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The Village of Saint Aubin

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In the early hours of Sunday 4th November I set off from Beverley to make the long drive down to Beaune, collecting my colleagues, David Archibald at Markham Moor, just off the A1, before meeting up with Neil Goldie at the Channel Tunnel. Our annual buying trip to Burgundy was about to start and we were about to get our first glimpses of the 2017 vintage. This En Primeur offer is the result of our intense week of cellar visits and tastings.

By all accounts we were expecting to see many smiling faces after what was the first 'normal' vintage since 2009. Recent vintages have been very small due to the vagaries of the modern day weather patterns. Only twelve months before we were welcomed by empty cellars following the devastating spring frosts in 2016.

There had been no disastrous frosts or devastating hailstorms that had left a trail of destruction the year before. Indeed one cause for concern was the high yields that may have led to a dilution of fruit. As is so often the case, the vine tends to overcompensate and produces an abundance of fruit the year after such a devastating frost. Talk of it being a white wine vintage was already filtering through to the trade. The initial signs were positive, so we were in high spirits. Over the next week of tastings we would make up our own minds and make our selections as scrupulously as ever.

Demand for Burgundy has never been higher, driven by the Far East and China in particular. The quantities produced are tiny and the wines are highly sought after. We must remember that many of the small Burgundian growers are family owned, handed down from one generation to another. A good sized domaine may be only 10ha and the amount of wine produced is often miniscule. It is not abnormal to find only a couple of barrels of a 1er Cru or Grand Cru at any particular domaine. Compare this to the large money making machines of Bordeaux. Château Lafite-Rothschild boasts over 100 ha of vines, Château Mouton-Rothschild a mere 75ha!

Burgundy is the most fascinating wine producing region in the world. No vintage is the same, no matter how we try to compare, each possessing its own character and individuality. We prefer to deal with the smaller, family owned domaines, each with their own winemaking style.

Our week of tastings was as fascinating as ever. Selection was key, but I say that every year – and mean it!

I look forward to seeing you at our Burgundy En Primeur tasting on Monday 11th February in the Cellar Door at our HQ in Melton. You can then make your own choices. I like to think that you will be rather impressed.



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2017 – THE GROWING SEASON

Not since 2009 have the Burgundians been rewarded with such a bountiful vintage. A cocktail of spring frosts, summer hailstorms, heat waves and other random meteorological mischiefs had caused untold havoc in recent years with many small growers facing the real prospect of going out of business.

But thankfully, there is a God after all!

The beginning of the year was cold and dry followed by a wet and warm February. March proved to be mild and sunny and the vegetative cycle set into gear with an early start to the growing season.

As Olivier Merlin mused when we visited him at his cellars in La Roche Vineuse, “spring makes the quantity....summer makes the quality!”

Twelve months previously, the Côte d’Or had been ravaged by one of the harshest frosts in history. The now infamous frost of the 29th April 2016 had been exacerbated by the high level of humidity in the soil. The ice on the grapes had acted as an amplifier for the early morning sun, burning the grapes. The result was complete disaster.

Incredibly the vigneronns were faced with exactly the same threat only twelve months later with heavy frosts hitting the region.

What followed was one of the most heartwarming, brotherly efforts by the many growers (apparently the architects were the growers of Savigny-Lès-Beaune) who collaborated in lighting a mass of fires at the top of the hillsides, dousing the flames with water to create a mass of smoke which slowly descended in the still morning air, over the vineyards, creating a protective fog against the early morning sun. It was a masterstroke that was hugely successful, although it was inevitable that despite saving the vintage and the local economy, there were a few moaning minnies who complained to the local authorities that their houses smelled of smoke for weeks after!

After April the weather turned cooler, slowing down the vegetative cycle. The flowering was successful in the early days of June and thereafter the summer was hot and dry, 35°C - 40°C, but the helping southerly winds meant the fruit was not burned. Thankfully there were no climatic problems to deal with.

A feature of the summer was that the evenings were fairly cool which helped keep the acidities refreshingly high, of particular importance in the production of the Chardonnay grape.



2017 – THE GROWING SEASON

Frédéric Lafarge commented that “It was an easy vintage with perfectly ripe grapes – a vintage of great purity!”

In August the sugars moved quickly so the big question was when to pick. The lack of rain and prolonged dryness was about to stall the ripening process. Thankfully at the end of August and early September some much needed rain arrived, boosting the thick skinned grapes and providing much needed freshness and helped the grapes to reach their physiological/ phenolic ripeness.

Not every region of Burgundy had it so easy. In St Aubin there were damaging frosts which has substantially reduced volumes. One of our favourite producers, Domaine Lamy, saw much reduced yields, and so there will no doubt be a real strain when we come to share out his wines!

Further north in Chablis, the vineyards are always susceptible to frosts and spontaneous hailstorms, given that the vineyards are at the limit of the latitudinal viticultural boundary. In 2017 they were once again hit badly, with 11 days of consecutive frost. Domaine Testut experienced losses of 60% - Ouch! In quality terms, however, the wines are exceptional and must not be missed. Bear in mind that Chablis does still offer outstanding value compared to the Côte d’Or.

Overall, 2017 was a relatively easy and simple vintage. After recent years one cannot begrudge the Burgundians a little fortune.

“My first easy vintage!” – Mathilde Grivot, who joined the family domaine in 2010.



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2017 – THE WINES

After a week visiting over twenty growers, we returned home in good spirits. We had tasted some excellent wines and unearthed a few new discoveries that we have included in this offer.

Our fears of finding diluted wines due to the early September rains were unfounded. Indeed these late rains helped to produce a wonderful vintage. After a hot and dry summer the grapes were struggling to attain their physiological ripeness. The welcome rain helped to fill the thick skinned grapes a little and aid the final days of ripening.

So what of the wines?

In the northern region of Chablis, the temperatures were neither too hot nor too cold, with rain at the right time helping the grapes to achieve an excellent maturity and concentration. The cool nights helped to protect the acidity levels, vital in the production of great Chablis. 2017 has produced some exceptional wines in Chablis – fresh, steely and distinctive, full of energy and tension. I am often asked for vintage comparisons which is never easy, but it does seem to have the fruit of 2012 and the acidity of 2014, which is a lovely combination. I would highly recommend including one or more Chablis in your purchase of this vintage. You can buy with confidence.

Further South in the Côte d’Or, there were plenty of smiles as 2017 was the first generous vintage since 2010, and boy did they need it!

The white wines are extremely good. The date of harvest was very important as the sugars moved quickly in late August and preserving the acidities was paramount. Once the fruit was in the press house it was a technically easy vintage to produce, such was the clean and healthy condition of the grapes.

Marc Bachelet commented that he is delighted with his wines. “The fermentation was long, and after the wines were taken off the lees and raked, they showed a magnificent quality – very impressive”

Jean Louis Chavy also likens the vintage to 2009 with an impressive richness of fruit and super attack of acidity. Big in texture, ripe with plenty of energy that delivers an impressive balance to the wines.

I asked Benoît Riffault at Domaine Sauzet his personal view of the vintage. “I like it a lot because I think it is special. Top balance – top equilibrium. This is not usual.”

There is little dispute that both 2014 and 2016 have more ‘terroir’ characteristics, but the white wines of 2017 are filled with precision and energy, big in body and superbly balanced.



