les Pleures sub-section of Les Santenots, Ben has 0.5 hectares of 50-year-old vines which gave a generous 35hl/ha this year. There is a commendable positivity in this wine, almost muscularity, with a rewarding density and richness. Drink 2026-2032.

#### E5530B 6x75cl bottles in bond £315.00

#### POMMARD, RUGIENS-HAUTS, 1ER CRU

Rugiens makes Pommard's most powerful and, some would argue, greatest wines. Famously, there is a clear difference between the less-favoured higher section and the lower, but that distinction is effectively removed by Ben's plot being at the bottom of the high section and his excellent handling of the wine, with 30% whole-bunch. This has an extraordinary counterpoint between dark, iodine aromas inside dark fruit, and a lifted creamy, coulis of fruit on the palate. Rather special. Drink 2027-2034.

**E4939B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£405.00** 

# **CÔTE DE BEAUNE Beaune**

# **Domaine des Croix**

## DAVID CROIX



The former Domaine Duchet in Beaune was bought in 2005 by American Roger Forbes and his co-investors, and entrusted to the care of David Croix, the gifted winemaker for Camille Giroud. The estate has been renamed Domaine des Croix, in honour of David, and also the numerous stone crosses to be found in the vineyards. The original Beaune and Corton-Charlemagne vinevards have since been supplemented by Aloxe-Corton, Corton La Vigne au Saint and Corton Les Grèves. The vinevards are all farmed organically.

David Croix's skill is superbly adapted to his speciality: in his cellar, you will only find wines from in and around Beaune. A disproportionate number of the vineyards of Beaune seem to have been granted Premier Cru status, and not all produce especially complex wines - although there are exceptions to be found from names like Bressandes, Les Cras, Theurons and Grèves. In general, the style of Beaune is smooth and gently ripe wines, and this is where David excels. Throughout his range, you will find wines of delicacy, purity and grace, all lifted by a gentleness of touch and a transparency of flavour. Even his Cortons are elegant; every wine is imbued with pure pleasure.

David started his 2018 harvest on 27th August in Corton, not looking for full phenolic ripeness, finishing in early September in Charlemagne. Increasingly he tries to reduce and moderate the

influence of SO2 which, when your objective is delicacy and purity in your wines, can toughen and tighten them. He now only buys natural, mined sulphur (as opposed to industrially manufactured) and introduces the gas after it has been "purified" by bubbling through spring water.

His wines are beautiful and luminous this year. Across the range this is a very successful vintage and, for immediate, smile-on-the-face pleasure, try his straight Beaune. Other particular highlights this year are his Beaune Les Grèves and Beaune Pertuisots.

# White

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

This comes from two parcels, both in the prime southwest-orientated Le Charlemagne sector. This is an imposingly constructed, awe-inspiring wine, composed of many inseparable blocks of minerals and flavour. Drink 2025-2032.

E4963B 6x75cl bottles in bond £555.00

# Red

# BEAUNE

This typifies David's skill: fruit from four separate parcels is very gently handled, with 20% whole-bunch and minimum intervention, resulting in a gloriously dextrous and luminous wine. The limpid colour is just the appetiser for a village-level Beaune that over-delivers. Delicious and silkily welcoming. Drink 2021-2025.

E4953B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£132.00
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BEAUNE, LES CENTS VIGNES, 1ER CRU	CORTON, LES GRÈVES, GRAND CRU
This is an early-ripening site on alluvial soil, with gravel over clay. David uses a lot of stems (45%) to give some grip to a wine that could be too supple. It has succulent perfume and a nice twist of gentle discipline at the end. Drink 2021-2026.	Next to Bressandes, this is mid-slope, southeast- facing, with 60-year-old vines on limestone under a red iron-rich soil with some sandy gravel. It's a deep and smoky wine with graceful, fine and spicy tannins. Drink 2027-2035.
<b>E4955B</b> 6x75cl bottlesin bond <b>£171.00</b>	<b>E4962B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£420.00</b>
BEAUNE, LESTUVILAINS, 1ER CRU	CORTON, LA VIGNE AU SAINT, GRAND CRU
This lower-lying vineyard towards the southern end of the appellation is on quite heavy, dark clay over marl. David's plot was organic before he acquired it, and the vines are 80 years old. There's no whole-bunch, and you feel the old-vine density and structure. Drink 2022-2027.	This small vineyard has just three owners (the others are Latour and Méo-Camuzet); it's southwest-facing on Ladoix limestone under red, iron-oxide topsoil. The wine is ramrod straight and correct, chin-in-the-air Corton. Drink 2026-2033.
<b>E4957B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£195.00</b>	<b>E4961B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£420.00</b>
BEAUNE, LES BRESSANDES, 1ER CRU	
This special site at 300 metres' altitude is on a 20% gradient, facing east and with more active limestone. The result is pure pleasure; energetic cranberry and raspberry fruit over a focused, tense palate. Drink 2023-2030.	
<b>E4958B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£210.00</b>	
BEAUNE, PERTUISOTS, 1ER CRU	
An elegant wine, this comes from a cool site in a slight dip, with shallow topsoil before the limestone. It offers a coulis of red fruit in 2018, juicy and accessible, but with a lovely cool, refreshing push underneath. Drink 2023-2029.	
E4959B 6x75clbottlesinbond £216.00	
BEAUNE, LES GRÈVES, 1ER CRU	
This big, east-facing vineyard runs from the top of the hill to the suburbs of the town. It's classic Beaune, floral with rose and violet, with 40% whole-bunch this year. Velour and perfume. Drink 2024-2030.	
E4960B 6x75clbottlesinbond £258.00	



# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Beaune

# **Camille Giroud**

## CAREL VOORHUIS



In January 2002 Maison Camille Giroud was bought by an American consortium led by banker Joe Wender and winery-owner Ann Colgin, and a new chapter began. The owners carried out a major revamping of the winemaking facilities, especially the replacement and renewal of old barrels, to make wines in a much purer, more modern style. Carel Voorhuis joined as régisseur in time for the 2016 harvest and has set about acquiring new grape contracts and further refining the style of the wines. The company also owns 1.2 hectares of vineyards in and around Beaune.

After his first full vintage here in 2017, Carel has settled in fully and begun to increase production, acquiring exciting grape contracts in some top vineyards, such as Tonton Marcel in Chassagne and an exciting Morey-St Denis. His winemaking style favours lower doses of sulphur, and he has recently installed a new, more efficient cooling system in the cellar to keep the wines stable and avoid the need for acidification or excessive sulphur addition.

The warm summer gave ripe grapes with relatively modest acidity levels, so Carel decided to carry out only a light settling on the Chardonnay, keeping more lees during the fermentation and ageing. This technique has two benefits: firstly giving the wines more structure and a chewy, tannic mouth-feel that provides freshness in place of acidity, and secondly, giving the wines a spicy, reductive character reminiscent of struck-match.

Due to the high amount of tannin naturally in the Pinot grapes this year, Carel took great care to ensure extraction was gentle, favouring pump-overs over punch-downs in order to focus on fruit and finesse. This is one of the real success stories of the vintage. We were struck by the freshness and purity of fruit in Carel's wines, and this is certainly an address to follow in 2018 and beyond.

# White

# MEURSAULT, LES VIREUILS

Vireuils benefits from a relatively high position, as well as a northeast exposure, providing valuable freshness in a warm vintage such as 2018. The vines are situated in the favoured, lower part of the vineyard. The floral nose offers aromas of lime blossom, while the palate is a charming blend of rich stone-fruit, spicy stone reduction and a saline finish. Drink 2021-2025.

E4966B 6x75cl bottlesin bond

#### CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES VERGERS, 1ER CRU

Vergers is at the Puligny end of Chassagne and faces east, so is typically a more mineral style of wine than those from the lower parts of the appellation. The 50-year-old vines give the wine real concentration and intensity. Spicy and viscous with abundant stone-fruit, this is classically Chassagne in profile, with a pure and prickly, saline finish. Drink 2022-2027.

E4967B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£288.00

#### CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, TONTON MARCEL, 1ER CRU

Tonton Marcel is an alternative name for the specific *lieu-dit* of Grande Montagne, a small island of vines high up among bare hillside which is too rocky to be planted. The minerality of this wine, just two barrels of which have been made, is evident from the gunflint-infused nose. Chewy with real grip and spice, this is a wine of remarkable weight and density. Drink 2023-2028.

E5541B 6x75cl bottles in bond £330

# CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

Five barrels of this were made in 2018. Most of the fruit comes from the cooler western side of the hill in Pernand-Vergelesses. This is classically proportioned with restrained stone-fruit and spine-tingling minerality. The finish is very textural, with a finely detailed and grippy mouth-feel. Drink 2024-2030.

E4969B 6x75cl bottles in bond

# Red

# SANTENAY

£195.00

Carel made 10 barrels of village Santenay, a blend of Les Bras and Les Saunières, with 30% whole-bunch – the latter giving a gorgeous floral perfume to the nose. This is a truly charming, delicious wine with rounded primary red-berry fruit that is perfectly ripe. Classic Burgundian Pinot to drink now and over the next half dozen years. Drink now to 2026.

# E4972B 6x75cl bottles in bond

# MARANGES, LE CROIX MOINES, 1ER CRU

Nine barrels were produced, from 90-year-old vines in this tiny vineyard high on the hill. There is a feeling of freshness in the bright and lifted red-berry fruit, matched on the palate by a plush texture, crunchy tannins and a chalky finish. A friendly and happy expression of Maranges. Drink 2023-2028.

£126.00

E4973B 6x75cl bottles in bond

specific Vines y to wo rom the	This comes from 70-year-old vines planted in the Clos des Roches Noires, the sweet spot of Clos Rousseau. An excellent example of the potential of Santenay, this is a very complete wine with creamy, red-berry fruit and a serious but elegant tannic structure. Drink 2024-2030.	
nd spice, y.	E4976B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£156.00
	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CRAIS	
£330.00	Les Crais is a low-lying vineyard sited or end of the alluvial fan from the Combe d	e Lavaux.
of the e hill in ortioned g finely	Carel used 50% whole-bunch to add som and charm to offset the rusticity of Gevr has delicate floral touches and notes of c alongside Gevrey's open-knit strawberr while the palate is juicy, with a salivating Drink 2021-2027.	ey. The nose innamon y fruit,
2030.	E4980B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£189.00
£540.00	BEAUNE, LES AVAUX, 1ER CRU	
end of bunch –	There are five barrels of this, all from Ca own 45-year-old vines. The east-facing e and deep clay soil make for a cool, water- site, perfect for preserving freshness. Th bunch (50%) provides perfume and a gra core to accompany the succulent strawb Drink 2024-2030.	exposition -retaining ne whole- aphite, mineral
the nose.	E4978B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£198.00
rounded, Classic next half-	VOLNAY, LES LURETS, 1ER CRU	
	Lurets is a relatively low vineyard with r which retain water well, a real boon duri	
£114.00	2018 summer. Seven barrels of this delic made, packed with delicious small red bo	ious wine were

which has overperformed this vintage, and strongly

E4981B 6x75cl bottles in bond

recommended. Drink 2024-2030.

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#### BEAUNE, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU

This *domaine*-owned vineyard is well-sited and has a very fine selection of Pinot Noir which gives miserly yields of tiny *millerand* berries. Carel has once again used 100% whole-bunch, giving a wine with an explosive violet and rose petal perfume. Five barrels were made of this delicious, delicately textured wine. Drink 2024-2030.

E4979B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£240.00
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#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHALANDINS

Les Chalandins sits close to the lower part of Clos de Vougeot and benefits from similarly deep topsoil. Fermented with 50% whole bunches, this is a creamy and red-fruited expression of Vosne-Romanée, with sweet tannins and a delicate berry character. Drink 2023-2028.

E4982B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£270.00
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# MOREY-ST DENIS, CLOS DES GODELLES, 1ER CRU

You will not find the Clos des Godelles on modern maps, but the name dates back to Napoleonic times and refers to this walled vineyard, known officially and somewhat confusingly as "Le Village". Five barrels have been produced of this attractive, perfumed wine. Packed with violets and blueberries, it has a creamy texture and charming sweet fruit. Drink 2025-2030.

E5570B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£270.00

#### CORTON, CLOS ROGNET, GRAND CRU

In contrast to the Renardes, the Clos Rognet is completely de-stemmed and offers a more classic expression of Corton. There is open and ripe red fruit, a touch of iron, and plenty of power and breadth. There are three and a half barrels this year. Drink 2028-2033.

E5573B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£390.00

#### CORTON, RENARDES, GRAND CRU

Whole-bunch fermentation (100%) gives a creamy texture to this elegant and delicate Corton. There's an intense concentration of fruit, but this is all about finesse rather than power and structure. Just three barrels were made, one of which was new – adding some sweet spice to the chalky finish. Drink 2027-2032.

E4984B 6x75cl bottles in bond £402.00

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BORNIQUES, 1ER CRU

This vineyard sits next to Musigny. The quality of the site is evidenced by the first sniff of the glass, with a seductive perfume of violets, redcurrants and a dash of white pepper. Classically Chambolle, with a touch of extra roundness and flesh courtesy of the vintage, there are just two barrels in 2018. Drink 2026-2031.

E5571B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£510.0

#### CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

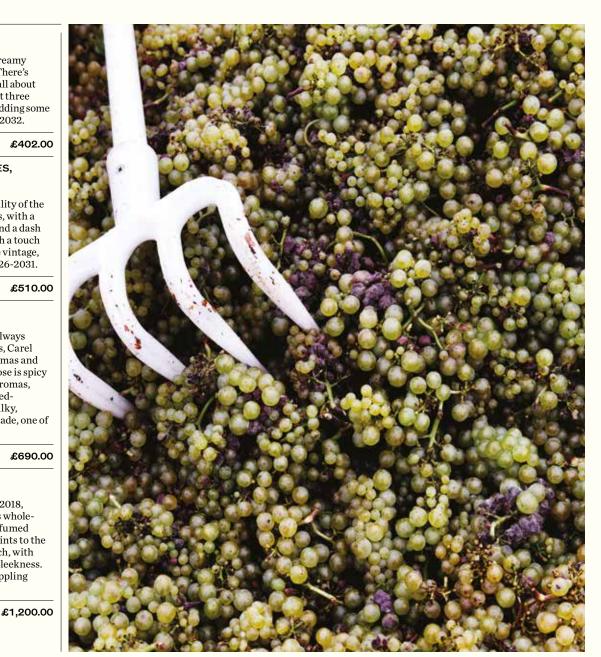
Produced from a parcel of old vines which always produce tiny, concentrated *millerand* grapes, Carel uses 100% whole-bunch to lift the floral aromas and provide some structure to the finish. The nose is spicy and expressive, with peony and rose petal aromas, while the palate is packed with dense crushedstrawberry fruit, subtle sweet spice and chalky, fine-grained tannins. Three barrels were made, one of which is new. Drink 2028-2035.

E4987B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£690.00

### CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Carel made three barrels of Chambertin in 2018, one of which was new, and half the fruit was wholebunch fermented. The nose is intensely perfumed with a depth and brooding intensity that points to the discreet power of this wine. The palate is rich, with silky tannins and a real feeling of ease and sleekness. A wine of exceptional elegance but with a rippling undercurrent of power. Drink 2030-2040.

E4989B 6x75cl bottles in bond



# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Beaune

# **Joseph Drouhin**

## VÉRONIQUE DROUHIN



Originally from the Yonne department, Joseph Drouhin founded the négociant company which bears his name in 1880. His son Maurice took over in 1918, buying the first vineyards, including the famous Beaune Clos des Mouches. His successor Robert Drouhin has now passed on management to his children, Frédéric (managing director), Laurent (export markets), Philippe (vineyards) and Véronique (winemaking). Philippe manages the vineyards biodynamically, while Véronique is supported by oenologist Jérôme Faure-Brac and chef de cave Mélanie Sire.

After a straightforward growing season – plenty of early rain helped the vines get through the dry summer – picking began on 29th August, with the Côte de Beaune finished by 7th September. As a *domaine* working to organic and biodynamic principles, the warm, dry profile of the season was very helpful, and the quality of the fruit was exceptional.

Véronique explained that the Drouhin philosophy for Pinot Noir is to pick on phenolic ripeness rather than sugar or acidity levels, prioritising the tannins in the wine above other elements. This manifests itself in silky, rounded wines with a softer and richer profile than early-pickers, giving seductive, creamy wines with plenty of charm and a mineral freshness. This year they played a lot with whole-bunch, using high percentages even in vineyards they often de-stem to add some herbaceous freshness. The whites offer a seductive and charming juxtaposition of ripe fruit and mineral freshness. Véronique and Jérôme took great care to keep a sense of energy in the wines, eschewing *bâtonnage* and taking care not to keep too many lees. For reasons of space, a number of smaller *cuvées* are not included in the brochure.

# White

# PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

This *négociant* wine is made with fruit purchased from a long-term supplier and aged in 20% new oak. This has the approachability and generosity of the vintage, with some apricot and pineapple fruit, while the finish is juicy, crisp and clean with surprising acidity and a touch of toasty oak to finish. Drink 2022-2027.

**E4991B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£228.00** 

#### CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, MORGEOT, 1ER CRU, MARQUIS DE LAGUICHE

Drouhin has had the Laguiche contract since 1947, making this effectively a *domaine* vineyard, and giving them a real understanding of the parcel, which is picked in several passes as each sector ripens. The nose is intensely spicy, while the palate offers some honey and tropical fruits, with warmth and genuine power. Drink 2023-2030.

**E4992B** 6x75cl bottles in bond £384.00

#### BEAUNE BLANC, CLOS DES MOUCHES, 1ER CRU

This is the last Chardonnay vineyard to be harvested at Drouhin. Consequently there is a good level of ripeness to the fruit, with mango and apricots underscored by a touch of zesty lime and some smoky oak. The finish is chalky and fresh, with a limestone backbone. Very successful. Drink 2023-2029.

£495.00

£2,430.00

## E4993B 6x75cl bottles in bond

MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU, MARQUIS DE LAGUICHE

Through their contract with Marquis de Laguiche, Drouhin manages an astonishing 2.1 hectares of Montrachet (a quarter of the total eight hectares). The nose has rich, golden stone-fruit and a spicy oak reduction, while the palate has the thick, viscous texture of the best 2018s, a hedonistic profile and more power than usual, but with concentrated acid too which maintains some elegance. Drink 2025-2037.

E4995B 6x75clbottlesinbond

Red

# CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Drouhin owns several parcels in Chambolle and this is always a benchmark example of the village. The nose is classically perfumed, with flowers and sweet red berries, while the palate is a touch riper than usual, with real density of fruit, silky tannins and a chalky, juicy, long finish. Drink 2022-2027.

**E5001B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£279.00** 

## BEAUNE ROUGE, CLOS DES MOUCHES, 1ER CRU

The near seven-hectare Clos des Mouches was picked between 30th August and 8th September, with several plots vinified separately and 25% wholebunch. This is the perfect marriage of freshness and ripeness, with forward and expressive red-berry fruit, floral highlights and salivating limestone tannins. Drink 2022-2028.

E4997B 6x75clbottlesinbond £396.00

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, 1ER CRU

The Drouhin-blended Chambolle Premier Cru is a famous *cuvée*, and includes such renowned names as Noirots, Hauts Doix, Borniques, Plantes and Combottes. This is a lush and silky expression of Chambolle, with generous red and blue berry fruit, some chalky graphite notes and delicate floral touches on the finish. Drink 2023-2030.

E5003B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£405.00

## CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

Drouhin owns almost a hectare in the Clos de Vougeot, close to the small tower or folly. The nose offers rich red berry fruit, while the palate is similarly juicy, with bright acidity and firm, savoury Vougeot tannins. The 30% whole-bunch adds some herby freshness to the long, grippy finish. Drink 2025-2033.

E5008B 6x75clbottlesinbond

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# **Maison Louis Jadot**

## **FRÉDÉRIC BARNIER**



The house of Louis Jadot was founded in 1859 though the family had previously been vignerons in the region, acquiring their famous Clos des Ursules in 1826. The company is today run by Pierre-Henri Gagey, while Frédéric Barnier replaced veteran winemaker Jacques Lardière in 2013. Louis Jadot owns over 60 hectares of vineyard, many of them Premier and Grand Cru. Recent developments have included the establishment of the tonnellerie Cadus in Ladoix-Serrigny and expansion of the modern winery facilities on the Route de Savigny, with a new white-wine vinification centre completed in 2009.

The warm and dry summer meant that maturity was slow to arrive, with the skins still thick and not fully ripe, so the decision was taken to wait and harvest began on 28th August, in Volnay. The 2018 vintage is a particular success for Jadot, giving rich and opulent whites and concentrated reds. For the whites, the policy of blocking malolactic fermentation has really paid off, the small amount of malic acid in the '18s adding a touch of freshness to the generous fruit, giving powerful but balanced wines. For the reds, everything was de-stemmed and the wines underwent a 25- to 26-day maceration with daily punch-downs in the first couple of weeks to extract colour and structure. New oak is one-third for the whole range. For reasons of space, a number of the Grand Cru wines have not been included in this brochure.

# White

## PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CLOS DE LA GARENNE, 1ER CRU

From the Duc de Magenta estate, this is from a prime site, between Champs Canet and Folatières on the mid-slope. Floral and stone-fruited, this is a pretty, elegant wine with a refined, caressing texture and a satisfying, stony, dry finish. A wine of class and precision. Drink 2022-2028.

£351.00

E5015B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES FOLATIÈRES, 1ER CRU

From the Héritiers Louis Jadot, this plot sits just above Clos de la Garenne to the northern end of the vineyard. The nose is vibrant, with white flowers and flint reduction. It's pure, juicy and rich, but with fresh, tingling acidity and a salty, limestone finish. Drink 2023-2030.

