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BURGUNDY 2019



EN PRIMEUR



A photograph of a wine cellar with rows of wooden barrels. The barrels are arranged in two rows, one above the other, and are made of dark wood with metal hoops. The cellar has a rough, stone wall in the background and a concrete floor. The lighting is warm and focused on the barrels.

2019

EN PRIMEUR

WINE

BURGUNDY 2019

November 2020 was to be my 30th annual visit to Burgundy. Since 1990, the first week in November has always been the top of the list for diary entries at the beginning of each year. Not so this year! Sadly, it has not been possible.

As with the Bordeaux 2019 vintage tastings back in April, our Burgundian growers have had to take the unusual step of sending barrel samples for us to taste here in the UK, as opposed to our annual stomp around the cellars in the region itself. It's not the same! That said, there is a serious job in hand, and arguably the cold and rainy weather here in the East Riding of Yorkshire simply reinforces our objectivity.

We have had plenty of correspondence, phone calls and reports from our growers, keeping us informed about the 2019 vintage, their thoughts and expectations. So, along with our own experience from the samples we have tasted, what can we say about the 2019 vintage?

First of all, yields were very low and there isn't very much to go round. This is in complete contrast to the very plentiful 2018 vintage, which also delivered some superb wines. The quality of wines produced at the top domaines is excellent, both white and red, and so we expect the wines to be highly sought after.

Demand for Burgundy seems to be insatiable. It is unlike any other wine producing region. Each domaine may own small holdings in a number of villages, but often they only produce a few barrels of each wine. It is for this reason that it is so difficult to find bottles from the top growers when the wines are ready for drinking. Buying En Primeur is arguably far more important with Burgundy than Bordeaux, where quantities produced are so much higher.

We normally hold our Burgundy En Primeur tasting at our Cellar Door at HQ Melton in February, when the wines start to show themselves a little better. Sadly, this year we will not be able to do so. It is such a shame, as there are some beautiful wines. Having tasted most of them myself, I can wholeheartedly recommend the 2019 vintage to you. Keep an eye on our website www.houseoftownend.com



JOHN C. TOWNEND
MANAGING DIRECTOR



2019

THE GROWING SEASON

The small harvest is entirely down to the chaotic weather conditions the region faced. First, the winter of 2018 was very dry, so the soils were deprived of much needed water reserves. There was no precipitation in October 2018 until the 30th when snow arrived! Thereafter, unlike the previous winter, it was very dry.

January was warm and dry and after a brief cooler spell in early February the weather was very warm. This led to an early start to the season which proved to be problematic as the region was badly affected by frost, with a sudden burst of cold from Siberia hitting it on the 4th/5th April. The regional and village appellations were hit particularly hard, with Chassagne-Montrachet faring rather badly with losses of 50-60%.

The flowering was difficult, strung out through the month of June, with the weather now windy and cold. As well as some coulure, there was a lot of millerandage, so a very small vintage was already locked in.

The rain continued until the end of June but then the skies cleared and the summer was exceptionally hot and dry. All previous temperature records were broken, with peaks at 42°C. Hydric stress was a fear, especially in the 1er Cru vineyards, where water is very scarce, but is fair to say that all appellations were affected one way or another. Crucially, however, unlike other hot vintages such as 2003, the vines did not close down, so phenolic ripening continued without trouble. Canopy management determined which growers protected their grapes from the burning sun. Whilst some growers continue to strip the vines of their leaves, those that encourage canopy growth to act as an umbrella shade have produced by far the best results.

The grapes that entered the wineries were wonderfully ripe with a great concentration, but they were small with little juice, hence the yields were low.

The decision of when to pick is always one of the determining factors in who fares better in the final outcome. In 2019 this decision was crucial, finding the best time to balance fruit maturity with phenolic ripeness. For Pinot Noir, pick too early and the tannins are too rigid, pick too late and the freshness is lost. For Chardonnay it can be even more challenging, as the sugar levels rise rapidly at the end of the ripening process, leaving only a narrow window for picking. Decisions, decisions!

2019

THE WINES

As I have already alluded to, we expect very high demand for this very small, yet highly impressive vintage. There are many outstanding wines, although selection, as usual, is key. Some growers picked too late, delivering overripe fruit and high alcohols. On the other hand, we are extremely impressed with how others have obtained such delicious freshness and balance in their wines.

In the northern vineyards of Chablis, summer temperatures were high, but surprisingly this has not resulted in any absence of that true Chablis character we love so much. There are plenty of exciting wines from this region. There is ripeness, but also an exquisite tension and salinity, plenty of bite and minerality. Imagine licking fresh oyster shells!

Early tastings of white wines from the more illustrious Côte d'Or showed a dominance of rich, ripe and round fruits, but more recent evolution has revealed a surprising, and welcome, freshness and balance. Yes, there are some big, flavour packed wines, but whilst the alcohols are higher, they certainly don't show. The wines are supremely balanced, high in energy and the White Burgundy lover will drool! Benoît Riffault of Domaine Sauzet reflected "in all modesty these are exceptional wines. They are extremely interesting, with power & tension. But there will not be enough!"

As we move south through the Chalonaise and the Maconnais, this is where some outstanding value can be found. The vigneron are used to dealing with higher temperatures and higher alcohols. For them it is normal, 14% is their normal benchmark. So, for your everyday drinking white Burgundy, this is where to look. Some great treats at affordable prices.

The red wines from the 2019 vintage are very impressive indeed. There is a uniformity of quality throughout the appellations, with superb ripeness but also great energy and definition. Those who work with a greater degree of whole bunch ferment have produced wines with great aromatics and freshness. The wines are so voluminous that they gobbled up the higher degree of new oak.

This is an excellent vintage to buy Bourgogne Pinot Noir, be it from a Nuits or Beaune producer. There is so much value at this level. If a top grower's name is on the label you are in for a treat. They love and care for their Bourgogne as much as their more illustrious appellation wines, and you can tuck into it sooner, whilst you wait for the others to develop.

The appellations of Gevrey-Chambertin in the Cote de Nuits, and Pommard in the Cote de Beaune have both performed tremendously well, on the back of their love of hot weather and their moisture absorbing iron rich, clay soils.

THE

BUYING PROCESS

The process of purchasing wine under bond can seem a little daunting if you have never done it before, but it is actually quite simple.

One of the main benefits of buying wine under bond is that it allows you to split the cost of the purchase. As wine is a product that is subject to Excise Duty and VAT in the UK, a significant proportion of the cost to the consumer of buying wine is actually tax. Buying wine under bond allows the consumer to purchase the wine and then pay the tax that is due on the wine at a later date – when it is removed from bonded storage.

There is the initial payment to purchase the wine from the wine merchant, and at that point the wine becomes yours. Most merchants will offer you the facility to store your wine under bond with them for a charge. In our case we have climate controlled storage facilities for which the charge is 18 pence per case per week (£9.36 per year), for which you will receive an annual invoice. When the time comes that you wish to remove your purchase from bond, the Duty and VAT on the wine becomes due to the Government – this payment is made to the Government by the wine merchant on your behalf and then you will be invoiced for the amount. The Duty and VAT due is at the rate at the time of removal, not at the time of purchase – currently Duty is £26.78 per case of 12 (£13.39 per case of six) on wine and VAT is 20%.

You can then either collect your wine from our Cellar Door or we can organise delivery on your behalf. We will advise you of the cost of delivery at the time.

We have decided to include two worked examples which might make things clearer if you have never bought under bond before. Please note that the tax costs are based on the current rates of Duty and VAT and these are liable to change.

Example

You purchase a case of 6 bottles for £120.00.

When the wine arrives in the UK and you wish to remove it from bond, the following process is completed in order for this to happen. Charges will apply.

- Payment of VAT on initial purchase - £24.00
- Duty payment including VAT at the current rate - £16.07
- Total Duty and VAT - £40.07

Therefore bringing the total cost of your case of wine to £160.07 or £26.68 a bottle.

You can then collect your wine from our Cellar Door, or we can arrange delivery (at your cost) to an address in the UK.

THE DOMAINES

Burgundy is our passion and the wines that we have selected for this offer are sourced from Domaines and producers who are at the very pinnacle of Burgundian winemaking.

Most are long standing multi generational producers were knowledge and understanding of the vineyards they work, are passed down from mother and father to son and daughter.