2017 – THE WINES

The reds are somewhat of a surprise as we were expecting to find wines that suffered from dilution. Actually we found wines that had a beautiful expression of fruit, filled with charm and elegance but also with a scrumptious rich fruit underbelly. Vineyard management was key in 2017 and the top growers were ruthless in limiting their yields. There is a rich and voluptuous style to this vintage, sweeter and less austere than 2016. We found wines with great precision and tension that will be easy to understand. Sometimes it's nice not to have to ask too many questions. We are not all intellectuals.

The 2017 red wines will drink well before the 2016's but the tannins are ripe and silky smooth and they will have a propensity to age. There is a lovely generous and supple fruit content, typical of a warm vintage, whilst at the same time a freshness associated with a cooler vintage. Similar in many ways to 2009 and in certain ways 2012, there is also a similar freshness to the 2014 vintage. A really lovely vintage that is a true expression of Pinot Noir.

Maconnais experience a very hot summer. Global warming is certainly having an effect in this region. In this respect the yields were much lower. "One of the warmest vintages that I have ever worked" commented Patrick Luquet. Olivier Merlin told us that he has picked in August five times in the last eighteen years. Compare that to only three years in the whole of the last century at his domaine.

Here, the early September rains were a Godsend. Before they arrived the grapes were high in acidity and high in sugar, and the searing heat was blocking the ripening process. Again, picking dates were the deciding factor – getting it wrong was not an option.

The results are very impressive and the Maconnais is a very good source of affordable Chardonnay and Pinot Noir this year. A quiet tip – Olivier Merlin's Pinot Noir!



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CHABLIS

DOMAINE TESTUT

"You work the same way every year but you get a different personality." – Cyril Testut on the wonders of vintage variation.

We have worked closely with Cyril Testut for many years now. Quiet, considered and deeply passionate about his 13ha domaine, he is the proprietor of one of the real jewels of the Chablis region that sits in the top echelons of the Chablis hierarchy.

His Chablis vineyards are perfectly situated - squeezed between the Grand Cru Blanchot and the 1er Cru of Montée de Tonnerre. It is arguably the finest Chablis AC vineyard in the region. Whilst we do not include his Chablis in our En Primeur offer, please do let us know if you are interested.

The small parcel of the famous Grand Cru Grenouilles returned to the Testut family only a few years ago. Back in 1970's the vineyards were leased, due to internal family squabbles, and were held by William Fèvre for 30 years. It is now back in the hands of one of Chablis' finest domaines.

2017 was another mean vintage at this domaine, with a volume reduction of 60%. The wines are exceptional offering tension and energy with classic steely minerality.

Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre

£155.00 per case IB

The finest 1er Cru in Chablis. The vines of this 1 ha vineyard plot are over 60 years old - all hand harvested and fermented purely in tank and then aged in tank for a further 16 months. A yield of only 33hl/ha has resulted in a wine of great intensity, rich in apple, grapefruit and citrus fruits, steely in structure with an incredible aftertaste. Tight with great minerality. Oh this is lovely!

Drink 2020+

Chablis Grand Cru Les Grenouilles (case x 6)

£168.00 per case IB

A small plot of only 0.31 ha planted with 53 year old vines. 80% was fermented in steel tank with the remaining 20% in 600 litre oak barrels. Wow! What a bouquet, decadent yet restrained, aromatic, full of life and weighty white stone fruits. Lovely balanced, a core of concentrated steely fruit, baked apples, honeycomb, green leaf, grapefruit and touch of saline. Big, long and complex.

Drink 2022+



CHABLIS

DOMAINE DES MARRONNIERS

Laurent and Marie-Noëlle Ternynck acquired this lovely domaine from Bernard Legland in 2013. They have invested well and strive for perfection each vintage by expressing the traditional soils of Chablis. The only change in winemaking is the move to using wild yeasts during the fermentation process, thereby elevating the terroir character of Chablis in the wine. This is a super little domaine that produces wines of great typicity.

**Chablis
(5+ cases)**

£108.00 per case IB

£105.00 per case IB

Produced from 10 different parcels from vines of between 25-30 years old. A delicious wine brimming with green apples, pink grapefruit and citrus and supported by a streak of minerality and steely acidity. Already very open and offering great drinking. Why wait?

Drink 2019+

Chablis 1er Cru Montmains

£135.00 per case IB

Produced from South East facing vineyards, this is an impressive, well constructed wine. It is always one of our favourite 1er Cru Chablis that always benefits from a little ageing. Open and fresh, this is a delicious wine full of rich and creamy fruit, broad and mouthfilling with notes of salted butter caramel. A beautiful long and intense finish.

Drink 2020+



CHABLIS

DOMAINE DANIEL DAMPT

"Maybe one of the best vintages in recent years. The acidity is beautiful and will give the potential for many years of ageing" – Vincent Dampt

This 35ha domaine, of which 13ha are of 1er Cru status, is situated in the village of Milly and is run by Daniel and his two sons, Vincent and Sebastian. They produce a very classic style of Chablis. The 1er Cru Côte de Léchet is situated on very steep limestone hills with vines averaging 35 years old producing very low yields.

Chablis
(5+ cases)

£108.00 per case IB
£105.00 per case IB

Produced from two parcels. 80% of the blend is from a plot of 60 year old vines situated in Milly, a stone's throw south of the village of Chablis. A stunning quenching palate of rich tropical fruits, underlying notes of almond and a creamy butter underbelly. This is so approachable already.

Drink 2019+

Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet

£146.00 per case IB

This steep, South/South East facing vineyard looking over the village of Milly and just above Dampt's home, is set on a stony clay subsoil and enjoys a great aspect. The fruit normally shows a great degree of ripeness and generosity. Continually in demand, this 1er Cru offers a greater element of solar character than the other 1er Crus, given the stress the vines endure in this very warm vineyard. Overt and ripe, there is a delicious quenching acidity with notes of lime, that combine beautifully with the ripe, butter filled body. What balance!

Drink 2019+



OLIVIER MERLIN

A great visit to one of our favourite producers culminated in a delicious, traditional Burgundy lunch in the village of Fuissé with Olivier and Corinne. A very nice way to end our 2017 vintage tour!

Olivier and Corinne are now joined at the family business by their sons, Theo and Paul. The future is in good hands.

Situated just north of the village of Fuissé, in La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin is undoubtedly one of the finest producers in Southern Burgundy. We had to visit Olivier for five years before he finally relented and gave us an allocation of his wines.

Merlin's wines are characterised by a stunning purity and impeccable balance, demonstrating his exceptional winemaking talents. They are frequently taken for Côte d'Or wines when tasted blind. If you like value for money, look no further.

WHITE

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse

£89.00 per case IB

A small proportion (15%) is fermented in old oak cives to give the wine a 'lift' with the majority fermented in stainless steel. A delicious style of white Mâcon with fresh and floral aromatics. The palate is tight with white, stony fruits and apple freshness, a wet stone minerality gives balance and there is a weighty long finish. What a great everyday drinker!

Drink 2019+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes

£125.00 per case IB

Produced from 3ha of vineyards split into four separate parcels planted in 1922, 1932, 1949 and 1951 that average 60 years of age. 100% barrel fermented, 10% of which is new, and aged for a further one year in barrel. Beautiful viscosity and succulent ripe fruits. There are layers of buttered apple and pear, melon and almond nut, with minerality and a highly appealing lime acidity. Spice, clove and buttered apple finish the wine off nicely. A classic, almost Cote d'Or in style. A bargain with a capital B!