E5014B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£351.00
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Red

#### BEAUNE, CLOS DES URSULES, 1ER CRU

Purchased by the Jadot family in 1826, Clos des Ursules is a walled portion of the Vignes Franches, one of the more southerly of the city's Premiers Crus. This is spicy and dense, with old-vine intensity and plenty of mid-palate power, but finishing on a delicate, floral, strawberry note. Drink 2022-2028.

**E5018B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£276.00** 

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CAZETIERS, 1ER CRU

A Domaine Louis Jadot wine, this is quintessential Cazetiers, with gorgeous and perfectly ripe summer pudding notes of red berries on the nose. The palate is elegant and restrained with a nervy, limestone backbone that adds a long, textural finish. Drink 2023-2030.

**E5020B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£408.00** 

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CLOS SAINT-JACQUES, 1ER CRU

Jadot is one of five owners in the Clos Saint-Jacques, their one-hectare parcel being in the middle of the vineyard, and the holdings run from top to bottom, giving a full picture of the slope. This is a wine of huge potential, but needs time to unfurl. There is a huge density of thick, richly textured red berry fruit and a serious structure of firm but incredibly fine tannins. Huge potential. Drink 2025-2035.

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E5019B 6x75cl bottles in bond £720.00
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#### CHAPELLE-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

These are the oldest vines owned by Domaine Louis Jadot, having been planted in 1921. The age of the plants means that they rarely suffer from vintage variation and the wine always has remarkable concentration and intensity. Spicy and rich, with dark cherry fruit, this has incredible power and a haunting violet perfume. Hedonistic. Drink 2025-2035.

E5023B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£990.00
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#### ÉCHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU

A Domaine Gagey holding, the vines are located in Champs Traversins and En Orveau, both of which benefit from the cooling breeze from the Combe d'Orveau. This is richly red-fruited with a creamy texture, but balanced by an ethereal and delicate feel, and a nervy and energetic finish. Drink 2024-2032.

E5022B 6x75cl bottles in bond £1,020.00

#### CHAMBERTIN, CLOS DE BÈZE, GRAND CRU

Deep in colour and with a powerful nose of black cherry and red meat, one could be forgiven for expecting this to be a bit of a bruiser. However, as the delicate floral touches show, this is a wine with hidden depths and surprising finesse. Structured, serious and powerful with sweet berry fruit, there is a delicacy to the structure and a saline, elegant finish. Drink 2028-2040.

E5025B 3x75cl bottles in bond

£990.00

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# **Maison Bouchard Père & Fils**

# FRÉDÉRIC WEBER



Bouchard Père & Fils can trace its origins back to 1731, though it is no longer familyowned. In 1995 Champagne entrepreneur Joseph Henriot acquired the company. The wines are made by Frédéric Weber, who took over from Philippe Prost. An impressive gravity-flow winery on the Route de Savigny, the Cuverie St Vincent, was completed in 2005, enabling it to process all its wines with optimum efficiency. Bouchard's total holdings comprise 130 hectares, including 12 hectares of Grand Cru and 74 hectares of Premier Cru vines, which makes it the largest vineyard owner in the Côte d'Or.

Harvest began at Bouchard on 30th August for Pinot Noir and 2nd September for Chardonnay. The team here was keen to point out an unusual challenge of early vintages: with conditions being warm at harvest – even at night and during the morning – it is key to cool the fruit to 10 to 12°C on arrival, in order to preserve the integrity of the grapes, and allow for a prefermentation cold soak for the reds.

Extraction for the Pinot Noir was gentle, as colours came easily and they were keen to avoid extracting harsh tannins. Such was the quality and ripeness of the stems this year that a higher proportion of wholebunch has been used, while new oak was modest at between 25 and 40%. Bouchard's white winemaking methods are especially suited to the 2018 vintage; new oak is kept to a maximum of 15% and the barrels are rolled, rather than opened, to stir the lees, both techniques preserving freshness and avoiding oxidation or excessive oak character. The result is a range of fresh, precise white wines which defy the warm summer conditions.

# White

# MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Bouchard's holding is a sizeable 2.65 hectares, split between two parcels which are picked five days apart and vinified separately. This is a floral and delicate expression of Genevrières, with a fine, mineral nose of juniper berries and spice, and a precise, saline palate. Drink 2022-2028.

E4845B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£330.00

# MEURSAULT, PERRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Bouchard owns a very healthy 1.2 hectares in three parcels. With floral aromatics, a tight, citrus core and salivating, acid backbone, it is hard to disagree with Philippe Prost's suggestion that this is closer to Puligny than Meursault in character. Drink 2023-2030.

#### E4846B 6x75clbottlesinbond £360.00

## CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

Bouchard owns an enviable 30% of Chevalier-Montrachet. There are four distinct terraces and Bouchard has vines on all four, which they harvest and age separately before blending to give the most complete reading of this outstanding *terroir*. Surprisingly floral and delicate for the vintage but with some marmalade notes, this is a wine built upon its frame of acidity and chalky minerals. Refined. Drink 2025-2035.

**E4848B** 3x75cl bottles in bond **£630.00** 

# Red

## VOLNAY, CAILLERETS, ANCIENNE CUVÉE CARNOT, 1ER CRU

Bought by Bouchard in 1775 from the Famille Carnot and at the time of Dr Lavalle, when it was held as a Tête de Cuvée. One of the first parcels to be picked, this has a nose of ripe plums and flower. At once concentrated and delicate, it has a smoky, ash flavour and firm but ripe tannins. Needs time. Drink 2024-2032.

# E4851B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### BEAUNE-GRÈVES, VIGNE DE L'ENFANT JÉSUS, 1ER CRU

This four-hectare holding is in the Grèves vineyard, right on the mid-slope, its perfect exposition making it the first parcel to be picked. Some (30%) wholebunch adds some floral perfume to the warm, spicy fruit. Notes of liquorice and graphite combine to give a warm, rounded feel. Drink 2023-2030.

E4852B	6x75cl bottles in bond	£465.00

# LE CORTON, GRAND CRU

Bouchard's parcel is in the *lieu-dit* of Le Corton, at 280 metres' altitude and facing east. The fruit here ripens slowly, giving an energetic and complex expression. Even so, there is a generosity to the fruit this year, with dark cherry fruit and a warming, ferrous character, kept in check by chalky limestone minerals. Drink 2024-2032.

**E4853B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£540.00** 

# CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

Bouchard owns two parcels, one by the road (that they have grubbed up) and one further up, along the wall against Grands Echezeaux. The result is a silky and quite delicate expression of Clos Vougeot, with generous fruit and fine but pronounced tannins. Drink 2025-2035.

E4854B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£345.00

# CHAMBERTIN, CLOS DE BÈZE, GRAND CRU

These are typically the last grapes to be picked and the wine therefore takes longer to express itself in both barrel and bottle, as though it moves at a more serene pace. The nose is rich and spicy with densely packed black cherry. The palate is simply endless, with lingering chalky tannins. Drink 2027-2040.

E4856B 3x75cl bottles in bond

£855.00

# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Hill of Corton & Hautes Côtes

# **Domaine Follin-Arbelet**

FRANCK FOLLIN-ARBELET



Franck Follin-Arbelet has created an estate in Aloxe-Corton where his ancestors used to have vineyards in the late 19th century, before they were subsequently sold off. As a child he spent holidays in the village, working part time in the vineyards and in due course marrying a local girl whose family had some vines – enough for Franck to set up as a vigneron in 1993, subsequently adding further vines through rental agreements. In 2017 Franck was joined at the domaine by his son, Simon.

This was Franck's second full harvest in a row, after a succession of meagre vintages. His team began picking on 29th August, in Corton-Charlemagne, with a view to retaining the fresh acidity intrinsic to the domaine's elegant house style. He used 20% new oak on the majority of the Premiers Crus and 50% for the Grands Crus, but all the wines were racked into used barrels in August. At this point, Franck notes, they shed some puppy fat and gained tension. There's poise and impressive weight of fruit across the range, while the supple, charming reds reinforce the impression formed elsewhere that '18 is an excellent vintage for reds from the Côte de Beaune in general, and a stellar one for Corton in particular.

# White

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

This comes from south-facing parcels in the *lieu-dit* of Charlemagne: some have old vines (planted in 1956) and some were only planted with Chardonnay in 2013 (until then they were dedicated to Pinot). There's a tremendous weight of fruit here, including hedonistic peach and pineapple notes, balanced by bright acidity, and a chalky, mineral finish indicative of the parcel's limestone soil. Drink 2024-2032.

**E5031B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£525.00** 

Red

## ALOXE-CORTON, LES VERCOTS, 1ER CRU

Franck describes Les Vercots as a *vin de connoisseur*; a wine for someone who's prepared to wait for a *cuvée* which, owing to its concentration, can be slow to reveal itself. The 2018 is a more supple, juicy rendition, with an expressive bouquet of bramble and spice, but retains its customary cool, black-fruit core. Drink 2023-2027.

E5034B 6x75clbottlesinbond £195.00

# CORTON, GRAND CRU

This *cuvée* is hugely seductive in 2018, characterised by ripe black fruit, as well as subtle floral and spicy aromas. Some (15%) whole-bunch contributes complexity and lift. The palate is mellifluous, with supple tannins and a lick of new oak towards the finish. Drink 2024-2029.

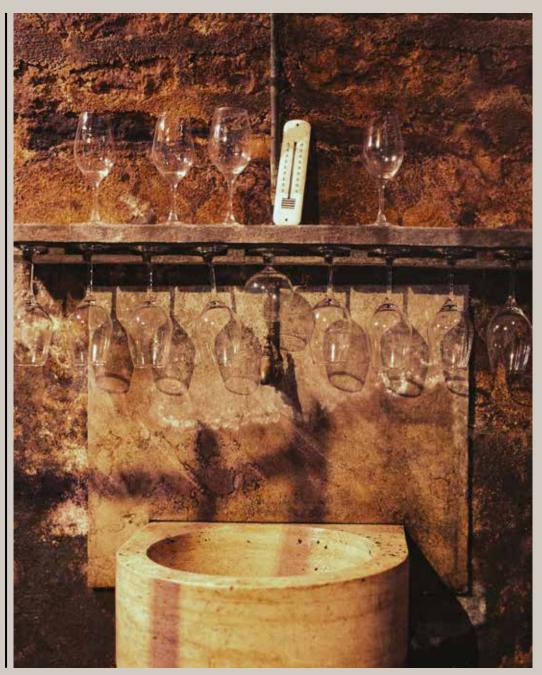
E5036B 6x75clbottlesinbond £465.00

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# CORTON-BRESSANDES, GRAND CRU

This is denser and more reserved than the Corton owing to the parcel's cool microclimate. Again, black fruit aromas lead the charge, but with an altogether cooler profile, echoed by the palate's assertive, chalky tannins and crisp acidity. Drink 2025-2032.

E5037B 6x75clbottlesinbond



# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Hill of Corton & Hautes Côtes

# **Domaine Rollin Père & Fils**

## SIMON ROLLIN



Domaine Rollin is a family estate dating back four generations to Raymond Rollin, a humble vineyard worker who began acquiring parcels of vinevards which he worked in his spare time. In the 1950s, his son, Maurice Rollin, began bottling wines under his own name. It is perhaps the location in the sleepy village of Pernand-Vergelesses, or the Rollin family's modesty, that has ensured they have flown somewhat under the radar. The winemaking style here has always been hands-off, the aim being to focus on high-quality fruit, picked in good time to ensure freshness, and vinified with minimal bâtonnage and discreet use of oak, ensuring that the wines are always fresh, precise, pure and energetic, with excellent ageing potential.

Simon Rollin describes 2018 as a wonderful surprise. He was unable to contain his delight at making wines of such high quality and in such good volumes; a rare combination due, he theorised, to the very wet winter and spring, which replenished the water reserves in the soil and sustained the vines through the warm, dry summer. As a result, he observed, there was no drought-stress and very little disease pressure, giving a stress-free season in the vinevard. Harvest began at the end of August, with the first two days dedicated to Pinot, before moving on to the white grapes at the beginning of September. Quality is always the primary consideration here,

and to that end Simon carried out a green harvest in mid-August to remove any bunches which were underripe, allowing the vines to concentrate their efforts on a smaller number of bunches. He feels this is a great vintage in both colours, with the wines possessing the elusive balance of ripe fruit and fresh acidity.

# White

## PERNAND-VERGELESSES BLANC

This *cuvée* comes from 2.5 hectares of vines planted in the cool valley of Pernand-Vergelesses. The wine is fermented and raised in a 50-50 split of traditional Burgundian 228-litre barrels and 400-litre barrels, the latter preserving freshness and minimising the impact of the 5% new oak. The nose is fresh and floral with citrus fruit and a touch of spice, while the palate is initially generous with some ripe lemon and lime, before tightening up on the finish with a chalky, grippy minerality. Drink 2021-2026.

# **E5444B** 12x75cl bottlesin bond **£240.00**

PERNARD-VERGELESSES BLANC, LES CLOUX

The Rollins have 1.5 hectares in Les Cloux, a particularly well-sited vineyard located to the north of the hill of Corton, facing southeast and high on a steep slope. This sees around 20% new oak, with a third in larger barrels and the rest in standard 228-litre. The attack is generous and ripe, and there is a pleasing space to accompany the stone-fruit. More opulent than the regular bottling, but still with the same saline, sizzling finish that is the hallmark of Pernand. Drink 2022-2027.

**E5446B** 6x75cl bottles in bond £150.00

# Red

#### PERNAND-VERGELESSES ROUGE

Made from old vines, Rollin's red Pernand is a sapid and refreshing expression of Burgundian Pinot Noir. All the wine is raised in oak, but only 5% is new, putting the focus on purity and freshness of fruit rather than wood. Juicy and crunchy, with a *gourmand* feel that leaves you reaching for the next glass, this is an excellent food wine. Drink 2021-2027.

£210.00

# E5449B 12x75cl bottles in bond

# PERNAND-VERGELESSES ROUGE, LES FICHOTS, 1ER CRU

This comes from just over two-thirds of a hectare of 60-year-old vines planted on brown, iron-rich soil. Fichots faces east and is located towards the foot of the slope, and is therefore shaded slightly by the hill of Corton for some of the day. The attack has pure red berry Pinot fruit, with some creamy oak and slight floral touches, while the finish is long and mineral with the austerity of Pernand providing a firm structure. Drink 2023-2030.

E5450B 6x75cl bottles in bond £162.00



# CÔTE DE BEAUNE Hill of Corton & Hautes Côtes

# **Domaine Naudin-Ferrand**

### CLAIRE NAUDIN



Since 1994, Claire Naudin, one of Henri Naudin-Ferrand's three daughters, has been in charge of this small domaine based in the Hautes Côtes at Magny-lès-Villers, a village that sits astride the dividing line between Hautes Côtes de Beaune and Hautes Côtes de Nuits. Claire is relatively susceptible to sulphur and uses the product as little as possible. Her most exciting wines are those which are vinified with whole bunches and without sulphur, though some SO2 is added at bottling to ensure that the wines remain stable thereafter. Claire's theory, which her wines bear out admirably, is that there is none of the harshness sometimes evident when the bunches are vinified with their stems if sulphur is not used. Instead a magical floral perfume emanates from the wine.

For Claire, the recent run of warm years is proving more of a headache than a boon. Her efforts to find as many ways as possible to achieve sustainability in her vineyards are being frustrated by the conditions. For example, the old practice of earthing up the vines for the winter is now impossible as the winters are no longer cold enough, and the soil is just mud. So she is looking at other ways to work her soil and how to control the grasses, and is even considering co-planting her vineyards with trees. Elsewhere, she is looking to reduce the level of copper and sulphur used in the vineyard and in 2017 was able to halve its use; but in

<sup>'</sup>18, with its early summer mildew pressure, use was up to 1.3 times normal.

Claire is organic (not certified) and does admit that chemistry per se is not an evil but, in her view, it does encourage viticultural laziness. Her frustrations extend to the '18 vintage itself, for which she explained "everything was too much" – too much sun, too much ripeness, too much colour. It is not her style of vintage. Yet, for all her protestations, these were among the most mouth-watering and lively wines that we encountered, and anyone in search of the acceptable face of "natural" wines should look no further.

# Red

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE, ORCHIS MASCULA

From three parcels in Magny-lès-Villers and Pernand-Vergelesses, the plant material is so good that it is all whole-bunch fermented. Juicy and very ripe, this may not be Claire's preferred personal style of wine, but it is a guzzling, irresistibly delicious, summery and inclusive wine. Drink now to 2024.

E5156B 6x75cl bottles in bond £138.00

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS ROUGE, MYOSOTIS ARVENSIS

Myosotis is forget-me-not. From between Magny-lès-Villers and Villars-Fontaine, this vineyard has a lot of active limestone and the resulting wine is delicate with, in 2018, vivid blackcurrant scents. Lots of wholebunch gives a succulence to the wine's fresh cassis style. Drink now to 2024.

**E5157B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£165.00** 

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU

Damodes is high on the hill on the border with Vosne-Romanée. Claire has some old vines, but the 0.23-hectare parcel is too small to separate them. This is plummily intense with earthy cumin spice. Drink 2023-2028.

E5158B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£450.00

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# **Domaine Denis Carré**

#### **MARTIAL CARRÉ**



Denis Carré did not inherit any vineyards, but – having harvested grapes as a teenager – he decided he wanted to make wine. He began renting vines, initially some Gamay and Pinot for three barrels of Passetoutgrains, while working in a garage in the evenings to fund his winemaking. He and his wife, Bernadette, slowly but surely added to their holdings, and the estate now totals 14 hectares across the Hautes Côtes and Côte de Beaune. Their children, Martial and Gaetane, have been involved full-time since 2008, and now run the domaine.

Tucked away in Meloisey, in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune, this small family *domaine* has so far remained relatively under the radar, but the recent change of generation has seen their reputation grow. This is largely thanks to their careful work in the vineyards, which is geared towards achieving the best quality possible, as well as a sensible approach to winemaking, which focuses on producing accessible wines with fresh, clean, fruit profiles.

Gaetane and Martial are thoughtful, energetic and smart, understanding that wine is made to be drunk and enjoyed, and their focus is on making wines that give pleasure when young, but also have the potential to age gracefully. Everything is focused on preserving purity of fruit; a maximum of 25% new oak is used on the top wines, while the Pinot Noir is all de-stemmed, extraction is gentle and *bâtonnage* is avoided. The Carrés began picking on 2nd September, and their 2018s are a joyful and satisfying blend of freshness and ripe fruit. Many of their parcels are at relatively high altitude, and the cool location of the Hautes Côtes provides energy and freshness.

# White

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE CHARDONNAY

Two-thirds was fermented and raised in barrel, the remaining one-third in tank, with just 7% new oak. This comes from a parcel in Meloisey and production totals around 30 barrels. This has the nervy, steely feel of the Hautes Côtes with crisp citrus fruit, a touch of ripeness on the mid-palate and a subtle hint of smoky, toasty oak on the chalky, salivating finish. Drink now to 2024.

E5546B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£132.00
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#### AUXEY-DURESSES, LES VIREUX

From a parcel planted in 1978, totalling 0.26 hectares, this is a particularly well-located site, high on the slope, facing east and bordering Meursault Vireuils, with the cooling influence of the valley. The nose offers spicy citrus, while the palate has a juicy ball of fruit which segues into a tight, mineral finish. An excellentvalue alternative to Meursault. Drink 2021-2025.

E5543B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£216.00

# MEURSAULT, LES TILLETS

The Carrés have 0.26 hectares here, planted in 1982. Tillets is at the top of the slope above Meursault, at over 350 metres' altitude facing east-southeast. This is an intensely floral wine with lime blossom aromas, pretty citrus fruit and a crisp, smoky finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E5544B	6x75cl bottles in bond
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# Red

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE, LA PERRIÈRE

Carré has just under two hectares in this chalky, south-facing site in Meloisey, planted in 1976 and '78. The nose is absolutely stunning, with beautiful summer pudding aromas rising from the glass. It's a wine which you simply want to drink, with tiny, rich red berries, juicy acidity and chalky tannins. Gorgeous. Drink now to 2024.

E5542B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£138.00

### SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, VIEILLES VIGNES

This comes from just over a hectare of vines aged between 50 and 75 years old, planted in the *lieux-dits* of Planchots and Connardises. The selection of Pinot is particularly fine here, giving an intense, floral wine with spicy raspberry and redcurrant fruit, juicy tannins and a spicy oak finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E5545B 12x75cl bottles in bond	£210.00
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### BEAUNE, LES TUVILAINS, 1ER CRU

The Carrés have a hectare here, at the top of the parcel and just beneath De Montille's Sizies. The deep soil is a benefit in warm vintages, retaining moisture through the summer. The nose is open with bright red fruit, while the palate is rich, juicy and smoky with touches of blueberry and sweet spice. Drink 2022-2027.

E5547B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£135.00
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#### POMMARD, LES NOIZONS

Noizons is not a Premier Cru, but its excellent location above Pézerolles merits more than a village classification, the slightly higher altitude giving a fresh and chalky style of Pommard. From one hectare of 30to 45-year-old vines, this has lifted red fruit and slight floral touches. There is some spicy oak which combines with limestone tannins to give a cleansing finish. Drink 2022-2027.

£180.00	E5548B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£144





# CÔTE DE NUITS Nuits-St Georges

# **Domaine de la Vougeraie**

# SYLVIE POILLOT



Based in Prémeaux, just south of Nuits-St Georges. Domaine de la Vougeraie was created in 1999 when Jean-Claude Boisset decided to group together all the vinevard holdings of the various négociant companies he had acquired over the years. Pascal Marchand was put in charge in 1999, with Bernard Zito in the vineyards, which are farmed biodynamically. Pascal produced powerful wines, fairly heavily extracted in his early vintages, but clearly moving to a softer style by 2004. The wines came of age under *Pierre Vincent, who maintained the more* delicate approach. He departed after the 2016 vintage, leaving behind a crack team, led by the redoubtable Sylvie Poillot. Top-quality vineyards continue to be added, especially Grand Cru whites in recent years.