CHABLIS

Domaine des Marronniers
Domaine Daniel Damp
Domaine Philippe Testut
Domaine Samuel Billaud

CHALONNAISE

Cave de Buxy
Château de Chamilly

MÂCONNAIS

Domaine Olivier Merlin
Domaine Luquet
Château Fuissé

CÔTE DE NUITS

Domaine Christian Sérafin
Domaine Machard de Gramont
Domaine Jean Grivot
Domaine Lécheneaut

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Domaine Hubert Lamy
Domaine Dennis Carré
Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot
Domaine Etienne Sauzet
Domaine Jacques Carillon
Domaine Mestre-Michelot
Domaine Camus- Bruchon
Domaine Lafarge
Domaine Voillot
Domaine Guy Amiot
Domaine Tollot-Beaut

CHABLIS

Chablis stands as the benchmark for cool climate, steely, crisp white wines that retain a unique freshness and bracing tightness. This is due entirely to the cooler temperatures in this Northern Burgundy outpost. Chablis lies some 160km north of Beaune in the Auxerre dept, and its over 4000 Ha are planted almost entirely with the white Chardonnay grape. The soil is Kimmerdgian limestone, soil with fossilized sea shells which retains heat and drains well, with pockets of lesser quality Portlandian; these soils, many say, give Chablis its unique bracing salinity and freshness which, in combination to the aspect of the vineyards, are crucial to successful ripening. We buy from a number of small, family owned vigneronns, who are amongst the finest in the region.



Damp Family

Chablis, Domaine Marronniers

£102.00 per case IB

Produced from 10 different parcels from vines of between 25-30 years old, Laurent Ternynck produces a very classic style of Chablis from this super domaine in the village of Prehy. Small yields and working with natural yeasts, this wine is fresh, concentrated with a flinty minerality, underlying apricot fruits and a tangy lime acidity.



Drink 2021+

Chablis, Domaine Daniel Dampit

£105.00 per case IB

Produced from two parcels. 70% of the blend is from a plot of 60 year old vines situated just below the 1er Cru Les Lys, in Milly, a stone's throw south of the village of Chablis. In years gone by this wine was sold under the now defunct 1er Cru La Vieille Voye. A lovely ripe and rich style of Chablis, there is a delicious lemony acidity providing an excellent balance to the wine. Perfect for immediate drinking. No need to wait!



Drink 2021+

Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Philippe Testut

£108.00 per case IB

Cyril Testut's Chablis vines are perfectly positioned between the Grand Cru Blanchot and the Premier Cru Montée de Tonnerre, in deep, highly mineral soils. Historically, this wine was sold under the Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Brechain appellation. Very much in the classic Testut style, this is beautifully tight, with intense ripe fruits and a stony minerality.



Drink 2021+

Chablis, Domaine Samuel Billaud

£142.00 per case IB

Samuel produces his Chablis from three separate plots – Les Pargues, towards the village of Préhy, Les Cartes between the Premiers Crus of Vaillons and Montmains, where the vines are 60 years old and Bas de Chapelots which is situated just below Montée de Tonnerre. Intense, stylish with a dreamy minerality, this will delight the avid Chablis drinker.



Drink 2021+



CHABLIS

1ER CRU

The vineyards of Chablis Premier Cru have seen an expansion to around 850 ha in recent years, spread across almost 40 Climats, with the best Premier Cru sites planted on the more acidic Kimmeridge limestone, pockets of which are scattered around the many hills surrounding the town. Like the Grand Cru's, the finest vineyards such as Montée de Tonnerre, Montmains, Vaillons and Côte de Lechet, all rest on finer terroir, with better aspect and positioning. As with everything else in Burgundy, the producer is key – the top growers limit yields, manage vineyards to express the Chardonnay grape to perfection, and strive to make unique and ageworthy wines.



Laurent and Marie-Noëlle of Domaine Marronniers

Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Philippe Testut**£165.00 per case IB**

This is the most prestigious 1er Cru, located on the right bank of the Serein river, south-west facing and not far from the Grand Crus. The vines of this 1 ha vineyard plot are over 60 years old - all hand harvested and fermented purely in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, and then aged in tank for a further 16 months. No oak ageing at all, this is always Testut's star wine – in my humble opinion! It combines layers of apple and citrus fruits, a touch of grapefruit with a beautiful steely acidity and wet stone minerality.

**Drink 2022+****Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, Domaine Marronniers****£144.00 per case IB**

Produced from South East facing vineyards, situated to the south-west of the village of Chablis, this is very impressive. Highly concentrated with a taut structure, rich, ripe and creamy fruits and a touch of almond. This wine always benefits from a little ageing, when the true Chablis characteristics are given time to present themselves. Beautiful!

**Drink 2022+****Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Dampit****£154.00 per case IB**

This steep, south, south east facing vineyard looking over the village of Milly and just above Dampit'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. In such hot years this left bank vineyard benefits from the shade. There is always a lot of millerandage (small grapes) in this vineyard which produces great concentration, and aids long ageing. Always a very overt, rich and ripe style of wine, there is a beautiful purity and concentration of fruit, coupled with a piercing lime acidity and a long succulent and tropical fruit finish. An outstanding 1er Cru.

**Drink 2021+****Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud****£235.00 per case IB**

Vaillons is one of the finest, and most popular, Premiers Crus on the left bank of the River Serein, with a south-easterly exposure that captures all the morning sun. A tight and mineral bouquet, the palate is lean and clean with a delicious tang of grapefruit. Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, this wine possesses a classic purity, with great concentration of fruit and steely balance.

**Drink 2021+****Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud****£275.00 per case IB**

This Premier Cru comes under the wider Vaillons appellation, situated on the left bank of the river Serein. Produced from 70 year old vines, planted in the 1940's by Samuel's Grandmother, Gabrielle. This wine is simply lip-smacking, rich in citrus fruits, steely and taut with a crackling acidity. Grab it whilst you can!

**Drink 2021+**

CHABLIS

GRAND CRU

Around the sleepy town of Chablis on the northern side of the River Serein lie the 7 Grand Cru vineyards, all 100ha of neat vines facing SW and SE. These steep hills, 150-250m above sea level, are distinct mesoclimates, with a perfect combination of aspect, soil, protection from the prevailing west winds and proximity to the faint warmth offered by both town and river. Frosts and hail are frequent dangers, especially for a northern region such as this. It is here that the finest Chablis are produced.



Cyril Testut

Chablis Grand Cru Les Grenouilles, Domaine Philippe Testut (case x 6) £174.00 per case IB

Les Grenouilles is the smallest of the Grand Cru vineyards, a small plot of only 0.31 ha planted with 53 year old vines. 80% of this wine is fermented in steel tank with the remaining 20% in 600 litre oak barrels. A superbly crafted wine of immense concentration. Rich, powerful and complex, there are notes of honeycomb and rich butter, the structure is taut and steely with fresh citrus notes and the finish is long and powerful with a creamy undertone of finely weaved oak.

 **Drink 2023+**



CHALONNAISE

The climate of this mid to southern region is less sheltered and more affected by prevailing westerly winds on the typically higher situated vineyards. Around 200 – 350m above sea level is the norm, whereas the finest Cote d'Or vineyards are sited at around 180-240m, with low undulating hills and less fertile, more stony soil giving leaner wines, whose vines struggle to get the required warmth and sunlight to fully ripen. This is where, perhaps, a degree of appreciation for Global warming may come into its own.

Vineyard site is crucial here, as is the dominance of heat retaining, well-draining limestone soils. The Chalonnaise is part of the continuous fault line that forms the ridge that runs like a spine down the whole Côte d'Or, wedged between the Saone, where soils washed and scraped by centuries of time have deposited in thick layers on the valley floor, rub against the thinner, scraped Jurassic limestone and Permian soils of the Horst de Mont St Vincent and Blanzay Rift.

Standout villages such as Montagny, Bouzeron (only for the white Aligote), Mercurey, Givry and Rully are where the quality lies in the Chalonnaise, with the finest wines produced from the all white appellation of Montagny to the south, where Chardonnay rules supreme. The vineyards are planted on stony soils where heat and drainage give a more bracing, richer style more akin to a Chassagne in a lighter year.



Arnaud Desfontaine

Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier, Cave de Buxy (case x 6) £34.00 per case IB

A very fine and attractive Chardonnay produced from a blend of vineyard parcels scattered across the Côtes and around Buxy itself, offering subtle, creamy notes of cereal, peach, apple skin and a touch of wet stones. This is an excellent introduction to southern white Burgundy, and given the style of the 2019 vintage is ready to drink virtually straight away.



Drink 2021+

Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (case x 6) £50.00 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. A vibrant bouquet, the palate is quenching but with a good weight of fruit which softens the acidity. As they say “He who does not know a good Aligoté....does not know Burgundy”.



Drink 2021+

Montagny ‘Les Reculerons’, Château de Chamilly (case x 6) £65.00 per case IB

This is a super, and also very impressive, property run by Arnaud Desfontaine and his brother Xavier. The vineyards are perfectly positioned on a grey clay with rock subsoil and a south eastern exposure, producing perfect Chardonnay grapes. Fermented in stainless steel, there is no oak aging at all. The bouquet is clean and aromatic, the palate possesses a beautiful stoney fruit, supported by a taut and crackling acidity. A touch of gunflint on the finish gives added character. Steely and bright, there is something Chablis-esque about this wine. Perfect for your everyday bottle of White Burgundy.