Drink 2020+

RED

Bouegogne Pinot Noir

£114.00 per case IB

Fermented in oak foudre, 20% whole cluster, 80% destemmed. Oh my word! This is so succulent. Olivier maintains plenty of natural CO2 during the winemaking process, eliminating the need for sulphur and keeping the wine very fresh. So aromatic, full of wild strawberry and fragrant wild flowers. The palate is finely textured, velvet and moreish. An outstanding wine - arguably one of the best valued wines in this offer. We loved it!

Drink 2020+



DOMAINE LUQUET

Patrick Luquet runs his 26 ha family domaine, very much in the heart of the village of Fuissé. Indeed the 'Clos du Bourg' is situated in front of the Church in the centre of the village. Patrick uses no oak ageing in the winemaking process whatsoever, producing wines that express both fruit and terroir with no interfering dimensions. As Patrick says "We really appreciate our terroir". Renowned for their purity his wines are beautiful from an early age.

Pouilly Fuissé 'Au Bourg' (case x 6)

£70.00 per case IB

Produced from vines that average nearly 60 years old, situated in the Clos just in front of the church in the centre of the village of Fuissé. The church protects the vines from the westerly winds which makes this the warmest parcel of Fuissé. This vineyard was initially planted back in 1927 by the Great Grandfather of the current generation, Maurice Luquet. Tank fermented with one year on the lees. A soft, attractive and delicious bouquet. The palate continues with overt tropical fruit, apple skin, minerals and a touch of cereal. Long, poised and broad in appeal, slightly creamy toward the mid palate and then the wine closes with a zippy fresh acidity that brings the wine alive. A touch of clove on the finish. Very, very good.

Drink 2020+



The Au Bourg vineyard in the Village of Fuissé



CHALONNAISE

CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY

The 25ha property is now in the hands of Véronique Desfontaine, and is managed by her two sons, Arnaud and Xavier. Our tastings were conducted by Arnaud, a good friend of Olivier Lamy who we have worked with for many years in Saint-Aubin.

The Château lies in the heart of Mercurey and has been in the hands of the Desfontaine family for over 150 years. The impressive castle boasts a 14th century tower as well as imposing 17th century fortifications.

We have been visiting the Château for a few years now and have witnessed the ongoing improvements, both in the cellars and the winemaking.

WHITE

Bourgogne Aligoté (case x 6)

£40.00 per case IB

Produced from vines that are planted in both Chamilly and Buxy, this variety must incise the tongue, awaken the taste buds and make you salivate. Fruity, ripe and citrusy, there is a classic streak of acidity. As they say “He who does not know a good Aligoté....does not know Burgundy”.

Drink 2019+

Montagny ‘Les Reculerons’ (case x 6)

£59.00 per case IB

The vineyards are perfectly positioned with a south eastern exposure, producing perfect Chardonnay grapes. Fermented in 100% stainless steel with no oak intervention at all. Smoky, stylish and complex this is quite serious with hints of gunflint interwoven with the ripe stony fruit.

Drink 2019+

RED

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puillets (case x 6)

£80.00 per case IB

Produced from 50 year old vines, planted on south-east facing vineyards with iron rich soils, this wine is aged in 12 months oak with a further 6 months in stainless steel tank. Beautifully textured, this is so succulent, with the iron rich soils providing a beautiful voluptuous fruit content. Brambles and damson fruits, thick velvety tannins and a streak of minerality. A sumptuous, great value red Burgundy.

Drink 2020+



CHALONNAISE

CAVE DE BUXY

Established in 1931, the Caves de Vignerons de Buxy is based in the Côte Chalonnaise, 46km south of Beaune. The vineyards are managed by 120 families who are rewarded for the quality of their grapes rather than the quantity that they produce. Strict viticultural guidelines are followed with a programme of continual vineyard assessments.

It is very rare that one can equate Burgundy with affordability as well as quality; however this top Cave Co-operative can certainly lay this claim.

WHITE

Macon Azé, Jules Richard (case x 6)

£28.00 per case IB

Already winning awards, this is a delicious little wine with aromas of acacia and honeysuckle and bags of ripe, fresh apply fruit. There is also a very attractive minerality that provides a steely backbone. Wines from this village develop a subtle Muscat tinge as they begin to mature, but it is more than likely that it will all be drunk well before then! A great everyday drinker.

Drink 2019+

Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier (case x 6)

£35.00 per case IB

A very fine and attractive Chardonnay, offering subtle, creamy notes of cereal, peach, apple skin and a touch of pineapple. Open, quite lush with lovely texture and mouthfeel. An excellent introduction southern white Burgundy – a bargain!

Drink 2019+

RED

Côteaux Bourguignons, Buissonnier (case x 6)

£27.50 per case IB

A blend of 2/3 Gamay and 1/3 Pinot Noir. This is a delight! Ripe red cherries are immediate on the bouquet, there is a touch of hedgerow, bramble and raspberry. This is very fruity, soft and quite soft, sweet-edged, creamy and open. Typical Gamay and Pinot blend, juicy and well defined, this is a red for purists of young red Burgundy.

Drink 2019+

Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier (case x 6)

£35.00 per case IB

Produced from south and south east facing vineyards with very stony soils packed with limestone. Lovely ripe red fruits, all summer red berries, hedgerow fruits with a hint of wild bramble, balanced with a nicely formed acidity and touch of rasping tannins. Open in texture, quite lush and well balanced. An excellent red Burgundy for those who like simple red fruits, soft easy texture, no oak and a delicious elegant finish, without the cost of a small bungalow as a penalty!!

Drink 2019+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY

2017 was not so kind to Saint Aubin with a harsh frost on the 24th April causing serious damage to the vines. Hence allocations from this domaine are much reduced this year.

One of our favourite domaines, it was created back in 1973 by Hubert Lamy. His son Olivier has managed the family property since 1996 following his training at Domaine Meo Camuzet. He immediately introduced the changes that have ultimately elevated this domaine into the higher echelons of Burgundian winemaking.

He ceased selling grapes to negociants and sold off peripheral vineyards to concentrate on the oldest and best sites. High density planting was introduced to glean as much expression of terroir as possible and selection tables were introduced into the cuverie to ensure that only the finest grapes are used. He has reduced the amount of new oak dramatically over the years introducing demi-muids (300-600lt barrels) to improve the wines and giving them a greater propensity to age.

His vines are split 14.5ha white and 3ha red, although we choose only to source his white wines.

Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers'

£185.00 per case IB

Produced from vineyards that lie on the upper slopes as the hill bends around towards Meursault and away from Saint-Aubin itself. A loss of 50% of the grapes has reduced the yields enormously. Matured in 600 lt oak barrels (2/3 1 year and 1/3 2 year) to lessen the effects of new oak and to preserve the sense of minerality. Still on the lees, this is a lively and fresh wine full of grapefruit characters, steely with a super length.

Drink 2019+

St Aubin La Princesse

£250.00 per case IB

Although a Village wine Olivier includes a proportion of 1er Cru grapes in the blend to add extra depth and class. Only 9000 bottles produced this vintage! No new oak, the barrels used are anywhere up to 10 years old. Absolutely delicious! Spikey and aromatic, filled with grapefruit and pineapple characters – so tropical. A searing acidity gives balance and the finish is prolonged.

Drink 2020+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

St Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix

£299.00 per case IB

The Clos de Meix is a small 0.7ha walled plot of vines overlooking the Southern aspect of the village - the extra warmth of the 'clos' gives a higher degree of richness. The vines were planted in two blocks in 1985 and 1995 on a soil of hard chalk and rock overlaid with large stones. A magnificent wine, this is certainly a big step up! Lean and firm, the underlying fruit is tight, but there is plenty of ripeness. A finely balanced wine which will age beautifully.