With a tapestry of holdings that run from the Grands Crus on the hill of Montrachet in the south, to Gevrey-Chambertin in the north, and into the Hautes Côtes, organisation in a year like 2018 was imperative. Choosing the right moment to pick would be the difference between success and failure. The first of Vougeraie's three teams of pickers started on young vines in Volnay on 23rd August, and the second team began the next day in Nuits-St Georges for Clos de Thorey. Team three was then sent to wherever the harvest was most pressing. The entire vintage lasted three weeks, much longer than at most *domaines* this year, but that is because of the complexity of the holdings.

There is a quiet confidence about the Vougeraie team now, with the 2019 vintage under their belt, their third since Pierre Vincent's departure for Domaine Leflaive in '16. The estate is fully biodynamic and believes in the benefits of the use of whole-bunch fermentation. It is these two policies that Sylvie Poillot believes have contributed to the wines' success this year. Given the warm conditions, she feels that the biodynamic vineyards adapted well and the use of whole-bunch has given the wines extra freshness when acidity would have been on the low side. The biggest challenge, in fact, seems to have been the local wildlife, with wild boars raiding their higher vineyards by the woods in the Côte de Nuits, and ducks from the Vouge eating the grapes in the Clos de Prieuré and Clos Blanc de Vougeot.

# White

# BOURGOGNE BLANC, TERRES DE FAMILLE

From vineyards in the Hautes Côtes de Nuits and young vines from Clos Blanc de Vougeot, this is always very cool and mineral, but this year has the added weight of young vines from Vougeraie's replanted plot in Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet. Very expressive with notes of tropical fruit, it's amazing value. Drink 2021-2025.

£96.00

E5040B 6x75clbottlesinbond

### VOUGEOT BLANC, CLOS DU PRIEURÉ

Part of Le Village, close to the source of the river Vouge, this is also one of Vougeraie's *monopoles*. The Chardonnay is on the more limestone-evident sections. Always tight and fresh, almost like a Chablis, this year there is a softer feel and a haunting note of quince. Drink 2022-2028.

E5042B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£2

## PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

This comes from two well-placed parcels in Noyer Bret (towards Chassagne) and Rue aux Vaches (between the town and Pucelles). A fascinating 2018: on the one hand, it's opulent with the warmth of the vintage; on the other, it's tight with typical Puligny fruit, stone and bite. A superior example. Drink 2022-2028.

E5041B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£21

# PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CHAMP GAIN, 1ER CRU

The highest of Puligny's Premiers Crus, the altitude and poor stony soil influence a style that is reserved yet expressive. The usual lime blossom note is there, with an unctuous finish this year. Drink 2023-2030.

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E5043B 6x75clbottlesinbond

VOUGEOT, LE CLOS BLANC DE VOUGEOT, 1ER CRU

A *monopole*, this vineyard has been home to white grapes since 1110, when it was first planted by the monks of Citeaux. A beguiling and intriguing wine, it is taut and cocooned in youth, yet fulsomely aromatic with time. There's a touch of cream in 2018. Drink 2023-2032.

	E5044B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£420.00
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	E5044J 1x300cl double-magnum in bond	£310.00

#### CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

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From the very top of this high, stony vineyard (360 metres' altitude), the vines are planted right up to the trees. There is 30% whole-bunch this year, only for the old vines, and there is a pure spicy note, with a sense of cinnamon and blackcurrant to express the year's warmth. Drink 2022-2026.

E5050B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

This is a blend of four village sites (Fremières, Condemennes, Chardannes and Argillières) and 25% from Premier Cru Baudes and Gruenchers, which is used for whole-bunch. Succulent and perfumed, with sweet violet, this is an open and flattering expression of Chambolle. Drink 2021-2027.

#### E5052B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE THOREY, 1ER CRU

Vougeraie has a huge three hectares here; half the vines are young and half over 50 years old. This is a wine of real aromatic intensity, with plenty of perfume and a touch of ground coffee. The palate is very juicy with a creamy, luxurious texture and a long, fine finish with layers of powdery, salivating tannin. Drink 2022-2028.

E5054B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£261.00
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#### VOUGEOT, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU

This vineyard has been missing from the range for a few years after being replanted, with the first few vintages' fruit going into the Bourgogne Rouge. Just under the Clos Blanc de Vougeot, the soil is rich in limest one which gives a very Vosne-like nose of pretty red berries and rose petals. The palate is simply gorgeous, with a strawberries-and-cream profile and chalky tannins. Drink 2022-2028.

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#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU

Very close to the border with Vosne, this east-facing plot is on fine gravel over pink Prémeaux marble. It's a silkier style of Nuits, but still tannic, with 65% wholebunch. Compact and well-built. Drink 2023-2029.

E5053B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£288.00

£255.00

#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX CHAMPS PERDRIX

This is only a village wine, but from a lovely vineyard immediately above La Tâche. It's all fermented whole-bunch, and bottled only in magnum. Always a fascinating wine, with notes of potpourri and Asian spice, it's pure and energetic with no sense of heaviness at all. Rather lovely. Drink 2023-2029.

E5060M 3x150cl magnums in bond £390.00

#### CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

Two parcels go into this *cuvée* – one by the château, the other abutting the main road – which are harvested and vinified separately. There is 65% whole-bunch. The wine is ripe but with restraint and proper Clos de Vougeot shoulders. Drink 2026-2032.

E5056B 6x75clbottlesinbond £720.00

#### CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, LES MAZOYÈRES, GRAND CRU

This is a significant parcel of 0.75 hectares of vines planted in 1902, which delivers wonderful ripeness every year, allowing 100% whole-bunch. With notes of smoke and fresh prune, there's good energy on the finish. Drink 2026-2033.

#### **E5057B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£840.00**

#### BONNES MARES, GRAND CRU

In one 0.7-hectare block on the Morey-St Denis border, this is on both *terres rouges* and *blanches*. The vineyard's wilder character is in its herbal, aniseed aromatics; its strength in its rugged tannins. Drink 2026-2035.

E5058B 6x75cl bottles in bond £1,140.00

# CÔTE DE NUITS Nuits-St Georges

# **Patrice & Maxime Rion**

#### PATRICE RION



Patrice Rion and his wife Michèle began their own small domaine in 1990 with just two wines – Bourgogne Rouge, Les Bons Bâtons and Chambolle-Musigny, Les Cras – while Patrice was still working as winemaker with his family at Domaine Daniel Rion. In 2000 Patrice left the family business to develop his own estate further. Today most of the vineyards are in Nuits-St Georges and Chambolle-Musigny. Recent vintages have seen the increasing involvement of Patrice's son Maxime.

Maxime Rion was mostly unperturbed by 2018's weather conditions. There was a lot of rain in winter and spring but that, in his opinion, is the perfect time. The principal challenges were two big storms, with rain and hail, which hit their Nuits-St Georges vineyards on 3rd and 15th July. The storms delayed the maturity of their Nuits vineyards and so, unusually, the Rions harvested their Chambolle vineyards first, starting on 7th September.

As will be mentioned elsewhere, '18 is a challenging vintage for a village like Chambolle, whose reputation rests on delicacy and perfume. The grapes achieved very high levels of ripeness and the wines, while hedonistically overt, can lack poise but, chez Rion, there is plenty to be proud of. There is a new investment – a small, stainless-steel, vertical press that works in a closed environment without oxidation, which may have contributed to their success, but their Chambolles show a skilful balance between the ripeness of the vintage and the purity of Pinot Noir. The Nuits-St Georges vineyards were picked on 12th September and they are really excellent this year, seamless and complex. So even the hail seems to have worked out for the best.

# White

### NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES TERRES BLANCHES, 1ER CRU, DOMAINE MICHÈLE & PATRICE RION

This unusual *terroir* with its very white oolitic limestone soils sits just above Les Argillières and is perfect for white grapes. It's mainly Chardonnay, with 10% Pinot Blanc, and only 5% new oak this year. There's a touch of peppery spice and, in youth, a note of coconut in this rich and individual wine. Drink 2021-2027.

E5061B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£168.00
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# Red

#### BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS ROUGE, LES DAMES HUGUETTES, PATRICE & MAXIME RION

From just above the vineyards of Nuits-St-Georges, at an altitude of 300 to 450 metres, the Rions have access to a plot with high-density planting. The wine has a lot of energy and is full of personality, combining a sapid Pinot character with a bit of crunchiness and minerality. Drink now to 2025.

**E5062B** 12x75cl bottles in bond **£144.00** 

#### BOURGOGNE ROUGE, LES BONS BÂTONS, DOMAINE MICHÈLE & PATRICE RION

A very propitiously sited parcel near Gilly-lès-Cîteaux, with some gravels brought from Chambolle's alluvial fan, this is always very Chambolle in style. The bouquet is charming and immediate with soft red fruit while the palate offers a level of concentration rare at this level. Drink now to 2025.

E5063B	12x75cl bottles in bond	£

# NUITS-ST GEORGES, VIEILLES VIGNES, PATRICE & MAXIME RION

This is a blend of fruit from the *domaine* and a trusted neighbour from the *lieux-dits* Les Plateaux, Les Maladières and Argillas, all with vines over 50 years old. It has a sturdy, meaty nose, but with some finesse. The palate comes over as very pure and precise, savoury and assertive. An appealing yet serious wine. Drink 2021-2027.

E5064B 12x75clbottlesinbond £31

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, PATRICE & MAXIME RION

The fruit for this *cuvée* comes from a broad tapestry of *lieux-dits*: Les Pas de Chat and Les Danguerrins by the village, and Les Babillères and Aux Croix lower down. These were the first to be picked this year and the style is a confident compromise between the year's ripeness and the purity of the Pinot character. Drink 2021-2027

E5065B 12x75clbottlesinbond &

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, DOMAINE MICHÈLE & PATRICE RION

This comes from the higher (and village appellation) part of the vineyard, mid-hillside and east-facing on very shallow soil over limestone. With lots of bright perfume, there is a delicious redcurrant and juicy edge to this. A clear case of *terroir* winning over vintage conditions. Drink 2021-2028.

**E5066B** 12x75cl bottlesin bond **£540.00** 

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DES ARGILLIÈRES, 1ER CRU, DOMAINE MICHÈLE & PATRICE RION

-Cîteaux, alluvial ne t red fruit, n rare at	The Rion holdings are just above Clos Saint-Marc (both clearly visible from the tasting room), on Prémeaux marble and clay. The average vine age is 50 years. The wine is charmingly aromatic and beautifully structured, effortless and with depth. An atypical and graceful Nuits. Drink 2022-2029.		
£156.00	E5067B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£282.00	
PATRICE	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS SAINT-M CRU, DOMAINE MICHÈLE & PATRICE		
a trusted es 0 years e finesse. se,	The topsoil of this <i>monopole</i> is quite deep and rich in calcium and silica. The wine is dense and strong, with a core of succulence which is then reined in by some impressive tannins. Drink 2024-2032.		
us wine.	E5068B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£354.00	
£312.00	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CHARN DOMAINE MICHÈLE & PATRICE RION		
<b>S,</b> pestry of ns by the er down.	The vines here were planted just after the Second World War. The lower section is not far from Les Amoureuses, and there is a splendid luxuriance about the palate, but without losing the wine's elegance. Drink 2022-2029.		
er down. l the style s ripeness 2021-2027.	E5069B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£354.00	
£462.00			

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# **Domaine Faiveley**

### ERWAN FAIVELEY



At 115 hectares, Domaine Joseph Faiveley is one of the biggest domaines in Burgundy. The company has been based in Nuits-St Georges since the days of Pierre Faiveley who founded the business in 1825. His son Joseph gave his name to the family business, to be followed by the first François, Georges who helped found the Chevaliers du Tastevin, Guy who developed the business in the Côte Chalonnaise, François who has retired, and now his son Erwan, born in 1979. The change of generation has dynamised the business: there's been a notable expansion of vinevards, including Domaines Annick Parent. Monnot and Matrot-Wittersheim in the Côte de Beaune. as well as Dupont-Tisserandot (Gevrey) and Billaud-Simon (Chablis). Old-style Faiveley wines could be massively tannic at the expense of the fruit, but from 2007 the wines are much fresher and fruitier, yet with real intensity.

This year we tasted with Jérôme Flous, Faiveley's head winemaker, in a tasting room above their new *cuverie* and its enormous fermentation hall. Its cathedrallike end window overlooks the vineyards of Rue de Chaux and Les Procès, and the internal architecture echoes the great train termini, referencing the long-standing connection between the Faiveley family and the railways.

Jérôme pointed out that that, although the summer was hot, at no time was there any hydric stress, thanks to the high rainfall over the first few months of the year. The vintage was done very quickly, starting on 28th August in the Côte de Beaune, and all completed by 4th September. In the old days, Jérôme mused, almost wistfully, deciding to harvest late was the right decision nine times out 10; today you have to harvest early.

The 2018 white harvest was easy, with a little timely rainfall and he finds the wines complex and saline, but not mineral like the '17s. The reds, he feels, are better than '15: they have much of their richness, but also some of the energy of '17. He was not afraid of extraction in '18. For wines with lower acidity, he believes you need more tannin to build the structure of the wine. Jérôme related some advice from an older *vigneron*; if you have good material to work with, you should get as much out of it as possible. Both colours, but the reds especially, are *vins de garde* this year.

# White

# MEURSAULT, CHARMES, 1ER CRU

This is a longstanding contract, offered under the Joseph Faiveley label. It's a top site in the Charmes-Dessus, just under Clos des Perrières. It sees 30% new wood, giving the wine lots of cream and spice. Drink 2023-2030.

£360.00

E5074B 6x75cl bottles in bond

## BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

From 0.35 hectares bought from Domaine Monnot in 2008, half the *cuvée* was matured in new wood. This is a well-handled Bâtard, with a spicy top note and a very positive finish that allows some mineral grip to be established. Drink 2025-2032.

E5075B 6x75clbottlesinbond £1,350.00

# Red

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES PORÊTS-SAINT-GEORGES, 1ER CRU

This vineyard was the first to be purchased by the *domaine* in the 1830s. From just over 1.5 hectares on deep gravels, this is heady with savoury and damson notes, and a dense, firm finish. Drink 2023-2029.

E5076B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA COMBE AUX MOINES, 1ER CRU

£270.00

£390.00

Although on the same slope as Clos St Jacques, this faces due east. By reputation the wines can be a bit rustic, but these warmer summers are eliciting finer, more sensuous notes. Ripe and energetic. Drink 2024-2032.

E5078B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£300.00
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# POMMARD, LES RUGIENS, 1ER CRU

This is from a 0.5-hectare plot in the Rugiens-Hauts, purchased in 2007 from the Annick Parent *domaine*. There's some cinnamon spice, typical Pommard ferrous notes, even iodine. It's very ripe with long, deep tannins. Drink 2025-2033.

E5077B 6x75cl bottles in bond £3
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CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, AUX BEAUX BRUNS, 1ER CRU

Under the Joseph Faiveley label, this is from a 10-hectare estate from which Faiveley buys everything and so dictates the viticulture. It had 20% wholebunch, producing a wine that's lush and floral with some stem tannin for freshness. Drink 2023-2029.

E5081B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CAZETIERS, 1ER CRU

This is a major holding for Faiveley, who own half of this excellent eight-hectare vineyard, which runs north from Clos St Jacques. It's lush, with notes of kirsch and marc this year, towards hedonism. Drink 2024-2032. E5079B 6x75clbottles in bond £420.00 CORTON, CLOS DES CORTONS FAIVELEY, GRAND CRU Faiveley's calling card, this is one of only two Grand

Cruvineyards that carry a family name. This 2.76-hectare plot on the Ladoix side of the hill of Corton has been a *monopole* since 1874. A ripe clafoutis of plum and spice. Drink 2028-2038.

E5082B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£780.00

# CÔTE DE NUITS Nuits-St Georges

# **Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier**

# FRÉDÉRIC MUGNIER



Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier is based at the Château de Chambolle-Musigny which has been in the Mugnier family since 1863. In 1985 Frédéric Mugnier, the fifth generation of the family on the property, took over. As of 2004, he reclaimed the Nuits-St Georges Clos de la Maréchale vineyard, which had been on lease to Faiveley since 1950, and is the only wine offered at this stage of the year.

The only wine to be released now is the Clos de la Maréchale, with the rest of the range coming to market next summer. The wines of the southern Nuits-St Georges sector around Prémeaux do seem to be particularly successful this year, perhaps due to the delaying effect of the hail that fell very locally on 12th June. This storm, on the day of the football World Cup final between France and Croatia (in case anyone needs reminding), delayed the ripening of the fruit, giving more hangtime and, in Clos de la Maréchale, the vintage didn't start until 12th September. It was a big picking job, with a lot of sorting of uneven fruit, but the end result is excellent.

For the record, 2018 was the earliest ever harvest for the *domaine* in Bonnes Mares. While walking the vineyards and tasting the fruit on 27th August, Frédéric found that the fruit was in perfect condition and ready to harvest. The pickers were not due to assemble until the end of that week, so everyone at the *domaine*, including office workers, were co-opted and the entire vineyard was picked by seven people on 28th August. The rest of the *domaine* was not so precocious and the harvest began in earnest at the start of September. Frédéric evinces that '18 is a great surprise. The *terroir* is evident throughout the range, but timing was everything.

# Red

## NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE LA MARÉCHALE, 1ER CRU

The house style is for delicacy and, in this vintage, that grace is even more apparent. Later to ripen after the summer hail, this seems to be one of the most discrete and delicate wines of the Côte de Nuits this year. Very gently perfumed, the fruit and tannins glide across the palate to their subtle resolution. Drink 2023-2032.

£390.00

# **Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair**

## THIBAULT LIGER-BELAIR



In 2001 Thibault took over an old family property in Nuits-St Georges, reclaiming the vines which had been contracted out to various sharecroppers. The family jewels (his branch) consist of Richebourg, Clos de Vougeot and Nuits-St Georges Les Saint Georges, to which he has added further vineyards, a growing number of cuvées made from purchased grapes and several singlevineyard bottlings of Moulin-à-Vent. The vineyards are certified organic and farmed biodynamically. Thibault uses a maximum 50% new oak, but also avoids barrels any more than three years old. In 2017, he opened a new, carbon-neutral cuverie.

Thibault's sustainable winery is now fully functional, although it has form too. Some of the solar panels appear as the petals of a giant daisy in a flowerbed in front of the building. Already he is at 95% recyclability. His extraordinary drive and energy extend to all parts of his winemaking. For many years, he has not only commissioned his own barrels, which he requires to be fired to his own gauge of a very light toast. He also selects and reserves the actual trees destined for the cooperage in Mercurey, and the staves are aged to his own specifications, before being made into barrels. He still prefers to age his Premiers and Grands Crus in the cellar of the family house in central Nuits-St Georges, where the wines can enjoy 85% humidity and a cool, natural temperature. When the thermometer hit 42°C last summer, the

cellar was still stable at 14.2°C. Everything he does receives this level of detail.

Thibault's first thoughts on '18 were that it was a year that reflected the vintage, not the vineyard. But he has been very pleased by the return of the sense of terro*ir* as the wines have aged in barrel – due, he feels, to the lack of hydric stress, allowing vital minerals to continue to circulate in the vine's sap throughout the final maturation period. He sees the big challenge for the next 10 years being the preservation of freshness, not the attainment of ripeness. This is a fine range in Thibault's inimitable style, as always, including his magnificent Moulin-à-Vents.

# White

# BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ, CLOS DES PERRIÈRES LA COMBE

This south-facing walled vineyard is situated in the combe of Nuits-St Georges and was previously known as Clos de la Roche. The Aligoté Doré vines were planted in 1978 and undergo a week-long skin maceration before pressing and fermentation in old barrels. The result is a wine with succulent peach fruit, a touch of textural phenolic grip from the skin contact, and some charming acacia and orange notes. A fascinating wine. Drink now to 2024.

## E5089B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£87.00

# SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LE CLOS DU VILLAGE

This is another fascinating site, surrounded by 2.5-metre high walls and a *monopole* of its owner, from whom Thibault buys the equivalent of four barrels. This has a seductive, spicy reduction on the nose, while the palate bursts with tropical fruit and neat, precise citrus acidity courtesy of the limestone soil. Drink now to 2024.