Drink 2021+



MÂCONNAIS

This large southern appellation of Burgundy, comprising around 17000 acres bridges the 30km gap between Chalonnaise in the North and Beaujolais in the south. A warmer region, this is where Northern France starts to turn Mediterranean.

The regions countryside is mainly agricultural with grain, orchards and cattle farming sitting alongside separate blocks of vineyards – the rolling hills and valleys more similar to the Cotswolds or Berkshire, and there is the continual hazards of spring frosts, lessened slightly by the naturally warmer temperatures that give a softer mouthfeel to the whites and a riper sweeter fruit to the reds. The soil is split into 2 types, limestone, planted mainly with the white Chardonnay with a little Aligote and clay/sand – planted with Pinot Noir and Gamay.

Comprising over 70 communes, this is an area which has risen in quality in recent years. Half of the 70 communes are allowed to add their own village name – Macon Lugny, Macon la Roche Vineuse, Macon Chardonnay - this being a sign of better wine, and also, most importantly, here the Cooperative system excels, by raising standards of wine and showing how good this region is at making savoury, well made and affordable Burgundy. The Cave Cooperative at both Buxy and Lugny are perhaps the result of the dominance of mixed farming, but it really works as a system.

SAINT-VÉРАН

St Veran is a scattered appellation with most vineyards of the AOC in the warm south of the Maconnais, but the first wines are produced in the north east, around the Pouilly and Prissé areas.

MÂCONNAIS

Macon Azé, Jules Richard, Cave de Buxy (case x 6)

£30.00 per case IB

This wine exudes a soft, balanced and very approachable style, almost creamy in texture – open, rounded and yet with a surprising degree of finesse. A favourite ‘Wednesday night’ Bottle!



Drink 2021+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin

£98.00 per case IB

From one of our favourite producers, Olivier Merlin is undoubtedly one of the most progressive winemakers in the Maconnais. This is a super taut and refreshing wine, that is perfect for every day and regular drinking. A small proportion (15%) is fermented in old oak cives to give the wine a ‘lift’, with the majority fermented in stainless steel.



Drink 2021+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Olivier Merlin

£130.00 per case IB

Produced from 3ha of vineyards split into four separate parcels planted in 1922, 1932, 1949 and 1951 that average over 60 years of age. 100% barrel fermented, 10% of which is new, and aged for a further one year in barrel.



Drink 2022+



SAINT-VÉРАН

Saint-Véran ‘Vers le Mont’, Domaine Luquet

£140.00 per case IB

Produced from vines aged between 35 and 40 years old, planted in the villages of Chasselas and Solutré-Pouilly. Traditional vinification in stainless steel tanks, preserving the characteristics of both the Chardonnay grape and the stony terroir. This is a cracking little wine that punches well above its appellation.



Drink 2021+

POUILLY FUISSÉ

One of the greatest white wine appellations in France, Pouilly Fuissé comprises 5 sleepy little hamlets. The finest wines, produced from the ideally sited slopes around the village of Fuissé, tend to be fatter, more honeyed with an almost Meursault-like character, a fact now recognized by the awarding of premier-cru status for a handful of top vineyards. The soil here is Jurassic limestone similar to that found on the Cote d'Or, with similar flavour qualities found in the resultant dry white wines – an elegance and richness that is balanced by razor sharp acidity and honeyed depth.



Pouilly Fuissé 'Au Bourg', Domaine Luquet

£140.00 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, Patrick Luquet. There is no oak ageing here, so the delicious clean and ripe fruit and impeccable terroir are fully on show.



Drink 2021+

Pouilly Fuissé 'Tête de Cru', Château Fuissé (case x 6)

£105.00 per case IB

Produced from 40 different parcels in the Pouilly Fuissé appellation. 85% barrel fermented, of which 17% is new. 5 months ageing in barrel with lees stirring, this wine underwent full malo-lactic fermentation. A rich and toasty wine with luscious notes of mandarin and orange. A rich and round finish delivers great length.



Drink 2021+

Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos (Monopole), Chateau Fuissé (case x 6)

£215.00 per case IB

Le Clos, along with Les Brûlés (another wine the family produces), is currently in the process of being designated 1er Cru status. They will be amongst the first 1er Crus of the Pouilly Fuissé appellation starting with the 2020 vintage. Produced from vines that date back to 1963 and aged in 100% new oak, this is a beautifully crafted wine, strict and austere yet with a great intensity of ripe fruits, melon and tangerine, hints of nut and a freshly struck match. A classic wine of great breeding.



Drink 2022+



The 'Clos de Bourg' Vineyard in the heart of Fuissé

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY

This is a far and widely scattered appellation, which can be confusing and open to much interpretation, leading consumers to either feel saddened by the quality, or smiling with joy at the fabulous value for money that these basic white wines can often offer.

As with everything in Burgundy, the name of the appellation is almost the least important clue – look below for the name of the producer – this gives the clue as to the wines' real origins, and the quality of the vigneron who grows the grapes and makes the wine.

Bourgogne Chardonnay can come from anywhere in Burgundy. Top producers will often use younger vines, where the concentration isn't yet sufficient for their top wines, blended with wines from lesser vineyards that lie on the boundaries of the famous villages. Usually they share a similar soil & aspect, and, most crucially, are produced in the same manner as the higher appellation wines. Add to this, top producers will sometimes declassify parcels of wine from the better vineyards into their blended Bourgogne wines, again, the key to keeping the top wines at a higher level.

As such, this is where bargains can be found. The finest producers can offer 'basic' Bourgogne Chardonnay from a village such as Puligny, St Aubin or Chassagne, which is often better than many, lesser producer's more illustrious appellation wines, and at more affordable prices.

**Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie',
Domaine Guy Amiot (Chassagne-Montrachet)**

£125.00 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 barrels. This is a baby Chassagne-Montrachet! Rich, ripe and opulent, it is balanced with a citrus tang and a subtle wet stone minerality.



Drink 2021+

**Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay,
Domaine Mestrel-Michelot (Meursault) (case x 6)**

£78.00 per case IB

This wine is produced from 4 ha of vines that are made up of 10 parcels, a stone's throw from the appellation of Meursault. It is vinified in 500lt barrel, only 2-3% new oak, and aged for one year before spending 6 months in stainless steel tanks before bottling. The bouquet shouts Meursault! Rich, ripe and round, creamy butter and honey, balanced by a tangy citrus acidity.



Drink 2021+

**Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra, Domaine Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet)
(case x 6)**

£93.00 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. This is Puligny-Montrachet in all but name! Overt and exotic, the palate is rich in tropical fruits with a notable hint of lychee and apply freshness. This wine offers excellent early drinking whilst you wait for the Puligny!



Drink 2022+

**Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers',
Domaine Hubert Lamy (Saint-Aubin)**

£TBC 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. Matured in 600 lt oak barrels (2/3 1 year and 1/3 2 year), Olivier uses no new oak in order to preserve an intense minerality.



Drink 2021+



AUXEY-DURESSES

Situated in the Cote de Beaune, where smaller valley's cut through the ridge of vineyards that flow down from the Cote de Nuits, the 140 ha of vineyards of Auxey- Duresses lie within such a deep cleft of the ridge, slicing westwards for a mere 3km from the outskirts of Meursault into the hills where a meso-climate gives a degree more warmth, the aspect is south east facing, or the better vines, and the soil is an ideal combination of limestone under a scraping of reddish clay for the higher vineyards, with thicker clay and marl soils lower down. What makes Auxey-Duresses so unique, however, is its ability to make wines similar in style to a good Meursault, but with a degree more bracing acidity, elegance and lightness of touch, less honeyed and a little more saline – making a dry white with less ageing, but more appeal earlier in its life.



The Cellars at Domaine Denis Carré

Auxey-Duresses, Domaine Denis Carré

TBC per case IB

Situated in a side valley near the Côte de Beaune, this appellation is the place to look in hot years such as 2018, given its cooler location. Purchased in 2012, their 0.26 ha plot is situated adjacent the Meursault appellation. Aged in 25% new oak.



Drink 2021+



MEURSAULT

The Village of Meursault, with its hunkered down pale honey stone walls and narrow streets, is home to many producers of arguably the fattest and ripest of all white Burgundies, where the notes of honey, glycerine, oatmeal and rich apple fruit tend to be balanced by a bracing acidity that comes from planting the Chardonnay on thin limestone soils. Whilst the appellation of Meursault abuts Puligny-Montrachet, whose wines are renowned for their acidity and tautness, it is the texture of a Meursault which gives its uniqueness.