Drink 2021+

St Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly

£425.00 per case IB

Produced from 3 separate blocks planted by the Lamy family over the past two generations. This is the finest St Aubin 1er Cru - a steep south facing slope which is effectively a continuation of the famous Grand Cru Le Montrachet. Powerful and oozing class, it is another impressive wine that is perfectly constructed, tight, with stony fruits, ripeness and minerality. Only 1% new oak!

Drink 2022+



The Superstar of Saint Aubin, Olivier Lamy



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE GUY AMIOT

Domaine Guy Amiot's work springs from a long tradition begun in the 1920s under the direction of founder, Arsène Amiot. Arsène started acquiring parcels in Chassagne in the 1920s and under his direction Domaine Amiot became one of the first domaines in Burgundy to bottle their own wines.

By the time Guy Amiot took over in 1985, the domaine had built up very impressive holdings and had passed the knowledge of how to best care for the vines down from generation to generation. Their work in the vineyards is exemplary and has led to a solid consistency in the wines.

The wines of this domaine age particularly well, largely due to the serious acidity and minerality that so epitomise them when tasting from barrel.

Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie'

£120.00 per case IB

This wine takes its name from Fabrice Amiot's Great Grandmother. It is a blend of 3 plots and vinified 70% in tank and 30% in old foudres. A baby Chassagne Montrachet, it is a great entry to the range and is the sort of wine that repays tenfold. Rich and round, laden with white fruits and balanced by a wet stone minerality.

Drink 2019+

Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes

£360.00 per case IB

This wine is produced from 12 different parcels totaling 1ha from vines aged between 20 and 45 years old. Aged in 20% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. A creamy palate of nougat and honey, overt and forward with a thick texture. Overtones of nuts on the finish provide an added dimension to this delicious wine.

Drink 2020+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles (case x 6) £225.00 per case IB

La Femme Classique of Chassagne! A very rich and opulent Chassagne produced from a 0.5 plot of clay dominant soil with a North East exposure and 38 year old vines. Aged in 25% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. Rich and honeyed, there is a super intensity to this wine with a touch of apple strudel and fine minerality.

Drink 2020+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers (case x 6) £250.00 per case IB

Produced from 64 year old vines, just above Vergers, that enjoy a North-East exposure and hence a longer ripening period. Vergers means “orchard” so the appley characters are most apt. This is a racy and elegant wine full of ripe tropical fruits, stoney minerality and Granny Smith Apple. There is also a hint of tea on the finish.

Drink 2020+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets (case x 6) £250.00 per case IB

Two parcels of 68 and 28 year old vines planted on soil that is covered with large limestone rocks, produce the fruit for this immensely popular wine. Wow! What incredible intensity – so decadent! This wine reflects the 2017 vintage so well – rich and flattering, filled with exotic fruits and great minerality. The oak is finely integrated and there are hints of nuts and butterscotch. There is a also a very impressive underlying power to this wine.

Drink 2020+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles (case x 6) £555.00 per case IB

This vineyard is situated next to Chevalier Montrachet and is planted with 43 year old vines. Amiots’ plot is 0.25ha. This is a Grand Cru in all but name. Only 3 barrels are produced – medium toast, one of which is new. Ripe apples and honeycomb, exotic tropical fruits with a hint of toast and pain grillé. Big and powerful with wet stone minerality. A truly great wine.

Drink 2023+

Le Montrachet (case x 6) £2,500.00 per case IB

A happy return to our En Primeur offer, following last year’s disastrous frost that destroyed virtually the whole crop. Only 2 barrels are produced of this wine. Aged in a new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. Opulent, rich and poised with an amazing complexity. A bomb of nougat, nuts and caramel with a superb streak of minerality. A great white Burgundy.

Drink 2023+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE JEAN LOUIS CHAVY

Jean-Louis is the son of Gerard Chavy but left the family domaine which is now run by his brother Alain, to sail his own ship. Based at the bottom of the village, the modern winery is very impressive.

Vinification is classic with only natural yeasts used for the fermentation process. The majority of the vines at the domaine are between 20 and 40 years old. The wine style is very elegant and classic, with a stunning purity and steeliness.

This domaine is new to our En Primeur offering and we are delighted with this excellent addition.

Puligny-Montrachet (case x 6)

£160.00 per case IB

A blend of 8 separate parcels and aged in 20% new oak, this is a classic example of Puligny Montrachet, perfectly reflecting the terroir of the appellation. Tight and pure with cool tropical white fruits and wet stone minerality. Only a very slight hint of oak on the finish. Absolutely stunning!

Drink 2021+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon (case x 6)

£250.00 per case IB

This great 1er Cru is located very close to the Grand Crus, and produces outstanding wines. The vines average 40 years old. Aged in 25% new oak, intense and powerful aromas of pineapple and a palate that oozes class. Tight and lean with a searing acidity, tropical fruits with nutty overtones and a hint of honey. Mind boggling!

Drink 2022+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE BACHELET-MONNOT

This relatively young domaine was established in 2005 by brothers Marc and Alex Bachelet along with their father Jean François and Uncle Monnot. Situated in the village of Dezize-lès-Maranges, southwest of Santenay, the domaine consists of 10ha of owned vineyards as well as a further 10 on long-term lease, covering the appellations of Santenay, Maranges and Puligny Montrachet.

This is a star domaine on the rise. The vineyards are farmed organically with strict de-budding to reduce the yields, whilst the winemaking philosophy is very much one of non-intervention. No battonage, only a small use of new oak, with the introduction of larger oak barrels in 2012, and long ageing in the barrel which gives great stability to the wines.

We are very taken with the white wines of this domaine which offer great depth and finesse.

WHITE

Puligny-Montrachet (case x 6)

£199.00 per case IB

Produced from 2 ha of vines made up of 7 different parcels. A smokey and intense bouquet, the palate is dominated by soft peach, baked apple and notes of mango and stonefruit. Wonderfully ripe and complex, offering touches of roasted nut, pineapple and spice. Long, well defined, complex and balanced. Lots of integrated oak, layered, multi dimensional and yet always balanced by this gorgeous fresh acidity that gives focus and life to the mouthfeel. This is classic Puligny. Outstanding!

Drink 2020+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières (case x 6)

£325.00 per case IB

On the same contour and with the same soil composition as Chevalier Montrachet, this 1er Cru is renowned for its minerality. This is so regal. Aged in 25% new oak, this wine shows both weight and power with a matchbox character giving added identity. Melon and pineapple fruit provide a beautiful fruit set, there are nuts and butterscotch notes, as well as a lovely steely balance. A wine that is both elegant and poised yet sumptuous and decadent.

Drink 2022+

RED

Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière (case x 6)

£100.00 per case IB

Produced from a single 1.5ha plot of 80 year old vines, the soils are very deep. As Marc says, "the vineyard has everything; it is easy to make great wine here." Rich and ripe, filled with strawberry and raspberry fruits, a touch of vanilla from the 25% oak ageing, and fine tannins. This is a very precise wine with a lovely ripe underbelly.

Drink 2022+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE ETIENNE SAUZET

This small, 8 hectare, bio-dynamically farmed domaine is owned and run by Gerard Boudot, son-in-law of the late Etienne Sauzet, alongside his daughter Emilie and her husband, Benoît Riffault.