Red	MOULIN-À-VENT, CHAMP DE COUR	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LA CHARMOTTE	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX RÉAS	
MOULIN-À-VENT, VIEILLES VIGNES This comes from seven separate parcels in a belt around the bottom of the hill of Moulin-à-Vent, where the persistent wind causes a bit of hydric stress. The vines are between 63 and 108 years old, on pink and	This vineyard's gentle amphitheatre has attracted myriad different eroded granites – yellow from Fleurie, pink and quartz from Moulin-à-Vent and blue from Chénas. There are lots of old vines, and Thibault proudly feels this is a Chambolle-Musigny of the region. Beautifully floral and silky. Drink 2022-2032.	Immediately north of the town, La Charmotte lies just below Premier Cru Aux Bousselots. A soft and generous entry from the clay-rich soil is followed by firmer tannins from the lighter limestone. This is pretty and front-loaded with plenty of fresh red-fruit notes. Drink 2021-2026.	The very high limestone content in this vineyard gives an extraordinary vitality to this wine. This is what "mineral" tastes like! From the far south of the Vosne appellation, the vines were planted in 1954. There's an almost savoury edge to the wine; it's brilliantly alive. Drink 2022-2029.	
white sand over granite and quartz. With 50% whole- bunch, this is almost overt, but the finish crackles with	E5107B 6x75clbottlesinbond £108.00	E5094B 6x75cl bottles in bond £252.00	E5097B 6x75cl bottles in bond £336.00	
granitic intent. Drink 2022-2032.	MOULIN-À-VENT, LA ROCHE	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES BELLES CROIX	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES SAINT GEORGES, 1ER CRU	
<b>E5105B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond <b>£90.00</b>		A new wine for Thibault this year, and once again he		
MOULIN-À-VENT, LES ROUCHAUX	From the top of the hill, only 60 metres from the famous windmill, the vineyard has some young vines,	has struck gold, managing the vineyard on behalf of the owner and buying the fruit. These vines were planted	is is complex <i>terroir</i> of brown and orange clay with bbles of calcium-bound limestone and calcite. The	
At the bottom of the hill with deep, silty soil over blue granite, the vineyard's rich environment creates a bright, expressive wine with firmer tannins than usual. The finish is broad and spicy, with a white-	but two-thirds are 90 years old. East-facing on pink sand over pink granite, it produces classic Moulin- à-Vent. Sophisticated, strict and serious, it has an inescapable sense of the place and its cool, glistening stones. Drink 2023-2035.	in 1949 and sit beneath the Premier Cru Les Pruliers. It's a silky, rounded wine with gorgeous red and black cherry fruit and grippy Nuits tannins. Whole-bunch (50%) adds a sense of elegance. Drink 2022-2026.	vines were planted in 1944 and 1946. There is 40% whole-bunch, giving a profound and lifted bouquet, with very pure lines of tannin and fruit. Great finesse. Drink 2025-2035.	
pepper bite. It saw 40% whole-bunch, then was aged in		<b>E5568B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond <b>£252.00</b>	<b>E5099B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond <b>£528.00</b>	
large <i>foudres</i> . Drink 2021-2027.	<b>E5108B</b> 6x75clbottlesinbond <b>£120.00</b>	ALOXE-CORTON, LA TOPPE AU VERT, 1ER CRU	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, AUX CHARMES,	
<b>E5106B</b> 6x75cl bottlesin bond <b>£90.00</b>	CÔTE DE NUITS VILLAGES ROUGE, LES LEUREY	Just by Corton Les Maréchaudes, the vines are in a	GRAND CRU	
BOURGOGNE ROUGE, LES GRANDS CHAILLOTS One-third comes from vineyards in the Nuits-St Georges commune, two-thirds from Chambolle. There's 20% whole-bunch, and a longer maceration	Another gem of a find by Thibault, this vineyard was planted in 1918 and is ideally placed opposite the Clos de l'Arlot in Prémeaux-Prissey. Thibault handles all the vineyard work and buys the grapes from the owner, so it's effectively a <i>domaine</i> bottling. Harvested	south-facing basin of broken rock, filled by eroded topsoil. This is not in the broad-shouldered Aloxe style; it's delicate and linear, with appealing floral and red- fruit notes, and a silky, easy finish. Drink 2021-2027.	Thibault is trying some innovative viticulture here, as well as 80% whole-bunch and 100% new wood. There are heady top notes of peony and violet, and the palate is rich and age-worthy. Drink 2025-2035.	
this year, as well as some punching down for more	at 25hl/ha due to the July hailstorms, this has lovely	E5095B 6x75cl bottles in bond £288.00	E5102B 6x75cl bottles in bond £780.00	
extraction. A ripe and pretty bouquet, there's rather more texture than in 2017. Very composed. Drink now to 2024.	perfume, as well as concentration and weight that punches above its appellation. Drink 2021-2025.	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU	
<b>E5091B</b> 6x75cl bottlesin bond <b>£96.00</b>	<b>E5567B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond <b>£150.00</b>	The fruit here is from three of Thibault's village vineyards – Fremières, Gamaires and Mal Carrées	From a long block at the southern end of the <i>clos</i> , right by the wall, this covers three distinct <i>terroirs</i> . The	
BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS ROUGE, LE CLOS DU PRIEURÉ	<b>GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA CROIX DES CHAMPS</b> Identifiable by its prosaic location by the bus-stop on the outskirts of Gevrey, this vineyard has quite	- all planted between 1954 and 1962. There is 40% whole-bunch and the wine is quite tight and assertive for a Chambolle. A real success in this vintage. Drink 2021-2028.	oldest vines, from 1944, are whole-bunch fermented. Thibault's Clos Vougeot always displays a very measured touch. Drink 2025-2035.	
This remote vineyard, 10km west of Arcenant, sits at 400 metres' altitude, with steep (40% incline) south- facing slopes of white marl and limestone. The vines here were planted in 1986 and 2002. It always achieves really good maturity, and it got really ripe in 2018. A deep bouquet for a Hautes Côtes but the fruit is pure	heavy soil, whose effect Thibault leavens with plenty of whole-bunch (50%). The wine is bright and creamy with little ambition for complexity, but with plenty for pleasure, carrying the house style impeccably. Drink 2021-2026.	E5096B 6x75cl bottles in bond £300.00	E5103B 6x75cl bottles in bond £780.00	
and still spritely. Drink now to 2024.	<b>E5093B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond <b>£252.00</b>			
<b>E5092B</b> 6x75cl bottles in bond £108.00				

# CÔTE DE NUITS Nuits-St Georges

Prices are quoted by the case in bond, inclusive of freight and insurance, but exclusive of VAT and duty. Larger-format bottles may be available on request.

# **Domaine Tawse**

## MARK FINCHAM



Our relationship with Domaine Tawse goes back many years, to the days of Domaine Maume, which was purchased in 2012 by Canadian Moray Tawse. Since then there have been shrewd additions of vineyards in Beaune, Savigny and Volnay, the winemaking has moved to Marchand Tawse's facility in Nuits-St Georges and a bright, affable English winemaker by the name of Mark Fincham has been installed. Having previously made wine at Domaine du Peqau in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Mark is realising his dream of making Burgundy. The vineyards are worked organically and biodynamically, often with the help of a horse. The style here is clean, precise and terroir-driven.

Mark elected to pick early in 2018, explaining that he felt he had to preserve good acidity and keep sugar levels low rather than wait for full phenolic ripeness. His decision appears to have been vindicated as the wines are fresh, red-fruited and energetic, yet there are no green or underripe tannins. Recognising the ripeness of the vintage would have a greater impact on those vineyards which are best exposed to the sun, Mark changed the order of harvesting, picking the Grands and Premiers Crus before the village and Bourgogne vines. Harvest began on 8th September and the wines came in at a modest 12.9 to 13.8 degrees of potential alcohol. This is a vintage that Mark likes,

describing it as voluptuous, but he's pleased with the purity and freshness he has managed to capture.

# Red

## BEAUNE, CLOS DU ROI, 1ER CRU

Tawse's parcel is in the middle of the Clos du Roi, almost a *clos* within the *clos*. Mark used around 40% whole-bunch here, providing floral lift and a fresh, crunchy finish to what is a generous and creamy wine. The tannins are silky and juicy, and there is a long, powdery finish. Drink 2022-2028.

#### E4607B 6x75cl bottles in bond

## GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, VILLAGE

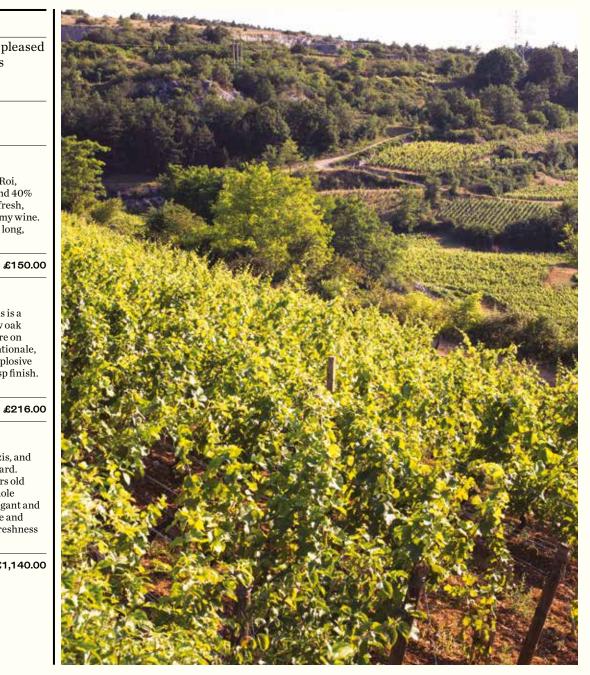
Picked between 10th and 12th September, this is a blend of eight different parcels, with 20% new oak and 20% whole-bunch. Many of the parcels are on the stony clay soils to the east of the Route Nationale, giving an elegant and silky Gevrey with an explosive red-fruit nose, crunchy ripe berries and a crisp finish. Drink 2022-2028.

E4608B 6x75cl bottles in bond £216.00

# MAZIS-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Tawse is one of the largest proprietors in Mazis, and this is arguably the best example of the vineyard. The oldest vines, aged between 75 and 80 years old and making up 12% of the volume, go in as whole berries, with the remainder de-stemmed. Elegant and sophisticated, but with the classic Mazis spice and wildness, this was picked early and has real freshness and energy. Drink 2028-2040.

E4609B 6x75cl bottles in bond £1,140.00



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# **Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils**

SÉBASTIEN CATHIARD



Sylvain Cathiard's grandfather, a foundling from Savoie, came to work in Vosne-Romanée, subsequently buying a few parcels of vineyards for himself. His son André Cathiard began to bottle some of the crop. In due course Sylvain began work with his father but then separated to start his own small domaine, until, on his father's retirement in 1995, Sylvain could take back the family vineyards on a rental agreement. He has now passed the domaine on to his son Sébastien and a spacious new cellar has been constructed.

It was a bleak, drizzly morning in November when we finally managed to find a mutually suitable time to taste Sébastien's 2018s, towards the end of a three-week stint in Burgundy, and when our impressions of '18 were, for the most part, already in place. It is hard to recall a recent tasting that so profoundly both confounded and confirmed our expectations.

From the very first wine, it was clear that Sébastien's '18s are very special. The shape of these wines is familiar within the context of the vintage: they are ripe, the tannins are positive yet harmonious, and the wines are not marked by any evident acidity, while having a mineral freshness. These are all markers at the other addresses where it's a successful red wine vintage. And yet, in each wine there lay buried a glistening nugget of the purest fruit, that defied expectations and blossomed during each tasting, so that the final impression was of detail, delicacy and precision. This is a perfectly wonderful range of wines in '18, classically styled, while in tune with the vintage.

The sense of awe is compounded when you understand that there are no tricks or fads in play here. This is a steadfastly traditional but meticulous *domaine* in its winemaking and the vineyards are beautifully managed. Sébastien may have tweaked the maceration and fermentation times in recent vintages, and moved towards an embrace of nature's rhythms in the vineyard but, in essence, these wines are just the purest expression of their *terroir*, guided by an instinctive and gifted *vigneron* and winemaker.

# Red

#### COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS, LES CROIX BLANCHES

This is Sébastien's third vintage from this vineyard between Nuits and Vosne, co-planted with two-thirds Gamay and one-third Pinot Noir, which are picked and vinified together. With impeccable, delicious, crunchy, slightly savoury fruit, it bursts with freshness. A marker for Sébastien's success this year. Drink now to 2024.

E5159B 6x75cl bottles in bond

## BOURGOGNE ROUGE

From a quarter-hectare of vines around Vosne and Vougeot, no new oak is used for this *cuvée*. It's always a beguiling Bourgogne Rouge, with the silky textures of Vosne, but underpinned by a bit of Vougeot muscle. It's perfectly in balance, with some enticing dark mulberry fruit this year. Drink now to 2024. E5160B 6 x 75clbottles in bond POA

# NUITS-ST GEORGES

This comes from Les Athées, the first vineyard on the left going north out of Nuits. As usual, the tiny plot has yielded three barrels, one of which is new. It has a full, deep nose with a lovely herbal edge, no sense of heaviness and a core of precise, slightly mineral fruit – more dark and savoury than floral. Drink 2022-2028.

POA

POA

# E5161B 6x75cl bottles in bond

# VOSNE-ROMANÉE

POA

This comes from four different *lieux-dits*, totalling just under a hectare, with some vines dating back to 1945. As usual, Sébastien has coaxed beautiful, discreet textures from the fruit. It's the epitome of Vosne-Romanée, with its grace and quiet power. Drink 2022-2028.

E5162B 6x75clbottlesinbondPOACHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CLOS DE L'ORMEThese old vines (mostly from 1935) are in a very well-<br/>sited vineyard, just under Premier Cru Les Plantes<br/>and, arguably, of similar status. The wine's quite flashy<br/>this year, with bramble fruit, a seductive creaminess<br/>and a lovely, piquant cranberry twist to the finish.<br/>Drink 2022-2028.E5163B 6x75clbottlesinbondPOANUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRUThis vineyard has a lovely position and exposition at<br/>the mouth of the combe. There is gravel over limestone,

so perfume and grace are the watchwords, with just the finish adding some Nuits solidity. Drink 2024-2030.

E5164B 6x75cl bottles in bond

E5165B 6x75cl bottles in bond	PO
VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX, 1ER CR	U
An enticing Vosne, almost uncharacteristical	
and lacy. Above Echézeaux but facing northea	ast, this
vineyard has wonderful 70-year-old vines, fro	
Sébastien takes cuttings to plant in his other as well. Drink 2025-2032.	vineyard
as well. Drink 2025-2032.	
E5166B 6x75cl bottles in bond	PO
VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX REIGNOTS, 1ER C	RU
This high, sandy, well-drained and windy vin	
sits above La Romanée. The wine has a miner	
fresh core, with a strawberry-coulis outer lay	er, and a
charming, tensile finish. Drink 2024-2030.	
E5167B 6x75cl bottles in bond	PO
VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER C	RU
From 0.16 hectares of vines near the Clos St	Denis
of Echezeaux, this is a vigorous, assertive wi	
densely layered and brooding, but Sébastien	
allows a little light to shine between the laye	rs.
Drink 2026-2035.	
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E5168B 6x75cl bottles in bond VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX MALCONSORTS,	1ER CRU
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# **Domaine Jean Grivot**

#### MATHILDE & ETIENNE GRIVOT



Jean Grivot, whose name continues to appear on the labels, took over from his father Gaston in 1955 and handed the estate on to his son Etienne in the early 1980s. Etienne, married to Marielle Bize from Savigny, has been through a number of incarnations as winemaker here. When he took over, his father's style was for gentle, graceful wines which perhaps were a little weak in the lesser vintages. Since then Etienne has found his own voice and made a range of increasingly fine wines. The drive to reduce vields and fine-tune his work in the vinevards and cellar since the mid-2000s continues to enhance quality. The succession to the next generation is now well underway, with Mathilde and Hubert increasingly influential, under their father's experienced and wise quidance.

As in 2003, the decision was to wait for the rain, which duly arrived on 6th September following a change of moon, with 22 to 23mm falling, unblocking the maturity in the grapes and allowing the skins to ripen. The result is a beautiful range of wines with supple, silky textures and no lack of freshness. Etienne explains that his vineyard work, particularly his decision to delay the first ploughing of the season, artificially holding back the vines' vegetative cycle by a couple of weeks, was key to maintaining harmonious balance of acid, tannin and sugar in his grapes.

The unusual conditions necessitated a change to the usual order of picking; having

begun as usual with Bourgogne and village Vosne, Etienne noticed that well-exposed Grand and Premier Cru vineyards were ripening quickly, so switched to those before returning later to the deeper clay soils, where sugar levels were increasing more slowly.

Drawing further parallels to 2003 - a hugely successful vintage at this address - Etienne emphasised the importance of controlling the temperature in the winery to avoid extracting harsh tannins. Upon arrival all the grapes were de-stemmed and cooled down to 8 to 10°C for between six and eight days, extracting colour and flavour at low temperatures. Similarly, gentle pump-overs were favoured over the more extractive punch-downs. The quality of Grivot's wines, particularly in the silken tannic profile, is exceptional this year, the fruit of many years' experience and one man's confidence to hold out when his neighbours had already finished.

# Red

## BOURGOGNE ROUGE

The fruit here all comes from around Vosne-Romanée, from both sides of the D974, enhanced by some lovely old vines (some of which are 70 years old). This wine's a real overperformer in 2018 thanks to its deeper soils, which held more water and stayed cool in the warm, dry conditions. Sweet, crunchy, red-berry fruit combines perfectly with smoky oak and silky, creamy tannins. Drink 2021-2026.

E5172B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£150.00
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# VOSNE-ROMANÉE

This wine is typically a bellwether for the vintage at Grivot, the usual blend of differing *terroirs* across the appellation. Rich, creamy fruit and beautiful velvet tannins set the tone for the rest of the range, with ripe red-berry fruit, subtle floral touches and a hint of oak spice. Drink 2022-2028.

E5174B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£282.00

## NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX LAVIÈRES

This vineyard sits above several village Vosne vineyards, and the delicate Grivot touch imbues the wine with an elegant and caressing character. Ripe, juicy red fruit fills the palate, wrapped in perfectly ripe tannins which simply melt away, leaving a chalky, fresh finish. Drink 2022-2028.

E5173B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£282.00

## CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LA COMBE D'ORVEAU

Tucked away in the valley, this is a cool vineyard which has really come into its own this year, arguably the equal of a Premier Cru. The nose is classically Chambolle, with a seductive floral perfume and delicate berry fruit. The palate is sophisticated and elegant with silken, cashmere tannins and a saline finish. Drink 2023-2029.

E5175B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£312.00

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, RONCIÈRE, 1ER CRU

In Etienne's hands Roncière is always an elegant and red-fruited expression of Nuits, even in a warm vintage such as 2018. Red fruit abounds on the caressing palate, while the finish is spicy and refreshing, with a cooling sage-mint feel. Drink 2024-2030.

**E5177B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£576.00** 

## NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES PRULIERS, 1ER CRU

The deeper clay soil here has preserved an energetic, mentholated freshness, which provides an engaging counterpoint to the black cherry fruit and bitter dark chocolate notes. The attack is friendly and generous, but there is serious structure behind, and this will require patience. Drink 2025-2031.

**E5178B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£576.00** 

## VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES ROUGES, 1ER CRU

Les Rouges, a high vineyard by Vosne standards, is really benefitting from warmer growing seasons, adding some flesh to the bones of what can be a rather linear wine. There is still a gorgeous, perfumed lift to the nose, and a saline freshness to the finish, but the sweet red-berry core adds a little more generosity and weight. Drink 2023-2030.

#### **E5176B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£576.00**

## NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX BOUDOTS, 1ER CRU

An exceptional position, right on the border between Nuits and Vosne, and beside Malconsorts, this has a sweet perfume of violets and a firm, graphite grip to the middle. It's suave and rounded, without being soft or weak, and with the underlying intensity of the 90-year-old vines. Drink 2025-2032.

E5179B 6x75cl bottles in bond

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#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BEAUX MONTS, 1ER CRU

There are two parts to this vineyard; the lower part by Échezeaux is rich and fleshy, the higher part stricter. Grivot always harvests and vinifies both parts together. The fruit is rich and creamy, while floral notes imply whole-bunch, even though there isn't any. Gentle tannins melt seamlessly. As Etienne says, this is suggestive, rather than demonstrative. Drink 2025-2032.

E5181B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£798.00		
VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER CRU				

Where Beaux Monts was floral, Suchots is most certainly a wine of fruit – wild red berries in liqueur. Rather ethereal and hard to pin down at present, this will require patience. There is a promising petrol reduction and a real sense of hidden depths here. Drink 2027-2035.

E5182B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£960.00
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#### CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

The Grivots have been working very hard at their Clos de Vougeot over the years, looking to soften the wine's usually sturdy tannins. There is certainly structure behind the sweet, perfumed, red-berry fruit, but this is elegant in its construction. A strong wine that Etienne is trying to educate. Drink 2028-2038.

E5184B	6x75clbottlesinbond	£960.00
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#### ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU

Initially a hedonistic wine which is absolutely charming, there's an explosion of rose petals and wild strawberry, but the palate reveals an intense and elegant structure under the generous fruit. The finish is very long and fine with pleasing restraint after an exuberant and expressive start. Drink 2027-2037.

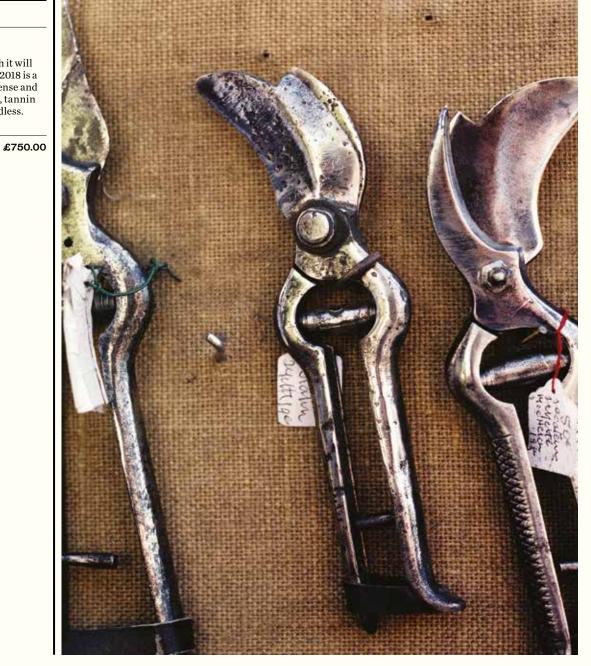
E5185B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£1,350.00

#### RICHEBOURG, GRAND CRU

Any description of Richebourg feels as though it will fall short of doing justice to the wine, but the 2018 is a truly breath-taking, magnificent example. Dense and powerful, with layer upon layer of fruit, spice, tannin and acid, there is a depth that feels almost endless. Drink 2030-2045.