The soil in Meursault, generally, is Jurassic limestone over clay deposits with the best vines sited on the upper vineyards, where more stony, broken limestone outcrops are prevalent, with very thin top soils. Ideally with an aspect that faces South to South East. the slopes are gentler here, with a gradient a few degrees less inclined than the Nuits, and the best vineyards, many of which are of Premier Cru status, are all mid slope here at a height of around 220-300m. The best sited vineyards of the 1er Cru's are arguably Les Charmes and Les Genévrières, due to the near perfect aspect, soil and drainage. Unlike Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault contains no Grand Crus.



Nikolai & Jean Francois Mestre-Michelot

Meursault Les Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré

TBC per case IB

The vines are located at the top of the hillside overlooking the village of Meursault, enjoying a south/south east exposure. The name Tillets is derived from lime trees that grew around the vineyards in Medieval times. Aged in 25% new oak, this is a classic Meursault – rich with flavours of honey and nougat, balanced by a steely minerality.



Drink 2022+

Meursault, Domaine Mestres-Michelot (case x 6)

£160.00 per case IB

Enriched 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. Very much in the classic Meursault style. A powerful bouquet with beautiful ripe fruit aromas. The mouthfeel is creamy and rich, with honey and nougat at the forefront, finely balanced with lime acidity and a long impressive finish. This is very much a Yorkshireman's style of white Burgundy!



Drink 2022+

Meursault Clos St Felix, Domaine Mestres-Michelot (case x 6)

£185.00 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, there are a multitude of flavours –nuts, rich honey, pineapple, peach apple and pain grille. Balanced with a delicious salinity and rasping freshness this is a stunning wine.



Drink 2022+

Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières, Domaine Mestres-Michelot (case x 6)

£315.00 per case IB

This is one of the most highly regarded 1er Crus situated to the south of the village, where the soil is poor with high mineral content. Produced in a mixture of 70% barrique (228lt) of which 50% is new, and 30% large oak barrels, of which 15% is new. Wow! A majestic wine. There is great complexity with honey, nuts and baked apple. A multi-dimensional wine, powerful, rich and buttery with a pebbly minerality and quenching acidity, providing a superb equilibrium.



Drink 2022+



The Cellars at Domaine Mestres-Michelot

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

A tiny village of just 210 Ha of vineyards yet with a huge reputation. Amongst its immaculate vineyards lie 4 Grand Cru's, Montrachet, Beinvenue-Batard Montrachet, Batard-Montrachet and Chevalier Montrachet, with Batard and Le Montrachet shared between Puligny and Chassagne, and 17 1er cru's making up a large proportion of its acreage (the official trade website of Bourgogne states these top classified vineyards make up over 90Ha of the whole appellation).

Puligny is almost 100% white wine, and it is often held up as the epitome, the ideal and perfect expression of the Chardonnay grape. As a village it lies south of Meursault, approx. 13 km from Beaune, and its vines curve majestically around the broken brown limestone and clay slopes which are for the most part south east and south exposed. Where the soil is thinnest you will find the best wines, and here is where you can find the best producers, names such as Sauzet, Leflaive, Carillon and Chavy dominate the rankings.

What makes Puligny Montrachet unique, above all else, is a tautness and almost savoury leanness that seems to fatten and develop with age. A dry wine whose rich baked apple and honeyed flavour show both salinity and stony minerality at birth, yet evolves and becomes more beguiling, full and complex with age.



Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (case x 6) £180.00 per case IB

A blend of 10 separate parcels and aged in 20% new oak for 12 months. Produced from vines aged between 20 and 40 years old, the fermentation is carried out with the use of natural yeasts, producing a very elegant and classic stylish Puligny with a stunning purity and steeliness. The careful use of oak is finely integrated. This is a superb wine.



Drink 2022+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (case x 6) £270.00 per case IB

Pierre Morey, winemaker at Domaine Leflaive for many years called this appellation the “Bâtard” of the premier cru. The vines are planted in the middle of the slope, below its fellow 1er Cru Folatières and next to Pucelles. Produced from 50 year old vines and aged in 25% new oak for 12 months, this is always an incredibly profound wine, opulent and concentrated with ripe pineapple fruit supported by a stoney structure and a citrus tang.



Drink 2023+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (case x 6) £220.00 per case IB

Produced from 2 ha of vines made up of 7 different parcels, each vinified separately in 20% new oak 350lt demi-muids. This is a classic Puligny-Montrachet! The bouquet is piercing, rich with hints of freshly struck match box. The palate is tightly knit with a fine steely core, lemon citrus fruits with a touch of underlying honey. Freshly baked almond flavours round off the palate beautifully.



Drink 2023+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (case x 6) £375.00 per case IB

On the same contour and with the same soil composition as Chevalier-Montrachet, this 1er Cru is renowned for its minerality. Aged in 25% new oak 350lt demi-muids. There is not a lot of this to go around this year I am afraid. A beautifully crafted wine, carefully constructed, rich and honeyed, extremely well balanced by a citrus acidity and a long tropical fruit finish.



Drink 2024+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon £565.00 per case IB

The Carillon family has been making wine in the village of Puligny-Montrachet since the 16th century. Jacques Carillon joined his father in the family vineyard in 1980 but in 2010, he and his brother split the Carillon domaine. He now farms his 5.25 hectares of vines with wife Sylvia. 2019 is the 10th, and one of the finest vintages that Jacques has produced. Nine parcels of vines contribute to the making of this stunning wine. Aged in 15% new oak, this is a beautifully crafted, taut and mineral wine, with underlying honey richness and grapefruit zest, steely acidity and an outstanding and alluring finish. Puligny at its very best.



Drink 2023+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (case x 6) £252.00 per case IB

Produced from 12 parcels spread around the village but primarily on the Meursault side, totaling 3.5ha planted with vines that average 50 years old, the oldest of which was planted in 1934. The essence of this wine is terroir and fruit with only 15% new oak ageing. A regal, intense and powerful wine, displaying exotic pineapple flavours, pierced by a classic steely minerality. A stunning purity and zippy finish – outstanding!



Drink 2023+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières, Domaine Etienne Sauzet £435.00 per case IB (case x 6)

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. The bouquet is explosive, ripe tropical fruit aromas with a delightful fragrance of freshly struck match. The palate is rich and powerful, full of citrus and grapefruit, great definition and a slight saltiness giving extra bite. A great wine!



Drink 2024+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles, Domaine Guy Amiot (case x 6) £650.00 per case IB

This vineyard is situated next to Montrachet and just below Chevalier Montrachet and is planted with 70 year old vines. Amiot's plot is 0.25ha. This is a Grand Cru in all but name.



Drink 2024+

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

The village of Chassagne-Montrachet lies 1.5km south of Puligny-Montrachet. Between these villages lie the Grand Crus shared between Puligny and Chassagne-Montrachet and the valley that carves westward toward the village and vines of St Aubin. Chassagne-Montrachet consists of around 300ha of vines, split 80/20 Chardonnay to Pinot Noir, with around 120 ha of Premier cru vineyards (mainly, but not always for white wines), as well as part of both Le Montrachet and Batard Grand Cru's. However, whereas the village of Puligny-Montrachet sits amongst Bourgogne vines, with the better names on the outskirts, the village of Chassagne-Montrachet is slap-bang in AOC Chassagne vineyards itself.

Geologically, Chassagne is similar to Puligny-Montrachet. They share a common geographical fault line that slices between them, where the Grand Crus sit atop this minor scarp fault, and the soils are similar – brown limestone with the thinnest soils supporting the best wine of the Premier Cru and Grand Cru. Limestone is the bedrock of Chassagne-Montrachet, and names such as Caillerets and Combettes (Quarries) are signs of the importance of the local Nantoux limestone, that is a feature of the subsoil here. The major difference between Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet is that in some areas Chassagne has a slightly heavier soil, and the vines face a few degrees more to the south, thus the dry whites of Chassagne can be characterized (but not always) as a degree fuller, heavier and more honeyed with a touch less acid freshness.



Thierry Amiot & John Charles Townend

Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot **£395.00 per case IB**

This wine is produced from 12 different parcels totaling 1ha from vines aged between 20 and 90 years old. Aged in 25% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve.

 **Drink 2022+**

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles, Domaine Guy Amiot (case x 6) **£249.00 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 50year old vines on the Puligny side of Chassagne. Aged in 25% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. This is a very classy wine.

 **Drink 2022+**

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers, Domaine Guy Amiot (case x 6) **£265.00 per case IB**

Produced from 65 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.