Farmed organically since 2006, the family subsequently moved to bio-dynamic status in 2010. These are some of the most sought after wines in the Puligny-Montrachet appellation and are famed for their great definition, intensity and style.

Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra (case x 6)

£92.00 per case IB

Produced from four separate, small parcels of vines and vinified in a mixture of 4-5 year old barrels and large foudres. A soft, buttery bouquet with aromas of wild white flowers. A touch of tropical fruit, apples and citrus fruits, the palate offers a super crispness. Beautifully balanced. Recent tastings of back vintages of this wine suggest that it should be grabbed at the first opportunity. One of the Côte de Beaune's finest Bourgogne Chardonnays that stands equal to many Puligny's!

Drink 2019+

Puligny-Montrachet (case x 6)

£250.00 per case IB

Produced from 12 parcels totaling 3.5ha planted with vines that average 50 years old, the oldest of which was planted in 1934. Vinified in 15% new oak. Closed and brooding, this is powerful, tight and mineral with a beautiful and pure pineapple fruit. Precise, with bags of energy and a long finish. Behind the power is subtle beauty. Once again a wine of great poise and distinction.

Drink 2021+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières (case x 6)

£425.00 per case IB

The Sauzet estate owns 1.4ha at the heart of the Perrières vineyard, on the Meursault side, with a great aspect and thinner calcareous soil structure, giving long lived wines with great finesse. Aged in 20% new oak, there is an intense bouquet with hints of gun smoke that lures you in. The palate is rich and powerful, almost voluptuous, tropical and round. Perfect balance is achieved with a stunning minerality that pierces the mid palate.

Drink 2021+



DOMAINE MESTRE-MICHELOT

This domaine is owned and run by Jean-François Mestre who assumed control of the vineyards and winemaking at the 22 ha Domaine Michelot in 1993. Mestre, who is married to one of Bernard Michelot's four daughters, has spent the last twenty years raising the profile of this domaine which is now widely regarded as one of the finest in the Meursault appellation. He is now joined in the business by his son, Nicolai.

The wines benefit from extended contact with the lees and regular bâtonnage, which contributes to their rich and expressive character. Up to 25% new oak is used with a growing emphasis on 500lt barrels. To enhance the wines' vivacity, after 12 months the cuvées are assembled into temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks where they complete their maturation over the next 6 months. The estate's entire production now appears under the Domaine Mestre-Michelot label.

Domaine Michelot's vineyard practices aim at maintaining a balanced natural environment. The aim is to encourage the vine's natural resistance mechanisms. They regularly plough the soils and apply compost as opposed to chemical fertilizers. Grass is planted between all the rows to absorb water, thereby creating a condition of mild hydric stress for the wines. This condition serves 3 purposes: it encourages the roots to grow deeper into the soil, enhancing the wine's complexity; it makes for healthier grapes while concentrating their sugar and flavors; and it creates an environment in which vine maladies caused by moisture are naturally prevented.

Bourgogne Chardonnay (case x 6)

£68.00 per case IB

This wine is produced from 4 ha of vines that are made up of 4 parcels, a stone's throw from the appellation of Meursault. No new oak, it is vinified in 500lt barrels and aged for one year before spending 6 months in stainless steel tanks before bottling. A ripe and appealing bouquet, expressive with Fuji apple notes, balancing spice and wet stones. There is a delicious citrus quality here which really lifts the wine to another level. Buttered apple, lemon meringue, honey, and a wonderful textured mouthfeel. So opulent, this is Meursault in all but name.

Drink 2020+

Meursault (case x 6)

£145.00 per case IB

As usual, this wine is enhanced by grapes produced from the lieux-dits vineyards of Les Casse Têtes and Limozin, which give an added richness and intensity to the wine. Matured in 15% new oak, a mix of 225lt and 600lt Demi-Muids, the bouquet boasts rich, fat fruit aromas with overtones of honey. There is a core of sweet edged, honeyed fruit that swells up from the glass, with layers of apple strudel, honey, minerals and lime leaf. The finish is delicious, moreish and long with a touch of power and concentration that you normally associate with Chassagne and 1er cru Meursault. This is one of the best ever from Miichelot!

Drink 2020+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Meursault Clos St Felix (case x 6)

£160.00 per case IB

Named after the small walled vineyard ('Clos') that lies huddled down to the front of the estate, this sheltered 0.94ha site enjoys an extra 1°C degree of temperature. The late Bernard Michelot claims that he always felt that extra degree of warmth after he jumped over the wall, returning from seeing his girlfriend in the early hours, after breaking the evening curfew during the 2WW!

Aged in 15% new oak, this is a step up yet again. Nutty, honeyed, rich and round with layer upon layer of pineapple, peach apple and pain grillé. A beautiful vibrancy gives life and energy. Powerful, hedonistic, yet utterly restrained, poised and focused. This is what Michelot is all about.

Drink 2021+

Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières (case x 6)

£285.00 per case IB

Produced in a mixture of 70% barrique (228lt) of which 50% is new, and 30% large oak barrels, of which 15% is new – got it?! One of the most highly regarded 1er Cru situated to the south of the village. The very stoney soils are reflected in the intense minerality of the palate. Lean and strict, there is a stunning underlying power, with notes of honey and roasted nuts, pineapple and tropical fruits and finely integrated oak. Quite beautiful.

Drink 2022+



Jean Francois Mestre and son Nicolai



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE LAFARGE

The dark and cool cellars of Lafarge are always a highlight on our annual tour of Burgundy, welcomed by the professor-like Frederick, son of Michel. His passion and knowledge for all things Volnay and Burgundy are unmatched.

They have been running their 10ha domaine and farm their vineyards using biodynamic principles since 1999. They produce some of the finest wines in Volnay. Very little new oak is used, only around 5%, with barrels between 2 and 5 years preferred. The style is alluring, complex and harmonious and is exactly what one looks for in great Volnay.

Volnay (case x 6)

£210.00 per case IB

2.6 ha of vines which were planted as far back as 1932. No new oak is used in the production of this wine. Beautiful in every way. Fragrant wild flower aromas seduce you and the mouthfeel is elegant yet provocative, with hedgerow fruits, cranberry and a little damson. Lafarge is one of the very best in Volnay and this is a wine of great distinction.

Drink 2021+

DOMAINE VOILLOT

Etienne Chaix, nephew of Jean Pierre Charlot, who in turn is the son-in-law of Joseph Voillot, has now taken the reins at this outstanding little domaine. The proportion of new oak has been slightly reduced as seems the fashion in Burgundy these days.

The domaine consists of 9ha of vineyards, including some prized sites in several 1er Crus. The grapes are partially destemmed and the wines matured in oak barrels (15-20% new) for 14-16 months. Without doubt one of the finest domaines in Volnay, these wines are never heavy or over extracted. They offer the fragrance, charm and beauty so typical of Volnay.

These wines showed such a remarkable expression of the Pinot Noir grape.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir (case x 6)

£80.00 per case IB

Covering approximately 2 hectares, the vineyards are situated on the lower slopes in the village of Volnay. The vines average 37 years old, planted in the lieux-dits of Longbois, Luret, Petits Prés and Grandes Terres. No new oak is used in the vinification of this wine, with barrels between one to 4 years old used. The bouquet is so delicious – overt, cherry and hedgerow fruits to the fore. The palate is succulent with sweet wild cherries, strawberries and a touch of kirsch. In effect, this is de-classified Volnay

Drink 2019+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Volnay (case x 6)

£145.00 per case IB

Produced from a number of plots totaling just under 2ha, the 'vieilles vignes' averaging 40 years old. There is no new oak used in this cuvée. Whiffs of violets and fragrant wild flowers dominate the bouquet. A stunning purity, soft and velvet in texture, supple with ripe tannins and delicious hedgerow fruits. So alluring!