E5186B 1x75clbottleinbond



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# **Domaine Nicole Lamarche**

#### NICOLE LAMARCHE



Domaine Lamarche today produces 14 different wines from 11 hectares. Ancestors of the Lamarche family were already living in the village of Vosne-Romanée in 1740. though the domaine was really established in the early 20th century. Henri Lamarche, born in 1903, received La Grande Rue in 1933 as a wedding present. Henri was succeeded by his son François and now his granddaughters; Nicole in charge of winemaking and Nathalie on the marketing side. As well as more meticulous work in the vinevards, better barrel selection and a new cuverie (since 2000) have combined to make this a fine and consistent domaine. From the 2018 vintage, the estate will be known as Domaine Nicole Lamarche.

Under Nicole's influence, this *domaine* has become a source of some of the most limpid yet impressive expressions of Pinot Noir. At no stage is Nicole looking for power and, as her wines' intensity comes purely from the vineyard, an understanding of her winemaking process is of interest. The harvest is planned by analysis in the vineyards over two days and creating a picking plan. On receipt, everything is de-stemmed, as Nicole only wants the smoother skin tannins. After a gentle pressing, during which the juice is constantly tasted and the pressing stopped before the first hint of bitterness, the juice and skins are chilled to 6°C and then allowed to warm naturally. This instigates

a very gentle start to the fermentation. Extraction is very gentle. Every tank is tasted constantly and as soon as Nicole has the balance she seeks, the wines go straight to barrel.

For 2018. Nicole decided to wait for full phenolic maturity and a little rain on 5th and 6th September helped to unblock the grapes and bolster the acidity. The harvest began on 7th September. This is one of the magic addresses of the vintage. The wines have such finesse and all show Pinot Noir's extraordinary ability to build flavour and complexity in the mouth from what appear to be light and ephemeral components. In actuality, the wines are just the reverse. The *domaine* operates organically and biodynamically but is not certified. For Nicole, it is a philosophy, not a marketing tool.

# Red

# **VOSNE-ROMANÉE**

This is from five plots: Au Dessus de la Rivière, Aux Réas, Pré de la Folie, Bossières and Chalandins, just under one hectare in all. The colour is pale and translucent, the bouquet gentle, herbal, easy and fresh. Lovely understated texture, svelte and effortless. Textbook Lamarche. Drink 2022-2028.

£255.00

#### E5189B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHAUMES, 1ER CRU

Just below Malconsorts on the Nuits border, this is one of the lower-sited Vosne Premiers Crus and its style is quite full-bodied. This is solid and long, wellstructured and nicely discreet. Drink 2023-2029.

E5191B 6x75cl bottles in bond £405.00

	, 1ER CRU	LA GRANDE RUE, GRAND CRU	
This comes from two parcels, one in section, the other in the lower "cuvet aromatically so fine and delicate, you presence, only for it to dramatically o an afterthought. Drink 2025-2032.	te". It's 1 doubt its	This runs the length beside the three Grands Crus. The pedigree of the vir constant accumulation of scents and heady, then silky and intense, all the the fragility of Pinot Noir. Drink 202	neyards drives a l tastes, floral and while cosseting
E5192B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£450.00	E5198B 3x75cl bottles in bond	£1,425.00
VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES MALCONS	ORTS, 1ER CRU		
Lamarche has two parcels here, highe a hectare in all. The subtle and comple ripe but not at all sweet. The equally <u>p</u> resonant, with fine, silky tannins, all Drink 2026-2038.	ex nose is very profound palate is		
E5193B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£585.00		
ÉCHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU			
This comes from three <i>lieux-dits:</i> Cru Traversins and Clos St Denis. The mu vineyard adds another dimension to N winemaking. This is dense, yet still w strawberry fruit. Drink 2026-2035.	scularity of this Nicole's delicate		
E5195B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£660.00		
CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU All three of the <i>clos's terroirs</i> are cove south. This is an exceedingly fragrant Clos de Vougeot; not burly, but neithe expression. Drink 2026-2035.	, slightly atypical		
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E5196B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£660.00		
E5196B 6x75clbottles in bond GRANDS ÉCHEZEAUX, GRAND CR This is a big beast, from only 0.3 hecta is brooding, with an earthy and iron-i palate is almost meaty, but there is als balance. A full sensory experience. Dr	U ares. The bouquet nfused note. The so sweetness to		

£1,425.00

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# **Domaine Guyon**

#### JEAN-PIERRE GUYON



This excellent domaine in Vosne-Romanée has flown under the radar – perhaps because Jean-Pierre Guyon spends so much of his time out in the vineyards, which have been farmed organically since 2006, certified from 2012. With his high-pedigree viticulture as a great starting point, Jean-Pierre can employ whole-bunch fermentation as the stalks are ripe, eschewing the use of sulphur at this stage, though some is added during élevage and at bottling to assure stability.

Jean-Pierre is so dedicated to his vines that it is usually only possible to visit and taste at the end of the day. Every daylight hour of Jean-Pierre's day seems to be spent in the vineyard and the result is vines that produce wonderfully healthy and perfectly ripe bunches that are vital for his policy of only using whole bunches for all the red wines in his range. Jean-Pierre is also adamant that the use of whole-bunch fermentation is the only way forward if the trend for early, ripe harvests continues. Their use can deliver a tension to the wine to make up for the lower levels of acidity.

Jean-Pierre's 2017s were so successful (after his gamble on a late harvest, awaiting some rain) that the super-ripe '18s could have paled by comparison. They do not, but they are in a rather different style. He started the vintage for his Savignys and white Nuits at the end of August, but addressed his Côte de Nuits reds from 9th September, during a week of high temperatures. The '18s are fabulously ripe wines, some with a hint of the exotic about them but, it must be stressed, never with any sense that they are unbalanced or overripe. They do have an energy and integrity (doubtless from the whole bunches) but also attributable to Jean-Pierre's minimal use of sulphur, which is employed, if at all, at bottling. So, a fine range, as ever and Jean-Pierre's growing band of followers will be very satisfied.

# White

### MOREY-ST DENIS, LA BIDAUDE

White wine from Morey limestone is not that rare. Here Jean-Pierre has Chardonnay in a high vineyard directly above Clos des Lambrays. There is a richness that suggests perhaps a Chassagne, but also an edginess that is very Côtes de Nuits. Very detailed in 2018, it's strongly built, with a creamy core. Drink 2022-2027.

E5201B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£210.00
Red	
BOURGOGNE ROUGE	
This is a blend of three parcels, all in V Combes, Croix Blanche and Pâquiers. ' a wine driven by Jean-Pierre's style; it rounded, fragrant and very slightly spi of the whole bunches give freshness, w bunches themselves contribute salinit Drink now to 2024.	This is always is supple, cy. The stalks hile the whole
E5202B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£132.00

this year, encouraging Jean-Pierre to use wood. With plenty of weight, it's superbly every ounce of personality squeezed fron modest provenance. Drink 2021-2025.	lush, with	<i>cuvée</i> . Th on the no Drink 20
E5203B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£150.00	E5209B
		VOSNE-
SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES PEUILLE This is quite a sandy vineyard, but there i stress in this wine, despite the dryness of One of Jean-Pierre's skills is to be able to intensity from lighter soils. This is rich fo but without losing its balance. Drink 202	s no sign of The vintage. deliver or a Savigny,	Brûlées i neverthe has a lus a structu <b>E5210B</b>
E5205B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£210.00	VOSNE-
NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX HERBUES		This coo
This is always a most expressive Nuits, fu fruit and, this year, with a violet top note. floral for a Nuits, probably due to its Vosn	. It's unusually le proximity.	Orveaux this year floral tha Drink 20
The palate is rounded and creamy with a vanilla. Drink 2021-2027.	hint of	E5211B
E5206B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£240.00	CLOSV
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES PLATIÈR	ES	Jean-Pie
These old vines – between 80 and 90 year in La Platière, Roncevie and Le Fourneau of the main road. Jean-Pierre's ability to o	2018; the lift and p the meat	
expression from these lower vineyards is There's lots of black fruit and spice, as we	astonishing.	E5212B
wine's trademark morello cherry. Drink 2		ECHEZE
E5207B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£252.00	A brilliaı footed. T
VOSNE-ROMANÉE		heady. A cloud of s
This is benchmark Vosne – intense yet refi is concentrated and smoky, the palate rich fruit, but with a glossy feel. Jean-Pierre's o to his Charmes de Mazières but that still l	with dark oldest vines go	E5213B

to 50 years old for this cuvée. Drink 2021-2027.

£345.0

E5208B 6x75cl bottles in bond

CHOREY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES BONS ORES

Directly by the main road on the east side, these are

very old vines and the wine shows notable structure

# VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHARMES DE MAZIÈRES

	'5cl bottles in bond	£432.00
VOSNE-ROM	ANÉE, LES BRÛLÉES	, 1ER CRU
Brûlées is abo	ve Les Suchots and eas	t-facing but,
	it does produce a rich s	
	spicy entry, and the pla	
a structured, l	iquorice-noted finish.	Drink 2023-2030
E5210B 6x7	'5cl bottles in bond	£720.00
VOSNE-ROM	ANÉE, EN ORVEAUX,	1ER CRU
This cool. nort	th-easterly vineyard si	ts above the
	on of Echézeaux. There	
this year (66%	) and good tension in tl	he wine; more
floral than spie	ce, and a tight, more mi	ineral finish.
Drink 2023-20	030.	
E5211B 6x7	'5cl bottles in bond	£720.00
CLOS VOUGE	EOT, GRAND CRU	
Jean-Pierre ha	as reduced the new woo	d for this wine for
2018; the wine	is already strong enoug	h, he feels. Greate
	ne than many, there's a	
the meaty hear	rt of Clos Vougeot. Drin	k 2026-2035.
E5212B 6x7	'5cl bottles in bond	£1,020.00
ECHEZEAUX	, GRAND CRU	
A brilliant win	e, this is a massive edifi	ce but not heavy-
	ne is strong, ripe and fle	
	the dark core of the wi	
heady. Around		
	ed red fruits. Drink 202'	7-2038.

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# **Domaine Méo-Camuzet**

### JEAN-NICOLAS MÉO



Méo-Camuzet is one of Burgundy's most renowned estates. but until 1988 its holdings were leased out to other vignerons who sharecropped the land, and much of the wine was sold in bulk. Jean-Nicolas Méo's arrival in 1989 saw more and more wines being bottled by the property, and since 2007 the domaine has kept everything. In addition to these wonderful holdings, Jean-Nicolas has established a high-quality négociant business, Méo-Camuzet Frère & Soeurs, to buy fruit from trusted growers across the Côte. Vinevard work is overseen by Méo-Camuzet and the wines are of the same excellent quality as those from the domaine vinevards.

For Jean-Nicolas, the style of the vintage is summed up by the volte-face in the vineyard, where they had to undertake a form of "reverse sorting"; removing overripe – rather than underripe – grapes. Everything was very early and the vintage very compressed. For example, the *domaine*'s two vineyards in Corton, Perrières and Rognet (which sit at opposite ends of the Hill of Corton) which are always harvested several days apart were, this year, harvested together, on 29th August. The famous Cros Parantoux was also early to ripen and the bulk of the harvest began on 1st September.

Jean-Nicolas recognises that this is a vintage with low acidity, but he is, nevertheless, pleased with the freshness. The tannins are big but they are also very ripe and melting and, in fact, all the elements come together in an expression that is very much in line with the house style. The alcohol levels are all between 13.5% and 14%, but everything is smoothly and appealingly integrated, and the overall sense throughout the range this year is of mellifluous harmony. Do not underestimate the top wines – they have plenty of structure and will cellar very gracefully.

# White

## BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS BLANC, CLOS SAINT-PHILIBERT, DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

This vineyard was created by Jean-Nicolas in 1989 from poor, stony ground at the top of the hill, behind the trees above Echezeaux. It always has an energetic pure fruit-stone character. Fermented and aged in oak (15% new this year), and with 5% Pinot Blanc, it's rich for a Hautes Côtes. Drink now to 2024.

		Drink 202
E5321B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£150.00	
		E5391B
Red		VOSNE-R
		DOMAINE
NUITS-ST GEORGES, MÉO-CAMUZET & SŒURS	FRÈRE	This is a be touching F 1930, givir
This comes from three plots totalling 1.5	bhectares,	Brûlées, w
in Bas de Combe (which is a <i>domaine</i> hole Charmotte and Atheés (all on the Vosne	0,,	compact f
Nuits). This is a big <i>cuvée</i> for Jean-Nicola		E5392B
With lots of succulent fruit and fine, sua	· · · ·	
it's glossy and very appealing - and no lig	gntweight.	

#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE, DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

Three-quarters of the blend is from the high Les Barreaux vineyard, just above Cros Parentoux; the rest is from the lower Aux Communes, between the village and the main road. The higher vineyards drive this, providing a juicy freshness to the lower land's deeper, richer notes. Drink 2021-2027.

#### **E5385B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£378.00**

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, MÉO-CAMUZET FRÈRE & SŒURS

This vineyard's exposure to the cooling breezes funnelling through the Combe d'Orveau provides the wine with a tingling freshness. There are younger vines here also, giving a satisfying crunchiness. Drink 2021-2028.

#### **E5384B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£570.00**

#### CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

Méo-Camuzet has some of the best holdings in the Clos de Vougeot, just below the château and in Grand Maupertui, this year blended together. This is very smooth and almost chocolatey in its silkiness. Drink 2026-2038.

£1,260.00

£375.00

## 91B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU, DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

This is a beautifully positioned, east-facing plot, touching Richebourg. The oldest vines date from 1930, giving miniscule yields. It's an exceptionally fine Brûlées, with some lacy silkiness under the pure but compact fruit. Drink 2026-2038.

E5392B 1x75cl bottle in bond



# CÔTE DE NUITS Chambolle-Musigny

# **Domaine Ghislaine Barthod**

#### GHISLAINE BARTHOD



Ghislaine Barthod's domaine originated in the 1920s with Marcel Noëllat whose daughter married Gaston Barthod, a soldier stationed in Dijon who came to buy some wine and got the girl as well. He gave up military life for the vineyards in 1960. His daughter, Ghislaine, and her partner Louis Boillot bought their current premises overlooking Premier Cru Les Feusselottes in 1986. Though they share the team who work the vineyards, the vinification and commercial aspects of their businesses are kept completely separate. The domaine has an incomparable range of Chambolle-*Musigny terroirs, with eight separate* Premier Cru bottlings. Ghislaine and Louis's son Clément is now working closely with his parents and taking a greater share of the winemaking duties each year.

This is the only property we work with that focuses exclusively on the wines of Chambolle-Musigny and, as such, is a good place to consider the character and style of Chambolle in a year like 2018. For all the succulence, accessibility and richness of its red wines, '18 is not a vintage of delicacy and subtle aromas – characteristics with which Chambolle is empirically associated. Ghislaine's reaction to that proposition was interesting. Firstly, like any *vigneronne*, she was just delighted to have a harvest of ripe and healthy fruit, in reasonable quantity, safely gathered. With regard to the style of '18, her position was simply, "It is what it is," and, this year, Chambolle happens to have a more opulent side. It's just this vintage, next year will be different.

Clément was very positive about the vintage. There is lots of fruit, the wines are not too heavy and there is good richness. He had been worried about unbalanced wines with low acidity, but that is not how they have turned out. Their old vines and vineyard work will have played a hand. Certainly, throughout the range, there is never any lack of balance or freshness, just a much sunnier and juicier aspect that is charming and unassumingly confident. The young vines were picked on 23rd August and the main harvest started on 1st September, finishing on 5th September. A special address, as always.

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## BOURGOGNE ROUGE

Ever present, ever faithful, this stalwart is always one of the most pleasing examples of its type. All from the Bon Bâtons vineyard (to be disclosed on the label from 2019), this is loaded with accessible red fruit, but there is also a presence and composure. A cultured delight. Drink now to 2025.

E5217B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£132.00
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY	
This is from 11 different parcels (totalling across the appellation, plus some young v Chatelots this year. It's a very composed ( with lots of perfume and maturity, but als tell-tale notes of cranberry and redcurran charming. Drink 2021-2026.	ines from Chambolle, so wonderful
E5218B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£285.00

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CHATELOTS, 1ER CRU

The younger vines in the deeper soils of Chatelots suffered a little in 2018, so the fruit for this year's *cuvée* is only from the old vines (70 and 35 years old). Pretty and strawberry-scented, it's ripe and rounded in the mouth. Drink 2022-2028.

£465.00

£465.00

## E5221B 6x75clbottlesinbond

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES GRUENCHERS, 1ER CRU

Ghislaine only acquired their parcel here in 2009. The onomatopoeia of the name suggests crunchiness, and there is lots of life and freshness on the midpalate. It's very pretty indeed, and with backbone too. Drink 2022-2029.

**E5220B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£465.00** 

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, AUX BEAUX BRUNS, 1ER CRU

This is a lower Premier Cru, although Ghislaine's vines are in the higher section. This was the first to be harvested in 2018 and, although solid and quite rich for a Chambolle, it is still fresh and satisfying. Drink 2022-2029.

#### **E5222B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£465.00**

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BAUDES, 1ER CRU

A really good position, just under Bonnes Mares, this shares some of that vineyard's *terres rouges*. This has a bit of Bonnes-Maries-ish muscle and its weight is counterpointed by a cherry-stone finish. Drink 2023-2030.

E5223B 6x75clbottlesinbond

### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU

This is at the same altitude as Bonnes Mares, but more influenced by the cool air of the combe. This feels assertive and ripe. There is a lot of jostling intensity before the finish pulls together with promise. Drink 2023-2030.

£528.00

E5224B 6x75clbottlesinbond

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#### **Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils**

#### LOUIS BOILLOT



Louis Boillot came to Chambolle-Musigny, where his partner Ghislaine Barthod is based, from Gevrey-Chambertin, though – as his full range of wines indicates – he is descended from the Volnay family of Boillots. He was formerly associated with his brother and father at Domaine Lucien Boillot, but set up on his own from the 2003 vintage. In 2013, Louis supplemented his holdings in the Côte d'Or with the purchase of just over four hectares of well-sited old vines in the north of Moulin-à-Vent. Louis and Ghislaine have been joined by their son Clément, who is playing a bigger role in the winery.

This is a little jewel of a *domaine*, a cluster of mostly tiny vineyards with very old vines, and the village wines especially over-deliver. Louis certainly knew what he was doing when they were dividing up the family holdings in 2003. On 2018, Louis didn't have much to say. He started the harvest in Volnay on 25th August and finished in the Côte de Nuits on 6th September. The vintage took a little longer than usual as they had fewer pickers this year. He is happy with the ripeness, the wines are healthy, but he does believe that the climate is changing and so must Burgundy.

But, when discussing his Moulin-à-Vents, Louis becomes more misty-eyed. He had always wanted to buy in Beaujolais as his grandmother (from the Henri Boillot side) had vineyards there. He used to spend his school holidays there, but the land was subsequently sold. When the opportunity to buy in Moulin-à-Vent arose in '13, Louis didn't hesitate, perhaps also encouraged by the belief that, from the late 18th century until the First World War, Moulin-à-Vent used to sell for more than Le Chambertin.

#### Red

#### MOULIN-À-VENT, VIEILLES VIGNES

The eponymous old vines are found in three parcels; two on the pink granite emblematic of Moulin-à-Vent, the third on deeper clay soil. Combined, they produce a Beaujolais of breath-taking concentration, tightly packed with blackberry fruit and grippy tannins. Drink 2021-2026.

£81.00

#### MOULIN-À-VENT, LES BRUSSELLIONS

E5232B 6x75cl bottles in bond

A playful floral hit precedes aromas of pepper and wild herbs. This *cuvée* hails from a sandy, dry site and is invariably more mineral than the Vieilles Vignes, with a touch more freshness. There's a generous dose of juicy black fruit on the mid-palate, but this is categorically a wine that needs time to reveal itself. Drink 2022-2028.

## E5234B 6x75cl bottles in bond £105.00 VOLNAY, LES GRANDS POISOTS

Les Grands Poisots is a cool site with deep clay soil on the border with Pommard. As a consequence, Louis always harvests this vineyard last to ensure the tannins are fully ripe, so this was picked on 6th September. The nose offers the pretty and delicate red fruit of Volnay, but the palate has more density than is stereotypical, with more dark cherry and a clear structure. A particularly successful wine in 2018. Drink 2022-2026.

**E5560B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£194.00** 

<b>GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN</b> Fom eight different parcels and some of t		GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHER 1ER CRU	·
oldest vines, up to 85 years in age, this is pleasure to taste. It has Gevrey's armour detectable almost as a note of iron, but th give texture and fluidity. A muscular but wine. Drink 2022-2026.	ed firmness, ne old vines	A jewel of the range, this quarter-hecta planted in 1912, immediately below Gr Chambertin. Here Gevrey moves towa silkiness with intoxicating aromas, all finish into precision. Drink 2025-2032	and Cru Mazis- rds plush lassoed at the
E5228B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£204.00	E5231B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£438.00
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES EVOCEL	LES		
High and east-facing at the northern ex appellation. Louis's version is notable fo of blood orange, although in 2018 these overt. The vineyard's energy is obvious and glintingly mineral character carrie through beautifully. Drink 2022-2028.	or its aromas are a bit less and its strong		
E5229B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£246.00		
VOLNAY, LES ANGLES, 1ER CRU			
Located on the Pommard side of the villa is a warm site which is always picked firs that meant 25th August – to ensure the g become too ripe. This has a perfect balar rich cherry fruit, a perfect 13% alcohol an freshness. There is complexity too – ferr on the nose and a hint of liquorice, as wel ripe tannins. An excellent, structured Vo Drink 2023-2028.	t – in 2018 grapes do not nce of ripe and nd striking ous notes ll as perfectly		
E5559B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£276.00		
POMMARD, LES CROIX NOIRES, 1ER	CRU		
There are only two barrels of Les Croix N year, as Louis is doing some replanting. F are some 80-year-old vines planted at th Pommard's iron-rich deposits. A mini-R dense and obsidian. Drink 2024-2030.	Iere there e heart of		
E5230B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£315.00		

## CÔTE DE NUITS Morey-St Denis

### **Domaine des Lambrays**

#### JACQUES DEVAUGES



The Clos des Lambrays was established in 1363, yet it was only in 1981 that this climat was finally promoted to Grand Cru status. The estate was purchased by the Freund family in 1996, who in turn sold on to LVMH in 2014. Boris Champy assumed full control in '17 following the retirement of Thierry Brouin, and he has been followed by Jacques Devauges, who has come from Clos de Tart next door to take full control from the 2019 vintage. Although the style of the wines is essentially the same, every aspect is being examined to achieve the avowed aim of LVMH's Bernard Arnault to have the domaine held in the same regard as the likes of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and Leroy.