 **Drink 2022+**

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets, Domaine Guy Amiot (case x 6) **£278.00 per case IB**

This stunning 1er Cru is produced from two parcels of vines planted on soil covered with large limestone rocks. One parcel is now 85 years old the other was replanted in 1985. This is always a very rich and powerful wine.

 **Drink 2023+**

Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Guy Amiot (case x 6) **£2750.00 per case IB**

Only 2 barrels are produced of this wine. Aged in 100% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. Aristocratic, powerful and brooding. A great Grand Cru.

 **Drink 2025+**



SAINT-AUBIN

The hamlet of Saint-Aubin is a mere 4 minute drive from both Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet, the minor D906 snakes between the 2 villages, passing the hallowed Grand Crus of Chevalier and Le Montrachet on the right, as you wind your way west for a few clicks.

Saint-Aubin has shot to prominence in recent years, thanks to a resurgence of interest in high quality wines produced by landmark domaines such as Lamy and Colin, whose quality is as close to, if not above, many from the 'Hollywoods' of neighbouring Chassagne and Puligny. St Aubin's vineyards are made up of approximately 170 ha of vines, with 80% being Chardonnay, spread across around 30 Premier Cru climats (vineyards), including a dominance of Premier Crus that lie close to and share a similar slope and aspect to, the Grand Crus of Batard and Le Montrachet. It is on these white clay and limestone soil slopes you will find top estates such as Lamy. A wonderful aspect toward the south east gives extra warmth and the slopes, gentle and even, give good drainage. Go further into the valley and the air is cooler, the slopes steeper, with less warming, well drained limestone and the wines are awarded the AOC Saint-Aubin appellation.



Saint-Aubin La Princée, Domaine Hubert Lamy

TBC per case IB

This wine is produced from ten parcels and also includes 20% of grapes from his 1er Cru Frionnes vines located in a cooler part of the appellation. This gives an added depth and complexity to the wine. No new oak, the barrels used are anywhere up to 10 years old.



Drink 2022+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix, Domaine Hubert Lamy

TBC 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.



Drink 2022+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy

TBC per case IB

Produced from 2 parcels, each 1 ha, planted by the Lamy family over the past two generations. This is the finest Saint-Aubin 1er Cru - a steep south facing slope which is effectively a continuation of the famous Grand Cru Le Montrachet. Only 2% new oak, reflecting the Lamy style of winemaking, this is a classic white Burgundy.



Drink 2023+



Olivier Lamy

CÔTE DE NUITS

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR

One of the most commonly seen appellations of Burgundy, this is a prime example of the complexity, and also simplicity, of the Burgundy appellation system. The rules of the AOC mean that on this level the wine can come from any vineyard area within Burgundy, it must be a minimum of 85% Pinot Noir, with a maximum yield of 55hl/ha. On one hand you have the large names of Burgundy, negociants such as Drouhin, Faiveley and Louis Latour, who essentially purchase stocks of wine from all the Burgundy regions and blend them together to make up export orders and to fill the demand for Burgundy, with evocative names such as Gevrey-Chambertin, Vosne-Romanée and Nuits-St-Georges. With lesser appellations such as Bourgogne AOC, these large blenders will often blend dozens of producer's wines together, irrespective of their quality and typicity.

Great Bourgogne Pinot Noir can be found, however, offering a style and quality far above its humble AOC labelling. Wines from top producers in famous villages, are all available, albeit in smaller quantities, yet at remarkably attractive prices. These great domaines will often have a lower yield, more concentration, more typicity and a great degree of regional characteristics, as well as age worthiness and breeding. The name of the producer, however, is crucial to finding a decent bottle.



Côte de Nuits

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir,
Domaine Christian Serafin (Gevrey-Chambertin) (case x 6)**

£140.00 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 44 year old. Vinified in 50% new oak, this is a baby Gevrey!



Drink 2023+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x 6)

£80.00 per case IB

This superb 10ha domaine was created in the 1980's by Fernand, father of Philippe and Vincent who now run the domaine. The wines are very exciting and sumptuous, brimming with expressive and beautiful Pinot Noir characters, with 30% whole bunch fermentation. The wines are aged for 12 months in barrel with 80% being supplied by Francois Frères.



Drink 2021+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Le Chapitre', Domaine Machard de Gramont

£88.00 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. This is possibly the last time that Alban will sell this wine as Bourgogne Pinot Noir, so make haste!



Drink 2021+



Domaine Machard de Gramont Vineyard

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Arguably the most recognized of all the red Burgundy appellations as well as being one of the largest in the Cote de Nuits at around 420 hectares, which includes approximately 80ha of Premier and Grand Cru vineyards. Situated 30 mins drive north from Beaune, the large village of Gevrey-Chambertin sits astride the D974, and the 9 Grand Cru's all lie to the left as you enter the village, the gentle 10-15 degree slopes of serried vines leading the eye up to the forest capped summits, a crucial element of protection from the harsh prevailing westerly winds.

Pinot Noir is king here, with the Jurassic limestone seen poking through the reddish clay, often mixed with pebbles and brown marl. The Premier and Grand Cru vineyards are all mid slope, where perfect drainage, sunnier aspect and thinner soils, often with a degree of iron present, give world class, richly structured red wines. The vineyards of Gevrey-Chambertin sit astride 2 minor fault lines, where Crinodial limestone butts up against Primeaux limestone, the porous rock covered in scree and slope wash from centuries of erosion. Thicker soils lower down the slopes give more yield but less concentration, therefore the top producers prune their vines to limit yields, maximising concentration, as well as planting only on well drained, thinner soils and picking at the optimum point. Criss-crossing the fields of vines are small stone walls, the sign of 'Clos' or separate climats of vineyards, owned by a single grower. Within these normally tiny demarcated vineyards some of the greatest wines in Burgundy are produced.

The style of Gevrey is above all full bodied, the soils, aspect, vinification and nature of the appellation all combine to make Pinot Noir which is often firm and brooding when young and usually needs 7-10 years to develop. The lower yields of 50hl/ha (top producers will produce substantially less) for Gevrey are rarely reached, and the Grand Cru's have a maximum limit of 35hl/ha, but for the greatest wines this can mean a wine which needs 15-20 years to really develop and show its breathtaking perfume, richness, breeding and power.

Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier', Domaine Machard de Gramont **£250.00 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. and a little German oak for seasoning. This is certainly a vintage for Gevrey Chambertin! Rich and powerful, this is a sturdy and finely constructed wine, filled with lush cassis fruits, black cherries and roasted plums. The tannins are so succulent and will support excellent ageing.



Drink 2022+

Gevrey-Chambertin Domaine Christian Serafin (case x 6) **£220.00 per case IB**

11 small parcels totaling 1.33ha, with vines averaging 56 years old produce the grapes for this wine. There is also a proportion of grapes from the 1er Cru Les Cazetieres used in the blend which provides added depth and flavor. Fermented in 70% new oak and aged for 18 months, this is a very traditional Gevrey-Chambertin



Drink 2024+

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Christian Serafin (case x 6) **£295.00 per case IB**

Produced from 7 parcels totaling 1ha, situated adjacent to Grand Cru and 1er Cru vineyards. The vines average 71 years old, the oldest of which are 90 years old. Vinified and aged for 18 months in 100% new oak this wine possesses a stunning viscosity.



Drink 2025+

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux, Domaine Christian Serafin (case x 6) **£385.00 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. Planted on deep clay and rocky soils, the vines are 50 years old, or as Frédérique says, "...they are now at the end of their adolescence!" Aged in 100% new oak.



Drink 2025+

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny, Domaine Christian Serafin (case x 6) **£475.00 per case IB**

Produced from 62 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.



Drink 2026+

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières, Domaine Christian Serafin (case x 6) **£595.00 per case IB**

Produced from 60 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 Sérafin'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.



Drink 2026+

Charmes-Chambertin, Domaine Christian Serafin (case x 6) **£875.00 per case IB**

Produced from two parcels of vines averaging 86 years old, one in Charmes and one in Mazoyères totaling only 0.3ha. (It is an interesting peculiarity that Mazoyères can be used as Charmes Chambertin.) Only produced in limited quantities, this vintage is a true sensation!



Drink 2027+

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

A signpost on the D974 is pretty much all that alerts you to this famous village, as you head north to Gevrey-Chambertin. The tiny hamlet is on the left as you head north, situated at the foot of the upper slopes of vineyards butting up against Gevrey-Chambertin. This commune of just 100ha is home to five prestigious Grand Cru's (including the mighty Clos de Tart and Bonne-Mares) and twenty Premier Cru's. As a village, Morey-St-Denis punches well above its stature.