Drink 2022+

Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets (case x 6)

£256.00 per case IB

Situated to the eastern extremities of the appellation adjacent to Pommard on chalk subsoil. Produced from 60 year old vines and aged for 14 months in 10% new oak. So fragrant and fresh on the bouquet, this is a sexy wine brimming with ripe black fruits, richer and more intense with a fine underlying sweetness. The tannins are so soft and succulent. Great Pinot Noir!

Drink 2023+

Pommard (case x 6)

£155.00 per case IB

Produced from four parcels—Cras, Poisots, Saussilles and Vaumuriens, totaling 1.2 ha, with the vines averaging 55 years old. Classic Pinot Noir. Again, no new oak in this wine, just pure strawberry and cherry fruits, soft and finely integrated tannins with a relatively low acidity, which gives the wine an immediate appeal. Dare I say this wine has a Central Otago twist?!

Drink 2022+

Pommard 1er Cru Epenots (case x 6)

£350.00 per case IB

Rich, round and chunky, this is classic Pommard. Ripe cassis and jam compote, ripe tannins and an impressive freshness provides balance. A little smoke on the finish gives added dimension. A very complex and alluring style, powerful and focused with sinew, poise and a delicious elegance. What a decadent and intense wine.

Drink 2022+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

DOMAINE CAMUS BRUCHON

Life in Savigny-lès-Beaune has been very difficult in recent years, this appellation seemingly singled out by the weather Gods all too often. That all changed in 2017 with the first 'normal vintage since 2009.

This 9ha domaine is blessed with a high percentage of old vines and produces stunning wines that are typical of both its appellation and the Pinot Noir grape. For your regular drinking, this is certainly a domaine to follow.

Like his late father, Guillaume is meticulous and thoughtful, wary of the amount of new oak used when making his wines, limiting it to no more than 25%. The wines of this domaine are delightful, perfumed with a delicious elegance and firm, yet refined structure. They are bottled unfiltered in order to preserve the natural balance of fruit and tannins and offer great value.

Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly (case x 6)

£100.00 per case IB

This wine is named after Guillaume's Great, Great Grandmother. This year it was produced from 4 separate parcels and is a lovely fresh and crunchy wine, full of softness and femininity, As well as being fresh and elegant, there are moreish notes of summer pudding, cranberry and cherry with a herbaceous twist on the finish. A wine to make you smile!

Drink 2020+

DOMAINE TOLLLOT-BEAUT

One year on and the cellars at this wonderful old domaine were full to the rafters. The smile on Nathalie Tollot-Beaut said it all! 2016 is already a distant memory.

This domaine was one of the first to bottle its own wines back in 1921 when most growers simply sold their wines to the local negociants, and it has retained its ground breaking ethos to the present day. Under the meticulous control of Natalie Tollot, 5th generation, the domaine currently comprises some 24 hectares of vines, spread over a number of different sites in Beaune, Savigny-lès-Beaune, Chorey-lès-Beaune, Aloxe-Corton and Corton including small holdings in premiers and grands crus. Each wine produced is respectful of its terroir and perfectly represents the characteristics of the appellation.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir (case x 6)

£90.00 per case IB

Produced from vines that are planted a stone's throw from the Chorey appellation, this is a super little wine that will give immense pleasure. A super entry to this domaine very much in the Tollot style, aged for 16 months in barrel. So approachable. Elegant and fresh with strawberry jam fruit, succulent soft tannins and a relatively low acidity will allow almost immediate drinking.

Drink 2019+



CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Chorey-lès-Beaune (case x 6)

£114.00 per case IB

This is the signature wine of this top domaine. Its style is inimitable. A rich and ripe bouquet leaves you in no doubt that this is a sumptuous, rich and ripe wine. The palate is laden with ripe cherry fruit and a dash of kirsch, the tannins are ultra soft and the finish is long with a tiny hint of clove. Drink it now! Nathalie's comment summed it up perfectly – "It's unbelievable!"

Drink 2019+

Savigny Champs Chevrey (case x 6)

£174.00 per case IB

This is a monopole of the Domaine Tollot-Beaut estate and produces the most structured wine of the two Savigny-lès-Beaune premier cru appellations. It is situated just below the Les Lavières vineyard and benefits from a sunnier exposure. With more clay in its soils, the bouquet is ripe with red and black cherry, liquorice and espresso. The palate is ripe with a fine underbelly of cassis, relatively low acidity and a structure that is sturdy with plenty of grip.

Drink 2021+

Aloxe Corton (case x 6)

£177.00 per case IB

Produced from four separate parcels totaling 2ha, this wine is vinified in 33% new oak. Beautifully Pinot Noir! A more feminine style of Aloxe, with a multitude of red fruit flavours – raspberry, cherry and strawberry amongst them. The tannins are suave and soft and the finish is quite succulent.

Drink 2021+

Beaune 1er Cru (case x 6)

£270.00 per case IB

Blessed with a perfect south-south-easterly exposure, this 1er Cru is situated to the north of Beaune. Owned by the dukes of Burgundy and highly favoured by the kings of France, the wines of Beaune were regularly served at Versailles. In the 15th century, upon the death of Charles Le Téméraire, the last duke of Burgundy, this clos passed into the hands of the royal winemakers and therefore became Beaune Clos du Roi - the plot of the king. Rich, ripe and structured, with great weight of dense red fruits, oak, vanilla and spice. The character of the wine shows a warmth and generous weight of red fruits, with supple easy structure that tightens towards the finish. Layers of complex mineral notes, acidity and green tea. Big, decadent and powerful. Very small quantities available.

Drink 2024+



CÔTE DE NUITS

DOMAINE CHRISTIAN SÉRAFIN

Frédérique Goulley, the niece of Christian Sérafin greeted us to taste through the 2016 vintage. Christian is now slowing down and Frédérique, who has been working alongside her uncle for over ten years now, is now very much the winemaking driving force at the domaine.

Although the baton has been handed over, the wine making philosophy hasn't changed. These wines are hand crafted, with old vines and low yields central to the winemaking here.

A cool ten day maceration helps create a stunning richness and concentration with the diligent use of new oak and the non-filtration of his wines being key to the Sérafin style. They continue to destem around 70% of the bunches. The grapes are fermented at a relatively high temperature and enjoy up to 100% new oak ageing.

This domaine produces some of the finest, traditional wines of the Gevrey Appellation.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir

£250.00 per case IB

The grapes are produced from a single 0.33ha parcel of vines name Pressonnier, which for 30 years, between 1956 and 1986, had the right to be sold as Gevrey Chambertin. The vines are 43 year old. Vinified in 50% new oak, there is a multitude of black fruit characteristics complemented by a hint of spice, black pepper and woodsmoke. Beautifully crafted.

Drink 2020+

Gevrey-Chambertin

£395.00 per case IB

11 small parcels totaling 1.33ha, with vines averaging 55 years old produce the grapes for this wine. Fermented in 70% new oak and aged for 18 months, this is a reduction to the previous policy and yields a more supple style. That said, it is a muscular wine, with an impressive structure, mulberry, ripe cassis fruits and great energy. There does seem to be a hint of femininity creeping into the winemaking style which is most attractive.