Jacques Devauges is making small changes, such as the use of plot-sized fermentation tanks and an ingenious barrelling method, by which the wines in the cellar are kept in the same order in which they are grown in the vineyard, from the top of the slope to the bottom. This allows Jacques to get a detailed idea of the character and potential of each sector of the *grand vin*'s vineyard. The estate is organic as of 2019, with certification scheduled for '22 (although the wine will not be labelled as such), and a biodynamic regime will start in '20.

Jacques feels that Morey-St Denis was especially favoured in '18, with normal rainfall figures for the year. He also observes that, with flowering at the end of May about two weeks ahead of normal, an early September harvest still gave the necessary hang time; everything was just shifted forward. The decision here was to harvest early, starting on 27th August with his youngest vines. This is not Jacques's first complete vintage, as he only arrived in early '19, but there seems to be a greater sense of purpose in the wines already and, indeed, Jacques may look to extend the '18s' time in barrel for an extra month or two. Great things lie ahead.

#### Red

#### MOREY-ST DENIS

This is sourced from the *domaine*'s vineyards on the higher slope, Les Larrets above Lambrays and En la Rue de Vergy above Clos de Tart. With everything de-stemmed, the wine is very perfumed, floral and intense, lifted by evident limestone minerality. No Grand Cru fruit was included this year, nor will there be in the future, says Jacques. Drink 2022-2028.

#### E5214B 6x75clbottlesinbond £330.00

#### MOREY-ST DENIS, LES LOUPS, 1ER CRU

The three plots for this – La Riotte, Les Sorbès and Le Village – lie immediately below the village. It's floral, with a ripe dark fruit bouquet and a hint of graphite too. Whole-bunch (50%) adds a savoury hint and a touch of Asian spice. Lots going on. Drink 2024-2030.

#### **E5215B** 6x75clbottlesinbond **£495.00**

#### CLOS DES LAMBRAYS, GRAND CRU

This builds on the style of Les Loups, but in three dimensions. There's 80% whole-bunch, and the graphite is still there, but it's more complex. There is a driving sense of purpose, with a bright, tight sense of the vineyard's *terroir* firmly at the heart of the wine. Lots of detail on the finish. Drink 2027-2035.

E5216B 6x75clbottlesinbond £1,350.00

### Dujac Fils & Père

#### ALEC SEYSSES



Starting with the 2000 vintage, Jeremy Seysses set up a négociant business with his father Jacques in order to make attractive and well-priced wine from their own village (Morey-St Denis), supplemented by a wine each from Gevrey-Chambertin and Chambolle-Musigny. The involvement of Jeremy and his brother Alec at the domaine has encouraged a gentle evolution in style, though the core Dujac principles of elegance and intensity remain firmly in place. The wines retain their characteristic smokiness in youth, which develops into an ethereal leafy quality with age. Dujac Fils & Père is an excellent source of good-value Burgundy.

Alec Seysses continues to wrestle with the practicalities of maintaining their small, but very high-quality *négociant* range. Its founding principle was to be able to offer wines under the Dujac name that were ready to drink early and, in a Burgundian context, affordable. But the current dynamic of the Burgundy market means that, because of the cost and availability of good-quality fruit, the wines are more expensive to make than their own *domaine* lines and the squeezed margins cast doubt on their viability. We can only hope that Alec does continue, as this is a benchmark range.

On a more positive note, Alec comments that the modern Burgundian *vigneron* is blessed. A generation ago the harvest was a gamble, a waiting game – and only if the weather held could a ripe harvest be gathered. But there has only been one late harvest this decade ('13), and the *vigneron* today has the luxury to choose a harvest date.



#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

The Dujac touch is nicely evident in this wine, rounding out the mid-palate and softening the edges, but without compromising the wine's intrinsic structure. Red fruit dominates, in the style of the vintage, while 70% whole-bunch provides another level of florality, which lifts the finish. Drink now to 2025.

#### E5235B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£180.00

£180.00

#### MOREY-ST DENIS

There is something about Morey this year. Perhaps it is the characteristic limestone which is often very close to the surface in Morey that has given this year's wines a precision not always found elsewhere. It's just so here: there's redcurrant and spice, with a chalky bite. Drink now to 2025.

#### E5236B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

A warm and early vintage like 2018 is a challenge for Chambolle, which is reputed for its delicacy and sensual, lifted aromatics. Inevitably, Dujac has risen to the challenge. The wine has a richer middle than last year, but this is all about balance, and still capturing some gentle rose and peony notes. Drink now to 2025.

#### **E5237B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£180.00**

#### NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU

This is the third vintage of this wine, from a very well-sited vineyard, between the excellent Murgers and Boudots. With a really lovely and elegant entry, it's plump but somehow simultaneously also reserved. Drink 2024-2030.

E5238B 6x75cl bottles in bond

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### **Domaine Castagnier**

JÉRÔME CASTAGNIER



Jérôme Castagnier is fifth generation, though passage through the female line and sons-in-law has changed the family name: the originator Jules Séguin was succeeded by Albert Rameau then Gilbert Vadey, a military man, who developed the business, working closely with Alexis Lichine. Guy Castagnier, born in Algeria, married Mademoiselle Vadey and began working at the domaine in 1975. Since 2004 the wines have been bottled as Domaine Castagnier. Jérôme, the sole son, did not originally intend to join the family business, becoming instead a professional trumpeter in the Republican Guard. In 2004 he left Paris and the army, and came back to Morey-St Denis.

Jérôme may now be a full-time winemaker but music remains in his bones, and he describes 2018 as a true symphony, with nothing out of place - "no bum notes". Drawing comparison to other recent vintages, he feels there is more weight and breadth than '17, and a little lighter and brighter than '15. Like a great painting, he says, you can see from afar that it is great. Now vice president of the growers' syndicate in Morey, Jérôme's reputation is growing fast and he has big plans for renovating his cellars to make them more practical and comfortable. Because of his usual, careful green harvest, he has made slightly less wine than in '17, but he is delighted with the quality.

## Red

#### BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAINS

A most amiable example. Like all Jérôme's vines, these are planted in a single parcel, here from Morey-St Denis, with two-thirds Pinot Noir, one-third Gamay, co-planted 60-year-old vines. This has a charming, easy, purple fruit profile and a crunchy finish. Very pleasurable. Drink now to 2025.

£96.00

#### E5247B 6x75cl bottles in bond £60.00 **BOURGOGNE ROUGE**

Four barrels of this come from vineyards in Gevrey, with the remaining barrel being declassified village Morey from a parcel that is too small to make on its own. This is a serious wine, with plenty of kirsch fruit, bright acidity and a surprisingly serious structure. Drink now to 2026.

#### E5248B 6x75clbottlesinbond

#### **GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN**

This is from Les Seuvrées, the vineyard which abuts Morey; it shares some of its neighbour's character with blue fruit, with a certain generosity and creamy texture over the crisp limestone spine. A touch of roasted coffee on the nose adds charm and complexity. Drink 2021-2027.

E5250B 6x75clbottlesinbond £216.00

#### CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

This wine comes from a single block in Aux Échanges, which is surrounded by Premier Cru vineyards. The essence of the old vines (planted in 1921) really comes through and gives a silky generosity to the palate. Generous and concentrated with blue-purple fruit and a floral, mineral finish. Drink 2021-2027.

E5249B 6x75cl bottles in bond £225.00

MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHESEAUX, 1ER	CRU	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU	
Jérôme's vines are in the 0.16-hectare highe of the vineyard, which sits just across from 0 Chambertin. The shallow topsoil gives a goo ripeness which manifests itself in a slight ba character, as well as providing the firm, min and chalky tannic finish. Drink 2023-2029.	Charmes- od level of Ilsamic	Jérôme's half-hectare of vines are ideal the Grand Maupertuis <i>lieu-dit</i> , on the V is rich, ripe and full-bodied with power and a liquorice, menthol feel. The finish mouth-watering in its freshness, with o tannins. Drink 2027-2034.	vosne side. This ful dark fruit 1, however, is
E5251B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£330.00	E5255B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£660.00
CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU			
This parcel is a stone's throw from the More Cheseaux, just under Le Chambertin. The 7 vines give a gorgeous, creamy, rounded text charming old-vine floral notes which provid sophistication. Delicious. Drink 2027-2032.	0-year-old ure and le a sense of		
E5252B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£600.00		
CLOS SAINT DENIS, GRAND CRU			
Jérôme is proud to point out that his vines a "historic" part of Clos Saint Denis, rather t later additions. The nose is rich and ripe, w palate is luxurious with an initial cashmere texture which morphs seamlessly into pow warming black fruit. Jérôme describes the here as like the grains of salt in an aged Cor Drink 2027-2034.	han the hile the e, silken erful, minerality		
E5253B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£600.00		
CLOS DE LA ROCHE, GRAND CRU			
This has a gorgeously perfumed nose, so mu that there is the (erroneous) impression of a proportion of whole-bunch. Violets and crus blueberries vie for attention, while the palat silken generosity underpinned by rocky, gec tannins and a spicy, peppery finish. Drink 20	healthy shed e has a ometric		
E5254B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£600.00		

# CÔTE DE NUITS Morey-St Denis

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£330.00

£330.00

£990.00

## **Domaine Lignier-Michelot**

#### VIRGILE LIGNIER



*Virgile Lignier started working alongside* his father in 1988, really taking charge from 2000, by which time all the wines were being bottled at the domaine. Significant advances were made in the vineyards, reducing yields and ploughing the soil, along with the introduction of a sorting table and a higher percentage of new wood in the cellar. The domaine has an exemplary range of Morey-St Denis vinevards, supplemented by one or two cuvées from neighbouring villages.

From the 2019 vintage, Virgile has added some Charmes-Chambertin, Nuits-St Georges Premier Cru and the wellpositioned Morey Genavrières Premier Cru that he has a contract to farm. This brings the estate's holdings to 14 hectares, which Virgile feels is now enough. It is also worth noting that the whole range is sold through Virgile's négociant label which he feels is a simpler message. In practice, the *négociant* arm simply buys all the *domaine* wine. The majority of the range is from the *domaine*, but under the négociant label.

Whole-bunch fermentation is the preferred method here, but rarely 100%. Virgile's view now is that '18 is a rich but great vintage. He started the harvest on 5th September and finished nine days later. Initially, post-fermentation, he was a bit worried, as all the wines seemed to only carry the characteristic of the year. with little vineyard-expression but, after the malolactic fermentation, everything

changed. The wines settled, became more expressive and gained freshness. That is especially true in Morey where, again, the strong limestone influence seems to have bolstered the wines to a greater extent than in neighbouring appellations. It's a really fine result for Virgile in '18 - and especially the further you go up the quality ladder. His Clos de la Roche and Morey-St Denis, Les Faconnières are very special this year.

### Red

#### **BOURGOGNE ROUGE**

This is principally from Chambolle-Musigny (Bons Bâtons, Champs Perdrix and Les Hâtes), with a little fruit from Morey. There's 70% whole-bunch and 30% new wood. Certainly a superior Bourgogne, the black fruit notes are very pretty and there is good concentration, with just enough lift on the finish. Drink 2021-2025.

E5261B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond	£102.00
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#### MOREY-ST DENIS, EN LA RUE DE VERGY

This a high vineyard immediately above Clos de Tart, with only three owners, planted by Virgile's father in 1974. The topsoil is very thin and so the wines are exceedingly mineral, but 2018's warmth has added a most appealing, creamy texture. Succulent and refreshing. Drink 2022-2027.

	E5262B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£180.00
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#### MOREY-ST DENIS, VIEILLES VIGNES

This is from Très Girard, Les Cognées and the village section of Chenevery, with the oldest vines aged 80 years. There is deeper clay here and the wine is in a more generous style for Morey. It's very plush in 2018, but given dimension by a spicy, chunky finish. Drink 2022-2026.

E5263B 6x75cl bottles in bond £180.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CUVÉE BEF	RTIN	MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHARMES,	1ER CRU
Named after Virgile's son, this blends the vineyard of Murots with Les Seuvrées, border with Morey. All whole-bunch, the and compact wine, driven by dark fruit cherry compôte this year. Drink 2021-2	which is on the lis is a very deep and a note of	This is a continuation of the Grand Cru Gevrey, which can also be called Charr really lovely perfume, with 80% whole supple and charming with rose-petal a Drink 2022-2028.	nes. This has -bunch. It's
E5264B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£180.00	E5267B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£330.00
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES V	IGNES	MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHEZEAUX,	, 1ER CRU
This comes from three plots, all at the of Chambolle, close to Morey, with an a of 65 years. This has a lot of pure Chan well-handled in 2018. There is 70% wh and the wine is vivid, forward, floral an Drink 2021-2026.	average age ibolle perfume, ole-bunch	This <i>cuvée</i> is tiny, so always 100% whol sits under Charmes, but with an entire limestone-rich soil. There's an assertiv intensity with a refined, pure and detai Drink 2024-2030.	ly different, ⁄e, saline
E5265B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£180.00	E5268B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£330.00
FIXIN, LES ARVELETS, 1ER CRU		CLOS DE LA ROCHE, GRAND CRU	
Virgile has just under a third of a hecta would dearly love to have more. His is elegant and refined expression of Fixin floral nose with touches of raspberry a	a delightfully 1, with a lifted,	This is a brilliant marriage of heady ma whole-bunch) and a graphite-led, cool bouquet is rich but controlled, the pala special. Really fine this year. Drink 202	structure. The te complex and
There is plenty of intensity, and the put tannins of Fixin hint at real ageing pot Virgile's light touch avoids any sense o Drink 2022-2028.	re limestone ential, while	E5269B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£990.00
E5527B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£198.00		
MOREY-ST DENIS, LES FACONNIÈR	ES, 1ER CRU		
Just below Clos de la Roche, this saw 8 bunch. The wine is cerebral yet power: The wine's blue fruit, from 70-year-old stoic personality are in complete harm Drink 2025-2032.	ful and precise. l vines, and		
E5266B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£330.00		

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### **Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils**

#### **FRÉDÉRIQUE SÉRAFIN**



This domaine was originally put on the map by Christian Sérafin's father, Stanislaus Sérafin, a Polish émigré, who settled in Burgundy before the war. He initially worked as a mason, before purchasing some land in 1947 and establishing himself as a vigneron. His son Christian inherited the domaine in 1988, though he had been making the wine for the previous 20 years. Christian Sérafin is now past retirement age, but with his niece Frédérique in the vineyards and cuverie, and daughter Karine in the office, continuity is in place. The style here is for powerful wines which age exceptionally well.

Frédérique and Karine may be expanding the cellar, and while they offer a youthful energy, the winemaking here remains reassuringly familiar and loyal to the house style. From the Gevrey Vieilles Vignes upwards, everything sees 100% new oak, all the fruit is de-stemmed, and the wines are built to last, eschewing the modern trend for light, pretty wines which can be drunk practically from the barrel.

They are not, however, unable to adapt to conditions, and in 2018 they returned from their holidays in mid-August to find maturities racing ahead, smartly moving their picking dates back by a week to begin on 3rd September. This helped to preserve good acidity levels and restrict alcohols to below 14 degrees, with most parcels coming in around 13. They also ensured the cuverie was kept cool during fermentation

to maintain purity in the wines. Frédérique describes the vintage as quite different to the norm, with a sunnier feel to the fruit. but also explained that the wines have gained in *terroir*-expression during their élevage and are now easily distinguishable from one another.

#### **BOURGOGNE ROUGE**

This is from the Prunier vineyard, with vines between 40 and 50 years old - the sole contributor while its long-term partner is replanted. Raised 50-50 in new and one-year-old oak, this is a baby Gevrey, all juicy, sweet red fruit, at once crunchy and rounded, with spicy oak to finish. Drink 2022-2026.

£150.00

#### E5270B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### **GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN**

From 10 parcels with an average age of 50 years, this is raised in 50% new oak. The young vines are old by most domaines' standards and they give excellent fruit to work with. Pure red berries are overlaid with a fine veneer of spicy oak, while the finish is juicy and crunchy. Drink 2023-2028.

E5271B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£228.00
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#### **GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, VIEILLES VIGNES**

The vines for this cuvée are 70 years old on average, with some nudging 100 years. The parcels are neighbours to the Grands and Premiers Crus of Griottes, Petite Chapelle, Crais and Champeaux. There is a step up in concentration versus the regular bottling, with greater detail and complexity, and a lovely salivating freshness to finish. Drink 2024-2030.

E5272B 6x75cl bottles in bond £312.00

MOREY-ST DENIS, L	ES MILLANDES	1ER CR
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Sérafin has two plots in this well-regarded Premier Cru, one with 60-year-old vines, the other closer to 40 years old. The vineyard's proximity to both Clos de la Roche and Clos St Denis really shows in the lifted, floral and blueberry aromatic profile, rich mid-palate and chalky, rocky tannin structure. Drink 2025-2032.

E5274B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£393.00
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES	CORBEAUX, 1ER CRU
Sérafin's vines sit within a <i>clos</i> o used to be a cemetery. The vine the wine has a fine-boned struc belt around a weighty, spicy mi- substantial wine, but it will age	s are 50 years old and ture wrapped like a ddle. This is quite a
E5273B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£402.00
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES	BAUDES, 1ER CRU
This vineyard is at the northern Chambolle and immediately un where Sérafin has two parcels. generosity of its more esteemed	nder Bonnes-Mares, This shares some of the

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CAZETIERS, 1ER CRU

This fine vineyard is right behind the Sérafin cellars. This is a ball of tightly wound energy which promises much but is not yet open. There are hints of the strawberries-and-cream one expects, a kernel of ripe red fruit and tense, austere chalky texture, but it needs time. Drink 2027-2035.

E5277B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£660.00
CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU	
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This is made from very old vines, equal parts of Charmes and Mazoyères (which can be offered as Charmes), with still only a third of a hectare in total. This is a structured and layered Charmes, with concentrated red berry fruit wrapped in spicy oak and chewy, rocky tannin. The generosity of the vintage has yet to be fully tamed, but balance will come. Drink 2027-2035.

E5278B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£990.00

This vineyard is at the northern (Morey) en Chambolle and immediately under Bonnes where Sérafin has two parcels. This shares generosity of its more esteemed neighbour mid-palate, but perhaps slightly more fresh energy to the finish. Drink 2025-2032.	s-Mares, some of the , with a full
E5275B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£534.00
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LE FONTENY, 1	IERCRU
This is just above Corbeaux but further towards the Combe de Lavaux, thus north-facing, although it gets sun all day. The topsoil is especially feeble and the underlying rock is very hard. The wine offers a charming balance of freshness and weight, with floral lift, crunchy energetic fruit and a mentholated warmt forming a heady cocktail. Drink 2027-2034.	
E5276B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£534.00

# **CÔTE DE NUITS Gevrey-Chambertin**

## **Domaine Rossignol-Trapet**

#### NICOLAS ROSSIGNOL



The domaine was created through the marriage of Jacques Rossignol of Volnay with Mado Trapet from a noted family in Gevrey-Chambertin. Their sons Nicolas and David Rossignol have managed the domaine since 1990, moving subsequently to biodynamic farming. The first experiments started in 1997 with their Chapelle-Chambertin, followed by conversion of the whole domaine in 2004. Vinification includes a small proportion of whole bunches, while the trend in recent years has been to look for an increasingly elegant expression of Pinot Noir.

The biggest challenge for Nicolas and David this year was the pressure from mildew in early summer. As a certified biodynamic domaine that is always a worry, as they choose not to use the traditional treatment - Bordeaux mixture (copper sulphate) - at all. In the end, a regular spraying of horsetail tea and the application of silica kept the problem at bay, until good weather in mid-June arrived just in time, and the risk evaporated. But the end result is a happy one. Their harvest was homogenous, generous and with a very regular level of maturity, so hardly any sorting was necessary. The only drought stress affected the young vines with undeveloped root systems.

The vintage ran from 3rd to 10th September, starting in Gevrey before moving to Beaune and back again. The

richness of the vintage encouraged the brothers to again reduce their extraction during fermentation. eschewing *pigeage* (punch-downs) and opting for more gentle délestage (rack-and-returns), just as they did in '17. The generous size of the harvest increased the proportion of juice to skins so, although the skins were thick, there was no comparison to the last similarly hot and early vintage of '03. Nicolas and David's wines are most harmonious in '18. The colour here is never profound: the emphasis is on subtlety and grace. Certainly this is a successful range this year; the wines are pure, composed, generously fruity and appealing.

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#### **GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, VIEILLES VIGNES**

This comes from a number of *lieux-dits* across a wide range of soils: gravel, clay, and light clay and stones. There's a ripe and pure bouquet, while the palate is refined and understated. There is 50% whole-bunch, delivering some grip and an appealing rigour to the finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E5280B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£180.00
	£100.00

#### BEAUNE, LES TEURONS, 1ER CRU

From the higher, most favoured sector of the vineyard, directly below Aux Cras; the site is guite warm but stony, so always gives freshness. A gentle perfume and gossamer-like fruit. Drink 2021-2026.