The first thing to notice is a slight increase in gradient – here it increases to around 15-27degrees, and the soil is a little paler, a sign of crumbly White Oolite above Primeux limestone, clay and scattered marl. This is a unique soil, and gives a perfume and elegance to the wines of Morey, especially the Premier Cru, with these better wines benefiting greatly from good drainage, an aspect perfectly slanted toward the south east, and better protection from the winds by the higher protective caps of the hills behind the vineyards. Essentially these Premier Cru lie just below the Grand Cru and are separated by a mere track in most cases – the style of wine is elegant yet full, with a distinct perfume and hint of chocolate and cherries.

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Set into the cleft of Combe Ambin in the hillside south of Morey, this small appellation of just 150ha includes 24 Premier Cru, as well as sharing the two Grand Crus of Bonnes-Mares (Morey) and Musigny, adjoining Vougeot to the south. The protection from the westerly winds ends at the head of this gully, meaning the mid rump of the commune contains just village and Premier Cru wines, all turning to the South and South east, to capture the precious sunlight, and the soils are a mixture of eroded rich soils from the upper part of the narrow gorge of Ambin, as well as a scraping of limestone and marl. Chambolle-Musigny is often described as the most feminine of the top Pinot dominated communes in the Côte d'Or, its perfume is intoxicating, and the wines fleshy, succulent and elegant above all else.

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes, Domaine Christian Serafin £360.00 per case IB
(case x 6)

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 50 year old. This is a fabulous wine that always repays ageing in the bottle. A wine of great depth with layer upon layer of stunning black fruits, succulent and sweet with tightly knit and finely integrate oak. A super complexity, this is outstanding.



Drink 2026+



CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes, Domaine Christian Serafin £495.00 per case IB
(case x 6)

Produced from 44 year old vines which are located adjacent to the Grand Cru of Bonne Marres. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months, this is a more elegant wine brimming with dark cherry fruits, cassis and violets. A persistent minerality streaks through the mid palate and the long finish is succulent and sweet.



Drink 2026+

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

The vineyards of Vosne-Romanée lie on the northern suburbs of Nuits-St-Georges, rising on the left as you drive north, on slopes of broken limestone, red/brown marl and clay mixed with pebbles, and criss-crossed with narrow stone walls demarcating individual 'Clos'. The names above the entry gates to these separate vineyards are sheer poetry – La Tache, Richebourg, Les Chaumes, Les Suchots....., but all eyes should surely turn toward a non-descript single plot of vines, visible from the northern edge of the village of Vosne-Romanee itself. For here is planted the iconic and titular Romanée Conti, Domaine de Romanée Conti - a single plot of Grand Cru vines that makes, without contest, the most expensive red Burgundy of them all.

Outside these hallowed vines ripple great vineyards, with the 150ha including 6 Grand cru's and 14 Premier Cru. The best wines are all mid slope, with the village AOC Vosne-Romanée vines situated above and below these Premier and Grand Cru sites. The soil is a mixture of broken limestone, clay and marl, with a higher dominance of pebbles in the favoured sites. The exposure is easterly and south easterly in aspect with a mere 15 degrees of gradient, the vines are well protected from the wind and the yields are often lower – averaging 35 hl/ha for Premier cru and as low as 25hl/ha for Grand Cru in the last 7 years.

The style of Vosne-Romanée is robust and full, with haunting perfume when young. Intense concentration of red fruits, sturdy tannins that are absorbed by the sweet fruit as the wine develops.



Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jean Grivot (case x 6)

£330.00 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 20% new oak, 20% 2nd wine and 60% old barrels, the essence of this wine is Pinot Noir and Burgundian terroir. This is classic Vosne-Romanée. Etienne feels 2019 is the greatest vintage he has ever made, an incomparable year that can be likened to no other.



Drink 2024+



Etienne Grivot

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

In parallel with Gevrey-Chambertin to the north, this large appellation is much sought after and capable of producing first class wines when made by a top grower, though it may not often be the case when you consider that within its 320 hectares of vine (95% red) there are around 250 growers.

Nuits-St-Georges is at the heart of the Côte de Nuits, midway between Dijon and Beaune, and its vines spread up the lowly undulating and rising slopes toward the west, away from the road as you head north. The soil here is mixed, with thicker clay soils, more marl, more ironstone and less broken limestone. The majority of vines are planted on the flatter, more alluvial soils, where richer soil gives more fruit and less concentration. This is where the negociants find their Nuits-St-Georges.

The escarpment of Comblanchien starts to dip down towards the road here, its protective height diminishing, but on the protected slopes to the north you will find a handful of good Domaines, toiling amongst the neat vines, pruning and farming more sustainably where possible, and this is also where you will also find all 41 of the Premier Crus of Nuits-St-Georges. The better drainage, aspect and soils give lower yields, more frost and wind protection and a better concentration of fruit in the resultant wines. The southern commune of Primeux-Prissey is often mentioned as amongst the best of the villages. In all cases the wines of Nuits-St-Georges are full, muscular and need several years to develop their signature black fruits character.



**Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot,
Domaine Machard de Gramont**

£225.00 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.



Drink 2022+

**Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Damodes',
Domaine Machard de Gramont**

£330.00 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.



Drink 2023+

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

£282.00 per case IB

These vineyards are situated on the Vosne-Romanée side of Nuits-Saint-Georges and thereby take influences from both villages – the linearity of Nuits-Saint-Georges and the seductive succulence of Vosne-Romanée. Aged for 15 months in 20% new oak.



Drink 2024+

Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x 6)

£160.00 per case IB

Another new addition to our range this year, this superb 10ha domaine was created in the 1980's by Fernand, father of Philippe and Vincent who now run the domaine. The wines are very exciting and sumptuous, brimming with expressive and beautiful Pinot Noir characters, with 30% whole bunch fermentation. The wines are aged for 12 months in barrel with 80% being supplied by Francois Frères.



Drink 2024+

Nuits-St-Georges Au Chouillet, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x 6)

£195.00 per case IB

This 0.7 ha plot is situated on the Vosne-Romanée side of Nuits-St-Georges and is planted with vines that are over 70 years old. Destemmed 100%, this is beautiful, brooding, rich and smoky wine with a stunning concentration. Balanced with a fragrance and freshness, there is good ageing potential and it is well worth the extra!



Drink 2025+



Philippe & Vincent Lécheneaut

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR

One of the most commonly seen appellations of Burgundy, this is a prime example of the complexity (and also simplicity) of the Burgundy appellation system. The rules of the AOC mean that on this level the wine can come from any vineyard area within Burgundy, it must be a minimum of 85% Pinot

Noir, with a maximum yield of 55hl/ha. On one hand you have the large names of Burgundy, negociants such as Drouhin, Faiveley and Louis Latour, who essentially purchase stocks of wine from all the Burgundy regions and blend them together to make up export orders and to fill the demand for Burgundy, with evocative names such as Volnay, Pommard and Beaune.

With lesser appellations such as Bourgogne AOC, these large blenders will often blend dozens of producer's wines together, irrespective of their quality and typicity.

Great Bourgogne Pinot Noir can be found, however, offering a style and quality far above its humble AOC labelling. Wines from top producers in famous villages, are all available, albeit in smaller quantities, yet at remarkably attractive prices. These great domaines will often have a lower yield, more concentration, more typicity and a great degree of regional characteristics, as well as age worthiness and breeding. The name of the producer, however, is crucial to finding a decent bottle.



The Cellars at Domaine Tollot-Beaut

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Voillot (case x 6)

£95.00 per case IB

Produced from 4 plots, covering approximately 2 hectares, the vineyards are situated on the lower slopes in the village of Volnay. The vines average 38 years old, planted in the lieux-dits of Longbois, Luret, Petits Prés and Grandes Terres. There is no new oak used in the vinification of this wine, with barrels between one to 4 years old used. So seductive! Aromatic, fresh Pinot Noir. The palate is succulent and ripe, velvety in texture with cassis fruits and lovely silky tannins.



Drink 2022+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (case x 6)

£96.00 per case IB

Produced from 3 plots totaling 3ha, 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.



Drink 2021+



John Charles Townend & Neil Goldie tasting at Domaine Voillot

HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE

The vines of Hautes Cotes de Beaune sit inland through valleys carved in the ridged limestone escarpment, that continues down from Beaune, and crucially, these AOC vineyards are 50-75m higher than the fabled ones on the Côte de Beaune itself. The narrow, winding valleys, orchards and farmland of the Hautes Cotes hide many good wines, and it is here that you can find surprisingly good Pinot and Chardonnay, often from top domaines that manage the neat vineyards in the same meticulous and sustainable way as their more well known appellations. Yields are still set at 50hl/ha for red wines, the whole region covering some 850 hectares, and the aspect is less ideally angled toward the sunshine. Due to the vineyard's altitude, the region is often beset with wind and has a higher rainfall and cooler conditions than the Cote de Beaune, so its wines tend to be lighter, more expressive of red fruits, and have a more delicate expression of tannins. In an age of global warming, the wines of the Hautes Cotes are ones to watch.