Drink 2021+

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

£535.00 per case IB

Produced from 7 parcels totaling 1ha, situated adjacent to Grand Cru and 1er Cru vineyards. The vines average 70 years old, the oldest of which are 90 years old. Vinified and aged for 18 months in 100% new oak. A meaty, structured wine with a phenomenal fruit intensity – blackcurrants, damson and kirsch. The tannins are finely grained and provide a very impressive polish to the finish.

Drink 2022+



CÔTE DE NUITS

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux

£695.00 per case IB

This 1er Cru is situated just outside the village of Gevrey adjacent to the Grand Cru of Mazis- Chambertin. Within the Corbeaux vineyards there is a small walled vineyard (a Clos) which is owned exclusively by the Sérafin family. The vines are 48 years old. Inky, intense and powerful, a brooding and smouldering palate offers black cassis and grippy tannins. This is a classic Gevrey Chambertin that will repay ageing.

Drink 2024+

Morey St Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes

£685.00 per case IB

This 0.3 plot of 1er Cru is located next to the Grand Cru of Clos de la Roche. The average age of the vines is 49 year old. Wow! Fabulous richness and poise with an intoxicating mélange of sweet raspberry, maraschino, pomegranate and cranberry, interlaced with jammy notes and heavy lick of sweet spice. This is a bold wine in all senses. An impressive structure that reins in the impressive sweet fruit and freshness.

Drink 2024+

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes

£925.00 per case IB

Produced from 43 year old vines which are located adjacent to the Grand Cru of Bonne Marres. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months. Beautiful, refined and intense, a finely textured feminine wine that also has an underlying power that gives realumph! The tannins are refined and perfectly integrated and there is a lovely touch of minerality on the finish.

Drink 2024+

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny

£885.00 per case IB

Produced from 61 year old vines enjoying an east west exposure to the daily sunshine that sit on a very rocky soil, producing very small grapes. Situated next to the Grand Cru Ruchottes, Fonteny is always a much more charming Gevrey, oozing finesse. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months. Feminine, elegant and harmonious with a touch of spice, this wine is a thing of beauty. Quite charming.

Drink 2024+



CÔTE DE NUITS

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières

£1,100.00 per case IB

Produced from 59 year old vines, this 1er Cru is situated immediately next to the famous Clos Saint Jacques vineyard. The family has just increased their holding of this great 1er Cru after realizing that Christian Serafin's garden was within the appellation boundaries! Dig up the lawn and plant the vines! Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months this is always the most robust of Sérafin's 1er Cru's. Masculine with a propensity to age extremely well, there are many dimensions to this wine. Highly concentrated black cassis and morello cherries provide the fruit characters, the texture is voluptuous and the tannins finely woven into the enormous structure. Tightly knit, this is superb Gevrey.

Drink 2025+

Charmes-Chambertin

£1,500.00 per case IB

Produced from two parcels of vines averaging 85 years old, one in Charmes and one in Mazoyeres totaling only 0.3ha. (It is an interesting peculiarity that Mazoyeres can be used as Charmes Chambertin.) Only 4 barrels were produced of the 2017 vintage. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months. A very aristocratic wine, full of power and poise. A superb intensity, the palate is thick and viscous brimming with multi layers of cassis and mulberry fruit, the tannins are finely tuned and there is highly impressive polish to the finish

Drink 2025+



Ploughing by horse in the Grand Crus



CÔTE DE NUITS

DOMAINE MACHARD DE GRAMONT

Hidden away in the unassuming hamlet of Prémieux-Prissey, this domaine is a great source of Burgundy at sensible prices. “Value for money” is not something that is often associated with the wines of the Côte d’Or, however, we have dealt with this family domaine for many years as it offers such great wines at sensible prices. As Alban often says, “I want people to be able to afford to drink my wines” How refreshing!

The family owns small parcels in several different appellations and manages to seduce the individual characteristics from each one. They use a blend of American and French oak, developing a unique style in the appellation of Nuits-St-George, Gevrey-Chambertin and Pommard.

The grapes are hand-harvested and vinified at low temperatures, with natural yeast, in oak barrels. They are then aged for 12 to 16 months in the cellars of the domaine.

WHITE

Puligny-Montrachet Les Houillères

£250.00 per case IB

Produced from a 2/3 ha plot which was purchased from Louis Chavy a number of years ago, this is our best selling Puligny and we are struggling to keep up with the ever increasing demand. Aged in 25% new oak, there is a mélange of ripe tropical fruits that envelopes a steely backbone, along with a touch of match strike and terroir minerality.

Drink 2019+

Nuits St Georges Blanc, Les Creux Fraiche Eau

£195.00 per case IB

A bit of a rarity but what tremendous value. The vineyards are at a high altitude with a high lime content in the soil. The wine is aged for 10 months in old French barrels. The bouquet is filled with aromas of white flowers, the palate is soft, easy and very approachable, with a beautiful mineral edge giving balance.

Drink 2019+

RED

Bourgogne Pinot Noir ‘Le Chapitre’

£75.00 per case IB

This is one of only three Bourgogne Pinot Noirs that can attach the vineyard name to its label. It has now been given the go ahead to be re-classified to the appellation of Marsannay from the 2020 vintage. A bit of a shame but we still have 3 more years to fill our boots with this outstanding value for money wine! Produced from 60 year old vines and aged in 15% new oak, this wine offers simply outstanding value for money!

Drink 2019+



CÔTE DE NUITS

RED

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune

£80.00 per case IB

Produced from vineyards just outside the boundary with Pommard, this is a really interesting wine. 3 parcels, the oldest of which are planted with 70 year old vines, are very well positioned and enjoy all day sunshine. Alban adds 4% Pinot Beurot (an ancient Burgundian grape similar to Pinot Gris) to the wine to enhance the aromatics. No new oak, just pure fruit!

Drink 2019+

Chorey-lès-Beaune

£120.00 per case IB

Produced from vineyards to the west of the village of Chorey, this wine is aged in older barrels. Aged in 20% new French oak. Sweet cherry fruits and ripe succulent tannins, as Alban says, “*What is the point in waiting!*”

Drink 2019+

Beaune Les Epenottes

£140.00 per case IB

This finely situated plot of only 0.3ha touches the Pommard 1er Cru Epenots at the southern limit of the appellation. Fermented and aged in a mixture of both French, American and Hungarian oak of which 25% is new. The texture of this wine is akin to velvet, laden with strawberry fruits finely tuned tannins.

Drink 2020+

Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries

£182.00 per case IB

Produced from 63 year old vines, fermented and aged in 50% new Burgundian oak, which gives added structure to the wine. Only 8 barrels of this wine are produced. An impressively round and moreish Beaune, with ripe tannins and soft acidity, perfect for early drinking.

Drink 2020+



CÔTE DE NUITS

RED

Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier'

£210.00 per case IB

This small 0.3 ha plot produces only 9 barrels a year. Aged in 25% French mountain oak, the finer grain enhances the soft tannins. Rich and powerful, this wine is beautifully crafted with an abundance of cassis fruits and finely woven tannins.

Quite superb!

Drink 2020+

Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot

£204.00 per case IB

This domaine is the dominant landowner of this lieu-dit with a 1.7 ha limestone plot of late ripening vines, some of which are 50 years old. It is situated on this mid-slope in between the villages of Nuits-Saint-Georges and Vosne Romanée. Aged in 30% new oak barrels, of which 40% is French and 60% is American. A beautiful, rich and ripe wine, lush and finely textured with voluptuous black fruits. A touch of caramel on the finish is so soothing. Always an extremely popular wine.