E5279B 6x75cl bottles in bond £195.00

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, AUX ÉTELOIS

Back in the fold after last year's absence, this comes from the triangle of vines that protrudes between the Grands Crus Charmes and Griotte. It's rare for a village wine to abut the Grands Crus; the result is an interesting, smoky, peaty nose and a fine, serious edge. There's much more here than sunshine and ripeness. Dri

Drink 2022-2027.	
E5281B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£240.00
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CLOS PRIEUR	, 1ER CRU
Immediately below Mazis-Chambertin, the similar geological deposits. It's a clear step intensity, with plenty of presence. Genero good in the context of the vintage. Drink 2	o up in us and very
E5282B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£375.00
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, PETITE CHAP 1ER CRU	ELLE,
This is a lower extension of Chapelle-Cha with deeper clays. The tannins here are al firm, but there is ample fruit and palate we quite full-bodied for the house style. Drin	ways quite eight. It's
E5283B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£375.00
LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND	CRU
This is always so elegant. In a small dip b	etween
Morey and Gevrey, it's the last vineyard t harvested. With a fine, lifted nose of viole glides without effort across the palate. A integrity. Drink 2026-2035.	ets, this
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#### CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

A small part of this vineyard dates from 1919. A velvety nose of mallow and rose leads on to a palate that feels at maximum ripeness, but also very fresh. Not a massive wine, but beautifully judged. Drink 2028-2040.

E5286B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£1,200.00

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### **Domaine Denis Mortet**

#### **ARNAUD MORTET**



This domaine was founded by Charles Mortet, but rose to fame with the exceptional 1993 vintage crafted by his son Denis. who tragically died at the age of 51 in January 2006. Denis believed with a deep passion that the work in the vineyard was everything. He has been succeeded by his equally, indeed exceptionally, talented son Arnaud, now also with the assistance of his sister Clémence. Everything starts in the vinevard here, with every measure taken to produce the finest, ripest fruit possible, creating a style of wine which, as Denis used to say is "a pleasure to drink young or old".

Arnaud's eternal quest for perfection in his wines continues, with another outstanding range of silky, seductive cuvées in 2018. While the season was fairly straightforward, Arnaud argued that it was important to pick early, as he did by starting on 3rd September, around five or six days before he had expected to begin the harvest. The grapes were gaining around one degree of potential alcohol in five days in early September, so what came in around 13 to 13.5% could well have been pushing towards 15 had he not acted so guickly.

Arnaud used less whole-bunch in general in '18, explaining that the stems deacidify the wine, therefore reducing freshness. The whole bunches that Arnaud kept were the result of positive selection of only the ripest old bunches, and a crack team of 14 worked on the sorting table,

meticulously cutting out the main trunk of the bunch and retaining only the pedicels and berries. It is this attention to detail that ensures Arnaud's wines have such a high quality of tannin and sit amongst the very best in Burgundy.

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#### BOURGOGNE ROUGE, CUVÉE DE NOBLE SOUCHE

As ever, this wine comes from a parcel which is planted at 400 metres' altitude in the village of Daix, to the north of Dijon. The cooler microclimate was a real benefit in 2018, giving a balancing freshness to the rich, generous red fruit. All de-stemmed and with 20% new oak, this is packed with crunchy red-berry fruit, wrapped up in silky, caressing tannins. Drink 2021-2026.

### E5287B 6x75cl bottles in bond MARSANNAY, LES LONGEROIES

All the fruit here was de-stemmed, with 25% raised in new oak. Longeroies is proposed as a future Premier Cru and is certainly deserving of the status. There is plenty of rich, juicy, red fruit here, along with some sweet spice from the oak. The palate is creamy, luxurious and rounded, with a fine bead of acidity beneath, and a spicy, toasty finish of high-quality oak. Drink 2021-2027.

E5288B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£192.00	E5294B 6x75cl bottles in bond
FIXIN, VIEILLES VIGNES		
This is a blend of two parcels: Champs Penn to the north and Champs des Charmes, bor Gevrey-Chambertin to the south. It's an ele sensual expression of the appellation, with the firm tannins one might expect. With a q each of new oak and whole-bunch, it's juicy elegant and caressing, with a chalky freshm finish. It's easy to see why Arnaud is keen to vineyards in Fixin. Drink 2021-2027.	dering gant and none of uarter and floral, ess on the	

£216.00

£150.00

E5289B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, MES CINQ TERROIRS

Made from a blend of vineyards in Brochon, to the north of the appellation, there is one-third new oak here and all the fruit was de-stemmed. The vineyards' rocky soil profile gives a firm backbone and mineral freshness to the wine, which complement rich, seductive red fruit. Concentrated but fleet-footed, with a satisfying dry finish. Drink 2022-2030.

#### E5290B 6x75cl bottles in bond £330.00

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHAMPEAUX, 1ER CRU

Arnaud explains that he always gets lots of small, millerand bunches from the 70- to 100-year-old vines, which provide wonderful complexity. Between 30 and 40% whole-bunch was used, adding some spice and floral touches to the natural wildness of this wine, which really speaks of its location with a certain sauvage quality. Drink 2024-2035.

#### E5293B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LAVAUX ST-JACQUES, 1ER CRU

From five plots around the vineyard, Arnaud doesn't use any whole-bunch here, feeling the floral profile of the vineyard does not need further embellishment. The nose is beautifully perfumed, with wild strawberry and delicate flowers drifting from the glass. Juicy, ripe red berries fill the palate, rounding out the middle, before the arrival of intensely fresh and chalky tannins. Seductive but serious. Drink 2025-2037.

£975.00

£780.00

# CÔTE DE NUITS Gevrey-Chambertin

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## **Arnaud Mortet**

ARNAUD MORTET

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Having fully established himself at the family domaine (Denis Mortet) and with the arrival of his sister, Clémence, who is now working alongside him, Arnaud Mortet decided he needed a new challenge. In 2016 he therefore took over four hectares of mostly very old vines from a retiring vigneron, managing the vineyards with the Mortet team, and then picking and purchasing the fruit at the end of the season, making the wines in the Mortet cellars. Arnaud applies the same scrupulous attention to detail in both vinevard and cellar as at the family estate, and the results are equally as spectacular. We are delighted to be the exclusive UK importers of Arnaud's own label.

This was Arnaud's third vintage with these parcels and, while the wines were excellent from the first year, he feels that 2018 marks a real step up in his management and understanding of the new vineyards, in particular the Perrière and Mazovères-Chambertin. The parcels he took on in '16, while not organic, had been well-maintained and there is a significant majority of very old and very fine selections of Pinot Noir. Arnaud has applied his own rigorous vineyard management practices, working to organic principles and reducing yields. The vines have reacted well and there is a sense of progression year on year, with the quality and ripeness of fruit allowing him to use some whole-bunch. As with the Denis Mortet wines, any

whole bunches had the trunk of the stem meticulously removed before fermentation. He has also taken the decision this year to separate out the oldest village Gevrey vines to produce a Vieilles Vignes *cuvée*.

## Red

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, MA CUVÉE

In contrast to the Denis Mortet Gevrey, the vineyards for this *cuvée* are all planted on fine, stony soils towards the south of the appellation, giving a wine of finesse and elegance, rather than structure and concentration. The vines here are mostly around 50 to 60 years old, with some younger massal selections of very fine Pinot. The result is a very charming, juicy wine with fine, powdery tannins and an energetic finish. Drink 2021-2028.

E5322B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£285.00
E5322M 3x150cl magnums in bond	£315.00

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CUVÉE DE TRÈS VIEILLES VIGNES

This 10-barrel *cuvée* is made from Arnaud's three oldest parcels of village vines in Combes du Dessus, Aux Echezeaux and En Champs. The latter plot was planted in the 19th century, while the former two are a mere 80 to 90 years old. Arnaud also declassified a small amount of Premier and Grand Cru fruit to this blend. Deeper in colour, with real depth of aromatic intensity, this is concentrated and rich but with highquality tannins which give finesse and elegance. Drink 2022-2030.

E5558B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£360.00
E5558M 3x150cl magnums in bond	£390.00

#### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA PERRIÈRE, 1ER CRU

Arnaud has 0.35 hectares here, with vines which average 60 years in age. This is a wine which Arnaud feels has really progressed thanks to his vineyard work. The nose is very pretty, with red berries and chalky, stony notes. On the palate there is some mid-palate generosity courtesy of 20% whole-bunch, which also adds a touch of pleasing powdery tannin, enhancing the vineyard's natural stony character. The new oak (60%) adds some sweet spice to the creamy, chalky finish. Drink 2024-2032.

E5323B 6x75clbottlesinbond	£645.00
E5323M 3x150cl magnums in bond	£675.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LAVAUX ST JACQUES, 1ER CRU

Arnaud's parcels here, ideally located next to the Denis Mortet vines, are on average 70 years old and total 0.3 hectares. Made with around two-thirds whole-bunch, the nose is hedonistic, with an explosive perfume of flowers and crushed strawberries. The palate is rich and dense, with creamy fruit and a firm limestone backbone. Drink 2025-2035.

£975.00

#### E5324B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MAZOYÈRES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Arnaud's 0.45 hectares average 45 years of age and are planted on deeper clay soil than his Charmes, a real bonus in warm and dry vintages such as 2018. The nose offers charming red berries, while the palate has delightful touches of freshness amongst the densely packed cherries and redcurrants. A real success this year. Drink 2025-2035.

E5325B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£1,440.00
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E5325M 3x150cl magnums in bond	£1,470.00

#### CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Arnaud's 0.2 hectares of very old vines are wellsituated close to Griotte-Chambertin. It's spicier than the Mazoyères, with some *griotte* cherry aromas, while the palate has an intensely structured profile, with layers of tannin that sit on the tongue like slabs of limestone. This will require some patience but has enormous potential. Drink 2026-2036.

E5326B 3x75cl bottles in bond

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# CÔTE DE NUITS Marsannay

#### **Domaine Jean Fournier**

LAURENT FOURNIER



The Fourniers have been making wine in Marsannay since at least the 17th century, though the domaine as currently constituted was established in the 1960s by Jean Fournier. His son Laurent now runs the estate and is also in charge of the project to establish Premiers Crus in Marsannay. The domaine is now certified organic, through AB and Ecocert. They make more than 20 different cuvées, the majority from Marsannay.

Laurent Fournier was characteristically upbeat when we visited to taste his 2018s, and with good reason. The approach he adopted from '16 - dialling back the new oak and aiming to extract less, allowing each terroir to shine - makes elegance and freshness the watchwords here, despite Marsannay experiencing even less rain than the rest of the Côte d'Or over recent vintages. The '18 reds will be bottled a little later than usual, as Laurent expects a longer *élevage* to contribute extra freshness. He retained upward of 20% whole bunches for all the reds, and most are aged in a combination of 500-litre and conventional-sized barrels. Laurent continues to work organically and will be eligible for certification (which he renounced to save his crop in 2016) in two years' time.

## White

#### MARSANNAY BLANC, CLOS DU ROY

As Laurent points out, this sandy, east-facing plot delivers a fresh, mineral wine even in warmer years. The 2018 boasts shimmering acidity and a restrained bouquet of lime and crunchy green apple. The finish is saline and moreish. Drink now to 2026.

E5242B 6x75cl bottles in bond	£138
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BOURGOGNE ROUGE, LE CHAPITR VIGNES	E, VIEILLES
This parcel whose warmth is tempore	d by its palo

I his parcel, whose warmth is tempered by its pale limestone soil, will lie within the extended Marsannay appellation from 2019. For now, it remains a deluxe Bourgogne Rouge, with impressive concentration and age-worthiness. Floral and peppery notes on the nose segue into a palate that's rich yet energetic, with chalky tannins and a cooling, mineral finish. Drink 2021-2027.

**E5243B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£108.00** 

#### MARSANNAY, CUVÉE SAINT-URBAIN

This open, approachable wine is blended from sites around the village, including a parcel in the celebrated Clos du Roy. The nose is expressive, with briar fruit and floral notes, as well as sultry aromas of dried herbs. The palate is harmonious and complete – its 50% new oak already well-integrated – making this a great option for early drinking. Drink now to 2025.

**E5244B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£108.00** 

#### MARSANNAY, ES CHEZOTS

Laurent has 2.2 hectares of Es Chezots now, having added an extra hectare this year, including some welllocated 60-year-old vines. This is an intensely juicy wine with lots of chalky tannins and a striking mineral structure. It's a windy site, and as such the fruit always ripens slowly and arrives in perfect condition. It's a wine of spice and flowers rather than overt fruit. Drink 2021-2028.

#### **138.00 E5569B** 6x75cl bottles in bond **£138.00**

#### MARSANNAY, LES LONGEROIES

With a total of six hectares in Les Longeroies – five of which are Pinot – this is Laurent's *cheval de bataille*. A sunny but cold site, this wine always has a very specific note of torrefaction which is often mistakenly attributed to oak. A fascinating juxtaposition of freshness and ripeness, there is spicy rich fruit, a peppery violet character that's almost Syrah-like, and a fine, mineral freshness beneath. Drink 2021-2028.

£138.00

## E5556B 6x75cl bottles in bond

#### MARSANNAY ROUGE, CLOS DU ROY

From Laurent's oldest vines in the Clos du Roy, this *cuvée* is brimming with its customary *griotte* aromas. On the palate, firm tannins, a cool berry fruit profile and crisp acidity point to the vineyard's soil of hard Comblanchien limestone, and to the wine's capacity to age. Drink 2021-2028.

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E5245B 6x75cl bottles in bond £138.00
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5	CHABLIS, L'HOMME MORT, VIEILLES VIGNES, 1ER CRU, Le Domaine d'Henri	6	£150.00
7	CHABLIS, VAILLONS, 1ER CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£156.00
4	CHABLIS, MONT DE MILIEU, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£156.00
4	CHABLIS, VAULORENT, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£156.00
2	CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU, Samuel Billaud	12	£324.00
4	CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£168.00
9	CHABLIS, LA FOURCHAUME, LA PIÈCE AU COMTE, 1ER CRU,	6	£168.00
5	Jean-Claude & Romain Bessin CHABLIS, FOURCHAUME, HÉRITAGE, 1ER CRU, Le Domaine d'Henri	6	£180.00
8	CHABLIS, LES BUTTEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Eleni & Edouard Vocoret	6	£198.00
7	CHABLIS, MONT DE MILIEU, 1ER CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£198.00
9	CHABLIS, VALMUR, GRAND CRU, Jean-Claude & Romain Bessin	6	£210.00
6	CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU, Domaine Pinson Frères	12	£438.00
7	CHABLIS, MONTÉE DE TONNERRE, 1ER CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£240.00
3	CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU, Domaine Louis Michel & Fils	6	£264.00
4	CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£264.00
4	CHABLIS, VALMUR, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£264.00
7	CHABLIS, VAULORENT, 1ER CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£270.00
3	CHABLIS, GRENOUILLES, GRAND CRU, Domaine Louis Michel & Fils	6	£300.00
3	CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU, Domaine Louis Michel & Fils	6	£300.00
4	CHABLIS, GRENOUILLE, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£300.00
4	CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£300.00
4	CHABLIS, LES PREUSES, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin	6	£300.00
2	CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU, Samuel Billaud	6	£330.00
2	CHABLIS, LES PREUSES, GRAND CRU, Samuel Billaud	6	£330.00
2	CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU, Samuel Billaud	6	£336.00
7	CHABLIS, VAUDÉSIR, GRAND CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£360.00
7	CHABLIS, LES PREUSES, GRAND CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£360.00
7	CHABLIS, BOUGROS, CÔTE BOUGUEROTS, GRAND CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£405.00
7	CHABLIS, LES CLOS, GRAND CRU, Domaine William Fèvre	6	£480.00
12	MÂCON LA ROCHE VINEUSE, VIEILLES VIGNES, Olivier Merlin	12	£129.00

2	MÂCON LA ROCHE VINEUSE, VIEILLES VIGNES, Olivier Merlin	12	£129.00
2	ST VÉRAN, Olivier Merlin	12	£132.00
1	MÂCON-MILLY-LAMARTINE, Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon	12	£138.00
1	MÂCON-UCHIZY, LES MARANCHES, Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon	12	£168.00

MÂCON-CHARDONNAY, CLOS DE LA CROCHETTE,	12	£168.00
Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon		
ST VÉRAN, LE GRAND BUSSIÈRE, Olivier Merlin	6	£90.00
ST VÉRAN, EN CRÈCHES, Olivier Merlin	6	£90.00
ST VÉRAN, CÔTE RÔTIE, Olivier Merlin	6	£90.00
MÂCON-MILLY-LAMARTINE, CLOS DU FOUR,	12	£186.00
Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon		
ST VÉRAN, LA COMBE DESROCHES, Domaine de la Soufrandière	12	£192.00
VIRÉ-CLESSÉ, Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon	12	£192.00
ST VÉRAN, Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon	12	£192.00
POUILLY-FUISSÉ, VIEILLES VIGNES, Olivier Merlin	6	£105.00
MÂCON LA ROCHE VINEUSE, LES CRAS, Olivier Merlin	6	£108.00
ST VÉRAN, LA BONNODE, Domaine de la Soufrandière	12	£222.00
ST VÉRAN, LA BONNODE, Domaine de la Soufrandière	6 x 150cl	£234.00
POUILLY-FUISSÉ, SUR LA ROCHE, Olivier Merlin	6	£120.00
POUILLY-FUISSÉ, CLOS DE FRANCE, Olivier Merlin	6	£135.00
POUILLY-FUISSÉ, EN CHATENAY, Domaine de la Soufrandière	12	£270.00
POUILLY-FUISSÉ, AU VIGNERAIS, Domaine de la Soufrandière	12	£270.00
POUILLY-VINZELLES, LES QUARTS, Domaine de la Soufrandière	12	£300.00
POUILLY-FUISSÉ, CLOS DES QUARTS, Château des Quarts	6	£156.00
POUILLY-VINZELLES, LES QUARTS, CUVÉE MILLERANDÉE, Domaine de la Soufrandière	6 x 150cl	£390.00
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32	MONTHÉLIE, LES DURESSES, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	12	£270.00
61	SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LE CLOS DU VILLAGE, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£144.00
20	ST AUBIN, LA PRINCÉE, Domaine Hubert Lamy	6	£150.00
50	PERNARD-VERGELESSES BLANC, LES CLOUX, Domaine Rollin Père & Fils	6	£150.00
21	ST AUBIN, LE CHARMOIS, 1ER CRU, Jean-Claude Bachelet & Fils	6	£165.00
32	ST AUBIN, EN REMILLY, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	12	£360.00
20	ST AUBIN, LES FRIONNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Hubert Lamy	6	£192.00
20	SANTENAY BLANC, CLOS DES GRAVIÈRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Hubert Lamy	6	£192.00
21	ST AUBIN, LA CHATENIÈRE, 1ER CRU, Jean-Claude Bachelet & Fils	6	£195.00

37	VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michel Lafarge	6	£570.00
37	VOLNAY, CLOS DU CHÂTEAU DES DUCS, 1ER CRU,	6	£600.00
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53	POMMARD, LES NOIZONS, Domaine Denis Carré	6	£144.00
26	POMMARD, LES PETITS NOIZONS, Domaine Sébastien Magnien	6	£174.00
71	POMMARD, LES CROIX NOIRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£315.00
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41	POMMARD, RUGIENS-HAUTS, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£405.00
33	POMMARD, LES PÉZEROLLES, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£441.00
38	POMMARD, CLOS DES EPENEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Comte Armand	6	£615.00

	ALOXE-CORTON, LES VERCOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Follin-Arbelet	6	£195.00
61	ALOXE-CORTON, LA TOPPE AU VERT, 1ER CRU, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£288.00
45	CORTON, CLOS ROGNET, GRAND CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£390.00
45	CORTON, RENARDES, GRAND CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£402.00
42	CORTON, LES GRÈVES, GRAND CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£420.00
42	CORTON, LA VIGNE AU SAINT, GRAND CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£420.00
49	CORTON, GRAND CRU, Domaine Follin-Arbelet	6	£465.00
49	CORTON-BRESSANDES, GRAND CRU, Domaine Follin-Arbelet	6	£465.00
48	LE CORTON, GRAND CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	6	£540.00
33	CORTON, CLOS DU ROI, GRAND CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£600.00
59	CORTON, CLOS DES CORTONS FAIVELEY, GRAND CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£780.00

79	MARSANNAY, CUVÉE SAINT-URBAIN, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£108.00
79	MARSANNAY, ES CHEZOTS, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£138.00
79	MARSANNAY, LES LONGEROIES, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£138.00
79	MARSANNAY ROUGE, CLOS DU ROY, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£138.00
61	CÔTE DE NUITS VILLAGES, LES LEUREY, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£150.00
77	MARSANNAY, LES LONGEROIES, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£192.00
74	FIXIN, LES ARVELETS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£198.00
77	FIXIN, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£216.00

58	NUITS-ST GEORGES, VIEILLES VIGNES, Patrice & Maxime Rion	12	£312.00
67	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX HERBUES, Domaine Guyon	6	£240.00
61	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LA CHARMOTTE, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£252.00
61	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES BELLES CROIX, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£252.00
57	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE THOREY, 1ER CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£261.00
59	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES PORÊTS-SAINT-GEORGES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£270.00
58	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DES ARGILLIÈRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	6	£282.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX LAVIÈRES, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£282.00
57	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£288.00

68	NUITS-ST GEORGES, Méo-Camuzet Frère & Sœurs	6	£300.00
72	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU, Dujac Fils & Père	6	£315.00
33	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£330.00
58	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS SAINT-MARC, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	6	£354.00
60	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE LA MARÉCHALE, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier	6	£390.00
52	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Naudin-Ferrand	6	£450.00
61	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES SAINT GEORGES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£528.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, RONCIÈRE, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£576.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES PRULIERS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£576.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX BOUDOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£696.00
63	NUITS-ST GEORGES, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
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66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£255.00
45	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHALANDINS, Camille Giroud	6	£270.00
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57	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX CHAMPS PERDRIX, Domaine de la Vougeraie	3 x 150cl	£390.00
66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHAUMES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£405.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHARMES DE MAZIÈRES, Domaine Guyon	6	£432.00
66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£450.00
64	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES ROUGES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£576.00
66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES MALCONSORTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£585.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£720.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£720.00
65	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BEAUX MONTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£798.00
65	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£960.00
68	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Méo-Camuzet	1	£375.00
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX REIGNOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
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66	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£660.00
	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	6	£1,020.00
	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£1,110.00
57	BONNES MARES, GRAND CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£1,140.00