BEAUNE

Named after the town that is the at the epicenter of the Cote de Beaune, this AOC covers 420 hectares, the vines planted on low slopes directly to the west of the town and spreading out to the north and south of Beaune's suburbs. The soil here gives the wines of Beaune AOC a unique character. To the north, the wines are fuller and more powerful with a richer tannic structure, and to the south the wines are softer, with an elegance and charm that appears almost soft, yet retains a capacity to age well. The slopes are steep and the escarpment of Comblanchien begins its journey underground, the vines top and bottom slope losing their wind protection, and the soil changes too, becoming heavier, with more clay and pebbles. In some areas the soil changes from red (iron rich) marl, to yellow and then to grey Argovian marl dependent on the emerging subsoil.

HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Domaine Machard de Gramont £92.00 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. There is no new oak used in the production of this wine.

 **Drink 2021+**

BEAUNE

Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont £158.00 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. This wine always offers superb drinking and is one of the best value for money wines in this offer. No need to wait, pull that cork!

 **Drink 2021+**



Alban Machard de Gramont

BEAUNE 1ER CRU

Situated within the heart of the Beaune AOC lie the 42 Premier Crus, extending to some 270 ha in total, with the vines planted mid-slope and all with an easterly or south easterly aspect, gaining much needed sunlight and warmth to combat the more exposed and less protected vineyards of the commune. The soil here is Argovian marl, paler in colour, and denser in parts, which gives a richer, more muscular structure to the red wines. Drainage is key here, with higher clay content, and the best Premier Cru all lie on slopes that are both steeper and contain more pebbles and thinner soils.

Of all the 42 Premier Cru, the most notable is Clos du Roi (The Royal wine). Named as it was so often favoured by the Kings of France in their day, it sits on a tiny strip of sand and clay deposits, which gives a degree more heat retention and ripening to the Pinot Noir, tasting almost precocious in its youth.



Denis Carre Vineyards

Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries, Domaine Machard de Gramont**£205.00 per case IB**

Produced from 63 year old vines, fermented and aged in 50% new Vosges oak, which gives added structure to the wine. Ripe and alluring, lush with hints of mulberry jam, structures sweet oak characters and finely tuned tannins. This is always a very 'sexy' style of wine.

**Drink 2022+****Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains, Domaine Denis Carré****TBC per case IB**

Produced from two separate parcels, 200 metres apart, close to Pommard, hence the more structured and powerful style. Overflowing with prunes and red berries, this is so moreish and sooo pretty! There is a little hint of toasted oak which provides an added dimension and the tannins are perfectly ripe and in-tune. A beautiful wine.

**Drink 2023+****Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (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.

**Drink 2025+**

Martial and Gaetane Carre

ALOXE-CORTON

A small village that is the gateway to the Beaune region as you head south from Nuits-St-Georges, Aloxé-Corton consists of just 120 hectares of vine, mostly Pinot Noir but also including 8Ha of white Chardonnay.

The appellation of Aloxé-Corton includes 14 Premier Crus (the separate commune of Corton contains the Grand Cru's), sandwiched between Pernand-Verglesses and Ladoix, all curved around the mighty hill of Corton itself. The vines of Aloxé face south and east, the better vineyards protected by the mighty limestone bluffs of Corton.

The wines of Aloxé-Corton can sometimes be hard to define, the commune being split into 2 personalities, both of which derive their flavour profile from a combination of location, soil and aspect. To the north, the wines are fleshy, succulent and rounded, to the south the wines are sturdier in nature with a freshness and intensity that ages well.


SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Sandwiched between Corton and the town of Beaune, lies the pretty agricultural village of Savigny. Poised on fairly exposed flat land, north-east of Beaune, and encompassing around 500 hectares, of which 140 hectares are Premier Cru, situated on the north and southern side of the little river Rhoin. They are the backbone of this charming commune. The wines are softer in nature, with the Premier Crus on the south featuring more clay, sandstone and marl, whilst the vineyards on the north consist of more Oolitic limestone, marl and iron rich soils, making a softer, gentler red wine. Like all things Burgundian, knowledge of the grower is key, and the best growers have vineyards on both sides, separating the crop into individual parcels and fermenting separately, to ensure each climat and slope gains its own individuality and expression.

ALOXE-CORTON

Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (case x 6) **£180.00 per case IB**

Produced from four separate parcels totaling 2ha, this wine is vinified in 33% new oak. Nathalie confessed that this was her favourite appellation. Sometimes Aloxe can be a little foursquare, but Nathalie Tollot always seduces the Pinot Noir in this appellation to display a more velvety, rounded character.

 **Drink 2024+**

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE


Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon **£222.00 per case IB**

This wine is named after Guillaume’s Great, Great Grandmother. Produced from 4 separate parcels – Dessus Les Vermots, Les Goudelettes, Clos des Pointes and Aux Champs des Pruniers. This is a wine always oozes finesse, with crushed strawberries and candied orange peel notes on the bouquet, and a delicious sappy red fruit palate.

 **Drink 2022+**

Savigny Champs Chevrey, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (case x 6) **£180.00 per case IB**

This is a monopole of the Domaine Tollot-Beaut estate, covering 1ha and was planted in 1954. It 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, this wine is always laden with ripe red and black cherry, liquorice and espresso characters.

 **Drink 2023+**



Guillaume Camus

CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE

This commune lies to the right, directly over the main road that cuts between Savigny and Chorey as it heads north from Beaune. Comprising around 270 hectares under vine, it is smaller than Savigny and boasts no Premier Cru, yet it has a wonderful charm and vibrancy that appeals to many Burgundy lovers. Importantly it is also where great value lies.

On the northern edge of the commune, towards Corton, the soil is more alluvial and has broken, well-draining limestone with thinner soils of marl, sand and a dominance of gravel. The finest wines are produced on these warmer, well drained slopes which gives Pinot Noirs of succulence, elegance and mineral-edged intensity. To the south, the vineyards are planted on a denser, more water-retentive clay, which allows for more vigorous vine growth, a higher yield and whose vines sometimes are picked up to a week after the warmer vineyard sites. A week can be a long time in Burgundy!

POMMARD

Pommard sits a few minutes drive south of Beaune, its steeper, well protected slopes are carved with numerous undulations, curves, clefts and dips, all of which gives countless pockets of interest and exasperation to the vigneron, as the Pinot Noir reaches out for maximum warmth and sunlight in every degree of aspect. Add to this the varying soils, from limestone rich marl to dense red clay, pebbles, sand and even ironstone and the possibilities for a grower become endless. Such is Burgundy encapsulated.

Pommard consists of around 350 hectares under vine, with around 120 hectares of Premier Cru. The vineyards are mostly protected by the higher bluffs and forests atop the escarpment, which is cut by the minor Avany Dheune stream, a small stream but important as it has washed down prime alluvial soils over centuries, which add complexity to the wines. Pommard is firm and full in style, broadly shouldered and needing time to age, soften and develop those almost haunting truffle, leather and red fruit characteristics.

CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE

Chorey-lès-Beaune ‘Les Beaumonts’, Domaine Machard de Gramont £132.00 per case IB

Produced from vineyards to the west of the village of Chorey, this wine is aged in older barrels with 20% new French oak. Sweet cherry fruits and ripe succulent tannins. As Alban says, “What is the point in waiting!”. This wine encapsulates all that is great at village level in Burgundy – offering ripe forward yet elegant perfumed black fruits, a touch of ‘opulence’ in the mid palate that sweetens and draws through the mouth like a vinous thread.

 **Drink 2021+**

Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (case x 6) £120.00 per case IB

The signature wine of this top domaine – its style is inimitable. Rich and exuberant, there is a stunning fruit intensity, with ripe black cherries, cranberry, cassis and even a touch of dark chocolate.

 **Drink 2022+**

POMMARD

Pommard, Domaine Voillot (case x 6) £168.00 per case IB

Produced from four parcels—Cras, Poisots, Saussilles and Vaumuriens, totaling 1.2 ha, with the vines averaging 56 years old. As usual this wine typifies its appellation. Tight, chunky and masculine in style, the palate is laden with crunchy black fruits, the tannins are firm but ripe and the finish persistent and long.

 **Drink 2023+**

Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Voillot (case x 6) £380.00 per case IB

This vineyard is situated to the right as you enter Pommard from Beaune. Impressive and opulent, this wine shows its usual rich and chunky style, with cassis, cherry and mulberry fruit flavours, defined tannins and firm structure. There is an excellent underbelly of crème de mur which enhances and broadens the palate. A sophisticated wine.