Drink 2020+

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Damodes'

£295.00 per case IB

Situated in the northern part of the appellation, on poor, limestone soils, just to the south of the premier cru appellations of Vosne-Romanée. One of the domaine's flagship wines, this is a classic, powerful offering. Brooding on the bouquet, the palate is full of black cassis and overtones of cherry liqueur, the structure is impressively tight with moreish tannins and finely integrated oak, 40% of which is new. A simply majestic wine.

Drink 2022+



Alban Machard de Gramont with John Townend



CÔTE DE NUITS

DOMAINE JEAN GRIVOT

“Everything has to play at the same time – it is like an orchestra. The winemaker is the conductor!” – Etienne Grivot.

Along with Domaine Tollot Beaut this 15 ha domaine was one of the first to bottle its own wines, back in the 1930's. It is now in the hands of the 5th generation, Etienne Grivot, who produces some of the most classic wines in the whole of Burgundy, with an average vine age of around 45 - 50 years old. His motto is simple! *“Wine is a therapy – you need to feel better after it than before!”*

Etienne has some great raw materials to work with. He destems 95% and stops the practice of 'pigeage' as soon as the fermentation starts, continuing with one 'pumping over' the skins per day before the ferment stops and the wines are transferred to barrel. He uses 30% new oak for village wines, 40-50% new oak for 1er Crus and up to 70% new oak for his Grand Crus.

Vosne-Romanée (case x 6)

£282.00 per case IB

A blend of 8 different parcels covering 5 separate terroirs, the largest being just to the south of the village of Vosne Romanée, on a white limestone soil that gives an intense minerality to the wine. Aged in 15% new oak, this is classic Vosne Romanée – great energy, fragrant and seductive with a tight corps and pretty hedgerow fruits. There is a touch of green tea, sweet new oak and spice. An outstanding wine!

Drink 2023+

Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' (case x 6)

£282.00 per case IB

These vineyards are situated on the Vosne Romanée side of Nuits-St-Georges and thereby take influences from both villages – the linearity of Nuits St Georges and the seductive succulence of Vosne Romanée. Aged for 15 months in 20% new oak, this is a wine of great definition. Aromatic, fresh and intense, layer upon layer of ripe cassis fruit, a smattering of cranberry supported by a fine corps. A touch of graphite finishes the wine well. Very sophisticated.

Drink 2023+



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		Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
Prices given are per case, in bond Melton (ex VAT & Duty)				
CHABLIS	DOMAINE PHIPILLE TESTUT			
	Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre	.....	£155.00	.....
	Chablis Grand Cru Les Grenouilles (case x 6)	.....	£168.00	.....
	DOMAINE DES MARRONNIERS			
	Chablis	.....	£108.00	.....
	(5+ cases)	.....	£105.00	.....
	Chablis 1er Cru Montmains	.....	£135.00	.....
	DOMAINE DANIEL DAMPT			
	Chablis	.....	£108.00	.....
	(5+ cases)	.....	£105.00	.....
	Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet	.....	£146.00	.....
	MÂCONNAIS	OLIVIER MERLIN		
WHITE				
Mâcon La Roche Vineuse		.....	£89.00	.....
Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes		.....	£125.00	.....
RED				
Bourgogne Pinot Noir		.....	£114.00	.....
DOMAINE ROGER LUQUET				
	Pouilly Fuissé 'Au Bourg' (case x 6)	.....	£70.00	.....
	CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY			
	WHITE			
Bourgogne Aligoté (case x 6)	.....	£40.00	.....
Montagny 'Les Reculerons' (case x 6)	.....	£59.00	.....
RED				
Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puillets (case x 6)	.....	£80.00	.....
CHALONNAISE	CAVE DE BUXY			
	WHITE			
	Macon Azé, Jules Richard (case x 6)	.....	£28.00	.....
	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise	.....	£35.00	.....
	Buissonnier (case x 6)			
	RED			
	Côteaux Bourguignons, Buissonnier (case x 6)	£27.50
	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise	£35.00
Buissonnier (case x 6)				



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CÔTE DE BEAUNE DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY			
Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers'	£185.00
St Aubin La Princée	£250.00	.....
St Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix	£299.00	.....
St Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly	£425.00	.....
 DOMAINE GUY AMIOT			
Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie'	£120.00	.....
Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes	£360.00	.....
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	£225.00	.....
Les Macherelles (case x 6)			
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	£250.00	.....
Les Vergers (case x 6)			
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	£250.00	.....
Les Caillerets (case x 6)			
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	£555.00	.....
Les Demoiselles (case x 6)			
Le Montrachet (case x 6)	£2,500.00	.....
 DOMAINE JEAN LOUIS CHAVY			
Puligny-Montrachet (case x 6)	£160.00	.....
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon (case x 6)	£250.00	.....
 DOMAINE BACHELET-MONNOT			
WHITE			
Puligny-Montrachet (case x 6)	£199.00	.....
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	£325.00	.....
Les Folatières (case x 6)			
RED			
Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière (case x 6)	£100.00	.....
 DOMAINE ETIENNE SAUZET			
Bourgogne Blanc Tufera (case x 6)	£92.00	.....
Puligny-Montrachet (case x 6)	£250.00
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	£425.00
Les Perrières (case x 6)			



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CÔTE DE BEAUNE DOMAINE MESTRE-MICHELOT			
Bourgogne Chardonnay (case x 6)	£68.00
Meursault (case x 6)	£145.00	.....
Meursault Clos St Felix (case x 6)	£160.00	.....
Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières (case x 6)	£285.00	.....
DOMAINE LAFARGE			
Volnay (case x 6)	£210.00	.....
DOMAINE VOILLOT			
Bourgogne Pinot Noir (case x 6)	£80.00	.....
Volnay (case x 6)	£145.00	.....
Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets (case x 6)	£256.00	.....
Pommard (case x 6)	£155.00	.....
Pommard 1er Cru Epenots (case x 6)	£350.00	.....
DOMAINE CAMUS BRUCHON			
Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly (case x 6)	£100.00	.....
DOMAINE TOLLOT-BEAUT			
Bourgogne Pinot Noir (case x 6)	£90.00	.....
Chorey- lès -Beaune (case x 6)	£114.00	.....
Savigny 1er Cru (case x 6)	£174.00	.....
Aloxe Corton (case x 6)	£177.00	.....
Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi (case x 6)	£270.00	.....
CÔTE DE NUITS DOMAINE CHRISTIAN SÉRAFIN			
Bourgogne Pinot Noir	£250.00	.....
Gevrey-Chambertin	£395.00	.....
Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes	£535.00	.....
Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux	£695.00	.....
Morey St Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes	£685.00	.....
Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes	£925.00	.....
Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny	£885.00	.....
Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières	£1,110.00
Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	£1,500.00



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CÔTE DE NUITS DOMAINE MACHARD DE GRAMONT			
WHITE			
Puligny-Montrachet Les Houillères	£250.00
Nuits St Georges Blanc, Les Creux Fraiche Eau	£195.00	.....
RED			
Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Le Chapitre'	£75.00	.....
Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune	£80.00	.....
Chorey-lès-Beaune	£120.00	.....
Beaune Les Epenottes	£140.00	.....
Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries	£182.00	.....
Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier'	£210.00	.....
Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot	£204.00	.....
Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Damodes'	£295.00	.....
DOMAINE JEAN GRIVOT			
Vosne-Romanée (case x 6)	£282.00
Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' (case x 6)	£282.00
		Total



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