	GRANDS ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£1,260.00
65	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£1,350.00
66	LA GRANDE RUE, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	3	£1,425.00
65	RICHEBOURG, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	1	£750.00

57	VOUGEOT, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£288.00
66	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£660.00
57	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£720.00
61	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£780.00
48	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	6	£945.00
65	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£960.00
67	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£1,020.00
46	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Joseph Drouhin	6	£1,080.00
68	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Méo-Camuzet	6	£1,260.00

72	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Dujac Fils & Père	6	£180.00
74	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£180.00
73	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Domaine Castagnier	6	£225.00
58	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, Patrice & Maxime Rion	12	£462.00
57	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£255.00
58	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	12	£540.00
46	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Joseph Drouhin	6	£279.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£285.00
61	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£300.00
64	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LA COMBE D'ORVEAU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£312.00
58	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CHARMES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	6	£354.00
59	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, AUX BEAUX BRUNS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£390.00
46	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, 1ER CRU, Joseph Drouhin	6	£405.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CHATELOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£465.00
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45	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BORNIQUES, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£510.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£528.00
75	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BAUDES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£534.00
68	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, Méo-Camuzet Frère & Sœurs	6	£570.00
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36	BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAINS, ANTHOLOGIE, Domaine Michel Lafarge	3 x 150cl	£135.00
52	BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE, ORCHIS MASCULA, Domaine Naudin-Ferrand	6	£138.00
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64	BOURGOGNE ROUGE, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£150.00
75	BOURGOGNE ROUGE, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£150.00
2	BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS ROUGE, MYOSOTIS ARVENSIS, Domaine Naudin-Ferrand	6	£165.00
3	COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS, LES CROIX BLANCHES, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	BOURGOGNE ROUGE, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
	MOULIN-À-VENT, Olivier Merlin	12	£132.00

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71	MOULIN-À-VENT, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£81.00
61	MOULIN-À-VENT, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£90.00
61	MOULIN-À-VENT, LES ROUCHAUX, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£90.00
13	MOULIN-À-VENT, LA ROCHELLE, Olivier Merlin	6	£90.00
71	MOULIN-À-VENT, LES BRUSSELLIONS, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£105.00
61	MOULIN-À-VENT, CHAMP DE COUR, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£108.00

	CHIROUBLES, Domaine Lafarge Vial	6	£114.00
	MOULIN-À-VENT, LA ROCHE, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£120.00
3	FLEURIE, Domaine Lafarge Vial	6	£135.00
6	FLEURIE, LA JOIE DU PALAIS, Domaine Lafarge Vial	6	£138.00
5	CÔTE DE BROUILLY, Domaine Lafarge Vial	6	£141.00

19	MARANGES, Domaine David Moreau	6	£72.00
19	SANTENAY, CUVÉE "S", Domaine David Moreau	6	£90.00
19	SANTENAY, LES HÂTES, Domaine David Moreau	6	£90.00
18	RULLY ROUGE, LA CHAUME, Jean-Yves Devevey	12	£204.00
50	PERNAND-VERGELESSES ROUGE, Domaine Rollin Père & Fils	12	£210.00
53	SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Denis Carré	12	£210.00
44	SANTENAY, Camille Giroud	6	£114.00
19	SANTENAY, CLOS ROUSSEAU, 1ER CRU, Domaine David Moreau	6	£120.00
44	MARANGES, LE CROIX MOINES, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£126.00
41	SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES HAUTS JARRONS, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£135.00
38	AUXEY-DURESSES, Domaine Comte Armand	6	£135.00
19	SANTENAY, CLOS DES MOUCHES, 1ER CRU, Domaine David Moreau	6	£141.00
67	CHOREY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES BONS ORES, Domaine Guyon	6	£150.00
23	CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET ROUGE, Maison Caroline Lestimé	12	£300.00
44	SANTENAY, CLOS ROUSSEAU, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£156.00
50	PERNAND-VERGELESSES ROUGE, LES FICHOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Rollin Père & Fils	6	£162.00
20	ST AUBIN ROUGE, DERRIÈRE CHEZ EDOUARD, 1ER CRU, Domaine Hubert Lamy	6	£186.00
38	AUXEY-DURESSES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Comte Armand	6	£186.00
41	BLAGNY, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£195.00
23	CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET ROUGE, MORGEOT, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean-Noël Gagnard	6	£195.00
20	SANTENAY ROUGE, CLOS DES GRAVIÈRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Hubert Lamy	6	£210.00
67	SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES PEUILLETS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£210.00

2	BEAUNE, Domaine des Croix	6	£132.00
	BEAUNE, LES TUVILAINS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Denis Carré	6	£135.00
	BEAUNE, CLOS DU ROI, 1ER CRU, Domaine Tawse	6	£150.00
2	BEAUNE, LES CENTS VIGNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£171.00
'6	BEAUNE, LES TEURONS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£195.00
8	BEAUNE, PERTUISOTS, 1ER CRU, Jean-Yves Devevey	6	£195.00
	BEAUNE, LES TUVILAINS, 1ER CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£195.00
14	BEAUNE, LES AVAUX, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£198.00
12	BEAUNE, LES BRESSANDES, 1ER CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£210.00
	BEAUNE, LES PERRIÈRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£213.00

42	BEAUNE, PERTUISOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£216.00
45	BEAUNE, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£240.00
27	BEAUNE, LES ÉPENOTTES, 1ER CRU, Dominique Lafon	6	£255.00
27	BEAUNE, VIGNES FRANCHES, 1ER CRU, Dominique Lafon	6	£255.00
27	BEAUNE, LES GRÈVES, 1ER CRU, Dominique Lafon	6	£255.00
42	BEAUNE, LES GRÈVES, 1ER CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£258.00
47	BEAUNE, CLOS DES URSULES, 1ER CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	6	£276.00
46	BEAUNE ROUGE, CLOS DES MOUCHES, 1ER CRU, Joseph Drouhin	6	£396.00
48	BEAUNE-GRÈVES, VIGNE DE L'ENFANT JÉSUS, 1ER CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	6	£465.00

26		<u> </u>	0150.00
	VOLNAY, LES ÉCHARDS, Domaine Sébastien Magnien	6	£150.00
34	VOLNAY, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur	6	£159.00
	VOLNAY, Domaine François Buffet	6	£162.00
	VOLNAY, Jean-Yves Devevey	6	£174.00
41	VOLNAY, Benjamin Leroux	6	£180.00
71	VOLNAY, LES GRANDS POISOTS, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£192.00
36	VOLNAY, Domaine Michel Lafarge	12	£420.00
38	VOLNAY, Domaine Comte Armand	6	£216.00
44	VOLNAY, LES LURETS, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£216.00
37	VOLNAY, CHAMPANS, 1ER CRU, Domaine François Buffet	6	£222.00
27	VOLNAY, Dominique Lafon	12	£450.00
34	VOLNAY, LES AUSSY, 1ER CRU, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur	6	£240.00
36	VOLNAY, VENDANGES SÉLECTIONNÉES, Domaine Michel Lafarge	6	£240.00
37	VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine François Buffet	6	£240.00
37	VOLNAY, CLOS DE LA ROUGEOTTE, 1ER CRU, Domaine François Buffet	6	£240.00
37	VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine François Buffet	3 x 150cl	£249.00
37	VOLNAY, TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU, Domaine François Buffet	6	£252.00
34	VOLNAY, PITURES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur	6	£258.00
34	VOLNAY, TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur	6	£270.00
71	VOLNAY, LES ANGLES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£276.00
35	VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur	6	£300.00
41	VOLNAY, CLOS DE LA CAVE DES DUCS, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£315.00
41	VOLNAY, LES SANTENOTS, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£315.00
35	VOLNAY, CAILLERETS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur	6	£330.00
48	VOLNAY, CAILLERETS, ANCIENNE CUVÉE CARNOT, 1ER CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	6	£345.00
27	VOLNAY, LES LURETS, 1ER CRU, Dominique Lafon	6	£360.00
38	VOLNAY, FRÉMIETS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Comte Armand	6	£375.00
33	VOLNAY, LES CHAMPANS, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£444.00
33	VOLNAY, LES TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£495.00
36	VOLNAY, LES MITANS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michel Lafarge	6	£525.00

37	VOLNAY, CLOS DES CHÊNES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michel Lafarge	6	£570.00
37	VOLNAY, CLOS DU CHÂTEAU DES DUCS, 1ER CRU,	6	£600.00
	Domaine Michel Lafarge		

53	POMMARD, LES NOIZONS, Domaine Denis Carré	6	£144.00
26	POMMARD, LES PETITS NOIZONS, Domaine Sébastien Magnien	6	£174.00
71	POMMARD, LES CROIX NOIRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£315.00
59	POMMARD, LES RUGIENS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£330.00
37	POMMARD, LES RUGIENS, 1ER CRU, Domaine François Buffet	6	£330.00
41	POMMARD, RUGIENS-HAUTS, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£405.00
33	POMMARD, LES PÉZEROLLES, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£441.00
38	POMMARD, CLOS DES EPENEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Comte Armand	6	£615.00

42	ALOXE-CORTON, LES BOUTIÈRES, Domaine des Croix	6	£138.00
49	ALOXE-CORTON, LES VERCOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Follin-Arbelet	6	£195.00
61	ALOXE-CORTON, LA TOPPE AU VERT, 1ER CRU,	6	£288.00
45	Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair CORTON, CLOS ROGNET, GRAND CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£390.00
45	CORTON, RENARDES, GRAND CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£402.00
42	CORTON, LES GRÈVES, GRAND CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£420.00
42	CORTON, LA VIGNE AU SAINT, GRAND CRU, Domaine des Croix	6	£420.00
49	CORTON, GRAND CRU, Domaine Follin-Arbelet	6	£465.00
49	CORTON-BRESSANDES, GRAND CRU, Domaine Follin-Arbelet	6	£465.00
48	LE CORTON, GRAND CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	6	£540.00
33	CORTON, CLOS DU ROI, GRAND CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£600.00
59	CORTON, CLOS DES CORTONS FAIVELEY, GRAND CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£780.00

79	MARSANNAY, CUVÉE SAINT-URBAIN, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£108.00
79	MARSANNAY, ES CHEZOTS, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£138.00
79	MARSANNAY, LES LONGEROIES, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£138.00
79	MARSANNAY ROUGE, CLOS DU ROY, Domaine Jean Fournier	6	£138.00
61	CÔTE DE NUITS VILLAGES, LES LEUREY, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£150.00
77	MARSANNAY, LES LONGEROIES, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£192.00
74	FIXIN, LES ARVELETS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£198.00
77	FIXIN, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£216.00

	NUITS-ST GEORGES, VIEILLES VIGNES, Patrice & Maxime Rion	12	£312.00
67	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX HERBUES, Domaine Guyon	6	£240.00
61	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LA CHARMOTTE, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£252.00
61	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES BELLES CROIX, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£252.00
57	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE THOREY, 1ER CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£261.00
59	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES PORÊTS-SAINT-GEORGES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£270.00
58	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DES ARGILLIÈRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	6	£282.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX LAVIÈRES, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£282.00

57	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU, Domaine de la Vougenaie	6	£288.00
68	NUITS-ST GEORGES, Méo-Camuzet Frère & Sœurs	6	£300.00
72	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU, Dujac Fils & Père	6	£315.00
33	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRU, Domaine de Montille	6	£330.00
58	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS SAINT-MARC, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	6	£354.00
60	NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE LA MARÉCHALE, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier	6	£390.00
52	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Naudin-Ferrand	6	£450.00
61	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES SAINT GEORGES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£528.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, RONCIÈRE, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£576.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES PRULIERS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£576.00
64	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX BOUDOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£696.00
63	NUITS-ST GEORGES, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	PO
63	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX MURGERS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA

66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£255.00
45	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHALANDINS, Camille Giroud	6	£270.00
64	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£282.00
41	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Benjamin Leroux	6	£288.00
61	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX RÉAS, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£336.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Guyon	6	£345.00
68	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Méo-Camuzet	6	£378.00
57	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX CHAMPS PERDRIX, Domaine de la Vougeraie	3 x 150cl	£390.00
66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHAUMES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£405.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHARMES DE MAZIÈRES, Domaine Guyon	6	£432.00
66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£450.00
64	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES ROUGES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£576.00
66	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES MALCONSORTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£585.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£720.00
67	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£720.00
65	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BEAUX MONTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£798.00
65	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£960.00
68	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Méo-Camuzet	1	£375.00
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX REIGNOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES SUCHOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA
63	VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX MALCONSORTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA

6	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£660.00
7	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	6	£1,020.00

67	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£1,110.00
57	BONNES MARES, GRAND CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£1,140.00
66	GRANDS ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£1,260.00
65	ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£1,350.00
66	LA GRANDE RUE, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	3	£1,425.00
65	RICHEBOURG, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	1	£750.00

57	VOUGEOT, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£288.00
66	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Nicole Lamarche	6	£660.00
57	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£720.00
61	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£780.00
48	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	6	£945.00
65	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£960.00
67	CLOS VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Guyon	6	£1,020.00
46	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Joseph Drouhin	6	£1,080.00
68	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Méo-Camuzet	6	£1,260.00

72	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Dujac Fils & Père	6	£180.00
74	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£180.00
73	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Domaine Castagnier	6	£225.00
58	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, Patrice & Maxime Rion	12	£462.00
57	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£255.00
58	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	12	£540.00
46	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Joseph Drouhin	6	£279.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£285.00
61	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£300.00
64	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LA COMBE D'ORVEAU, Domaine Jean Grivot	6	£312.00
58	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CHARMES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Michèle & Patrice Rion	6	£354.00
59	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, AUX BEAUX BRUNS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£390.00
46	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, 1ER CRU, Joseph Drouhin	6	£405.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CHATELOTS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£465.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES GRUENCHERS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£465.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, AUX BEAUX BRUNS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£465.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BAUDES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£465.00
45	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BORNIQUES, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£510.00
70	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	6	£528.00
75	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES BAUDES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£534.00
68	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CRAS, 1ER CRU, Méo-Camuzet Frère & Sœurs	6	£570.00
63	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, LES CLOS DE L'ORME, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard & Fils	6	POA

	MOREY-ST DENIS, Dujac Fils & Père	6	£180.00
74	MOREY-ST DENIS, EN LA RUE DE VERGY, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£180.00
74	MOREY-ST DENIS, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£180.00
45	MOREY-ST DENIS, CLOS DES GODELLES, 1ER CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£270.00
72	MOREY-ST DENIS, Domaine des Lambrays	6	£330.00
73	MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHESEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Castagnier	6	£330.00
74	MOREY-ST DENIS, LES FACONNIÈRES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£330.00
74	MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHARMES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£330.00
74	MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHEZEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£330.00
75	MOREY-ST DENIS, LES MILLANDES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£393.00
72	MOREY-ST DENIS, LES LOUPS, 1ER CRU, Domaine des Lambrays	6	£495.00
73	CLOS SAINT DENIS, GRAND CRU, Domaine Castagnier	6	£600.00
73	CLOS DE LA ROCHE, GRAND CRU, Domaine Castagnier	6	£600.00
73	CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU, Domaine Castagnier	6	£660.00
74	CLOS DE LA ROCHE, GRAND CRU, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£990.00
72	CLOS DES LAMBRAYS, GRAND CRU, Domaine des Lambrays	6	£1,350.00

76	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£180.00
72	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, Dujac Fils & Père	6	£180.00
74	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CUVÉE BERTIN, Domaine Lignier-Michelot	6	£180.00
44	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CRAIS, Camille Giroud	6	£189.00
41	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, Benjamin Leroux	6	£195.00
71	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£204.00
62	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, VILLAGE, Domaine Tawse	6	£216.00
73	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, Domaine Castagnier	6	£216.00
56	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES EVOCELLES, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£222.00
75	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£228.00
76	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, AUX ETELOIS, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£240.00
71	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES EVOCELLES, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£246.00
61	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA CROIX DES CHAMPS, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£252.00
67	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES PLATIÈRES, Domaine Guyon	6	£252.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, MACUVÉE, Arnaud Mortet	6	£285.00
59	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA COMBE AUX MOINES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£300.00
75	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, VIEILLES VIGNES, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£312.00
41	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHAMPEAUX, 1ER CRU, Benjamin Leroux	6	£315.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, MACUVÉE, Arnaud Mortet	3 x 150cl	£315.00
77	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, MES CINQ TERROIRS, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£330.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CUVÉE DE TRÈS VIEILLES VIGNES, Arnaud Mortet	6	£360.00
76	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CLOS PRIEUR, 1ER CRU, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£375.00
76	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, PETITE CHAPELLE, 1ER CRU, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£375.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CUVÉE DE TRÈS VIEILLES VIGNES, Arnaud Mortet	3 x 150cl	£390.00
75	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CORBEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£402.00
47	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CAZETIERS, 1ER CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	6	£408.00

59	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CAZETIERS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Faiveley	6	£420.00
71	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHERBAUDES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Louis Boillot & Fils	6	£438.00
75	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LE FONTENY, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£534.00
73	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Domaine Castagnier	6	£600.00
76	LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£630.00
76	CHAPELLE-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£630.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA PERRIÈRE, 1ER CRU, Arnaud Mortet	6	£645.00
75	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CAZETIERS, 1ER CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£660.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LA PERRIÈRE, 1ER CRU, Arnaud Mortet	3 x 150cl	£675.00
45	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£690.00
47	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, CLOS SAINT-JACQUES, 1ER CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	6	£720.00
77	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHAMPEAUX, 1ER CRU, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£780.00
61	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, AUX CHARMES, GRAND CRU, Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	6	£780.00
57	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, LES MAZOYÈRES, GRAND CRU, Domaine de la Vougeraie	6	£840.00
77	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LAVAUX ST-JACQUES, 1ER CRU, Domaine Denis Mortet	6	£975.00
78	GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LAVAUX ST JACQUES, 1ER CRU, Arnaud Mortet	6	£975.00
75	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Domaine Sérafin Père & Fils	6	£990.00
47	CHAPELLE-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	6	£990.00
62	MAZIS-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Domaine Tawse	6	£1,140.00
76	CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet	6	£1,200.00
45	CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Camille Giroud	6	£1,200.00
78	MAZOYÈRES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Arnaud Mortet	6	£1,440.00
78	MAZOYÈRES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Arnaud Mortet	3 x 150cl	£1,470.00
48	CHAMBERTIN, CLOS DE BÈZE, GRAND CRU, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	3	£855.00
78	CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU, Arnaud Mortet	3	£930.00
47	CHAMBERTIN, CLOS DE BÈZE, GRAND CRU, Maison Louis Jadot	3	£990.00

#### **Terms and conditions**

#### PRICES

 $\label{eq:product} Prices for the Burgundy 2018 En Primeur offer are quoted in bond and include freight and insurance (but exclude duty and VAT) and are quoted by the case.$ 

#### CLOSING DATE

The Burgundy 2018 En Primeur offer starts at 9am on Tuesday 7th January 2020 and ends at 6pm on Friday 21st February 2020, subject to stocks remaining unsold.

#### AVAILABILITY AND QUANTITIES

Prices are quoted in bond, include freight and insurance but exclude duty and VAT. Orders are accepted subject to stocks remaining unsold. Stocks of certain wines may need to be allocated subject to demand. A case comprises 3/6/12 x 75cl bottles or 1/3/6 x 150cl magnums, as stated. Larger-format bottles may be available. For further details, please contact the Fine Wine team on 200 3301 2883.

#### HOW TO PAY

We are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque, Mastercard, American Express, Visa, Delta, or Maestro. Cheques should be made payable to Berry Bros. & Rudd.

#### INSURANCE AND OWNERSHIP

We will remain responsible for insuring the wine at the original invoice value until your delivery and/ or storage instructions have been completed. Ownership of the wines will pass on settlement of all outstanding charges.

#### SHIPPING

We expect the wines to be shipped from spring 2020 to early 2021.

#### DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Following shipment, your wines, by default, will be stored in bond in our Customers' Private Reserves. Once the wines are in your Private Reserves we will notify you by email. On receipt of your delivery notification email or the subsequent invoice for rent, if you would like your wine delivered straight away we can arrange this as per our normal delivery terms. Any rent charged on wines withdrawn within 30 days of the date of invoice for rent will be credited. Customers who elect to take their wine out of bond, whether for delivery or for storage duty paid, will be required to pay duty and VAT at the prevailing rates at the time of delivery. These rates are currently £26.78 per case of 12 x 75cl bottles (nine litres) for duty and 20% for VAT on the original cost and duty\*. Customers storing wine in bond or duty paid in Customers' Private Reserves will be required to pay rent at the prevailing rate (this is currently £13.80 including VAT per case per annum<sup>9</sup>). Please note that wines bought in bond and *en primeur*, and wines stored in Customers' Private Reserves are delivered free of charge when the original purchase value of the wines is more than £200 (including duty and VAT).\*Correct as of December 2019.

#### ORDER CANCELLATION

Please note that in bond *en primeur* orders can be cancelled within seven working days of placing the order. A full refund of the purchase price of the wines will be given on receipt of formal notification in writing of cancellation of the order. Due to the unique nature of *en primeur* sales we regret that orders cannot be cancelled after this time.

All purchases of wines and spirits and other goods and services from Berry Bros. & Rudd are subject to Berry Bros. & Rudd's standard terms of sale in addition to any terms stated in this brochure.

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