 **Drink 2024+**



VOLNAY

Less than a mile south of Pommard and situated high up on the vine covered slopes of the Chaignot hill, lies the pretty hamlet of Volnay, a name evocative of red Burgundy. Its 230 Hectares under vine consist of a very high number of Premier Cru's – almost half the commune is dedicated to this finer classification.

The topography of Volnay gives it a uniqueness and difference from its near neighbour. The slopes are steeper and generally face south east, rather than east, as the majority of Pommard's vines do. This sunnier aspect gives much needed richness and a sweeter character generally compared to Pommard, and the tannins are more finely laced, if no less impressive in youth. The soils differ widely here too, with Oolitic limestone at the top of the slope, travelling down through swathes of schist and marl toward thicker beds of scraped white Argovian limestone, and then into clay and gravel. The mesoclimates all favour separation, hence the dominance of Premier Cru's all carved into the hillsides, and often identified by the enclosure within small rambling stone walls.



Etienne Chaix

Volnay, Domaine Lafarge (case x 6)**£210.00 per case IB**

This wine is produced from 6 plots totaling 2.6 ha of vines planted as far back as 1932. There is no new oak used in the production of this wine, it is a pure expression of the Pinot Noir and terroir of Volnay. A splendid, sweet scented bouquet, wild hedgerow and strawberry. The palate is seductive, filled with ripe and velvety red fruits, the tannins are silky and the structure seamless. A stunning Volnay this vintage.

**Drink 2023+****Volnay Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voillot (case x 6)****£165.00 per case IB**

Produced from 8 plots totaling just under 2ha, the 'vieilles vignes' average over 40 years old. This wine possesses an alluring style, rich in prune and cassis, couple with a stoney minerality which provides a well defined structure. The tannins are suave, supporting the wine perfectly with a long and sumptuous finish of ripe black fruits.

**Drink 2023+****Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Domaine Voillot (case x 6)****£280.00 per case IB**

This 1er Cru is situated to the eastern extremities of the appellation adjacent to Pommard on a chalk and powdery limestone subsoil. Produced from vine averaging 60 years old, this wine is aged for 14 months in 15% new oak. Fresh and seductive, fragrant cherry fruit aromas dominate the bouquet. The mouthfeel is sumptuous, rich and appealing. There is cherry jam with a touch of spice and the finish is smooth and delicate.

**Drink 2024+****Volnay 1er Cru Champans, Domaine Voillot (case x 6)****£280.00 per case IB**

This is Voillot's largest holding of 1er cru (1.7ha), situated on heavier clay soils that give the wine more depth and intensity, almost in the mould of Pommard. Aged in 10% new oak, this is a rich and chunky wine, loaded with powerful cassis fruits, firm, but ripe tannins and impressive density. The finish is smooth and long. Impressive!

**Drink 2024+**

SANTENAY

The vineyards of Santenay sit on steep slopes of broken, often rocky soils, which are seemingly carved into the hills. A Commune of around 340 hectares of vines, with around 120 hectares of Premier Cru, this commune is becoming sought after as the top growers eke every therm of heat and sunlight from the south west and south eastern facing vineyards, and produce wines which are becoming more sumptuous, perfumed and yet retain that lightness of touch that fully expresses Red Burgundy.

Soils are limestone dominated, with warmer Oolitic limestone more prevalent from round 300 meters, and this is where the better vineyards lie and top growers work their vines. Yields are lowish here, often for the Pinot Noir a top grower can expect 25-30 hl/ha, as wind, frost and the sparse soils make higher yields almost impossible, and yet these more concentrated reds flesh out and become more rigid and brooding in youth, becoming softer, sweeter and more appealing after 5 years.

MARANGES

First granted its AOC in 1988, and sharing a smattering of Premier Cru vineyards with its neighbour, Santenay, this well positioned red commune has grown in stature, its reputation arguably higher than its humble 185 hectares predisposes. Within the commune of 3 villages lie around 25 Premier Crus, extending to around 80 hectares in total.

The most southerly of Côte de Beaune appellations, the soils are geologically similar to Santenay with a major difference, as they tend to have more marl and broken limestone contained within their red and grey covering soils. The vineyards tend to be a little lower and face more westerly than Santenay, a factor that gives the reds of Maranges a touch more freshness and elegance.

SANTENAY

Santenay 1er Cru La Comme, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (case x 6) £ 140.00 per case IB

Produced from vines that lie on the border of Santenay and Chassagne- Montrachet. The windy exposure ensures clean and healthy grapes whilst the clay and limestone soils, with an undersoil of chalk and rock, help provide finesse and minerality to the wine. Soft, fruits and aromatic, vibrant cherry fruits predominant. The palate is finely crafted, with black fruits jam, mineral notes, crafted tannins and a little touch of liquorice that gives added weight.

 **Drink 2022+**

MARANGES

Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (case x 6) £ 110.00 per case IB

Produced from a single, mid slope 1.5ha plot of 80 year old vines, the soils are very deep in chalky clay. As Marc says, “the vineyard has everything; it is easy to make great wine here.” This is a real crowd pleaser! The vinification sees 20% whole bunch ferment, which adds structure to the massively rich fruit intensity, and it is aged in 25% new oak for one year. Packed with rich and ripe brambly fruit, it is highly concentrated, the tannins are on-point and there is an overt freshness which leaves you gasping for another gulp!

 **Drink 2023+**



Alex Bachelet

CHALONNAISE

The climate of this mid to southern region is less sheltered and more affected by prevailing westerly winds on the typically higher situated vineyards. Around 200 – 350m above sea level is the norm, whereas the finest Côte d'Or vineyards are sited at around 180-240m, with low undulating hills and less fertile, more stony soil giving leaner wines, whose vines struggle to get the required warmth and sunlight to fully ripen.

Vineyard site is crucial here, as is the dominance of heat retaining, well-draining limestone soils. The Chalonnaise is part of the continuous fault line that forms the ridge that runs like a spine down the whole Côte d'Or, wedged between the Saone, where soils washed and scraped by centuries of time have deposited in thick layers on the valley floor, rub against the thinner, scraped Jurassic limestone and Permian soils of the Horst de Mont St Vincent and Blanzay Rift.

This is where, perhaps, a degree of appreciation for Global warming may come into its own. It is a fantastic source for your everyday drinking Pinot Noir, providing unrivalled value for money.

**Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise Pinot Noir, Buissonnier,
Cave de Buxy (case x 6)**

£35.00 per case IB

Produced from south and south east facing vineyards with very stony soils packed with limestone. An excellent red Burgundy for those who like their Pinots to show simple fruit, easy tannins and a nicely textured, elegant finish.



Drink 2021+

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puilleux, Château de Chamilly (case x 6)

£108.00 per case IB

Produced from 50 year old vines, planted on south-east facing vineyards with iron rich soils, this wine is aged in 20% new oak for 12 months oak with a further 6 months in stainless steel tank. An overt and aromatic bouquet with notes of ripe black cherries and a hint of hedgerow. The palate is ripe, rich and finely textured with bramble and damson fruits and an underlying cherry stone freshness.



Drink 2022+



MÂCONNAIS

This large southern appellation of Burgundy, comprising around 17000 acres bridges the 30km gap between Chalonnaise in the North and Beaujolais in the south. A warmer region, this is where Northern France starts to turn Mediterranean.

The regions countryside is mainly agricultural with grain, orchards and cattle farming sitting alongside separate blocks of vineyards – the rolling hills and valleys more similar to the Cotswolds or Berkshire, and there is the continual hazards of spring frosts, lessened slightly by the naturally warmer temperatures that give a softer mouthfeel to the whites and a riper sweeter fruit to the reds. The soil is split into 2 types, limestone, planted mainly with the white Chardonnay with a little Aligote and clay/sand – planted with Pinot Noir and Gamay.

Comprising over 70 communes, this is an area which has risen in quality in recent years. Half of the 70 communes are allowed to add their own village name, one of which is La Roche Vineuse, where we find Olivier Merlin, one of the true stars of this appellation.

MOULIN À VENT

Situated toward the north of the Beaujolais region, sandwiched between Chenas to the north and the infamous Fleurie to the south, the red wines of Moulin à Vent have often been described as the most Burgundian of the Beaujolais crus.

Situated on slopes of granite, schist and marl soils at a height of around 200m, the vines are planted so as to gain valuable exposure to the sun, ripening the thick skinned Gamay grapes. The top growers plant on prime south eastern facing slopes of well-drained soil over limestone, gaining protection from the important Mont de Beaujolais hills to the west.

The style of a great Moulin à Vent is a dark colour, rich fruity nose and a dense, well rounded structure with tell tale acidity, freshness and , in the hands of a great grower, a wine of rich tannins and structure that can age for 10-15 years

MÂCONNAIS

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Olivier Merlin

£114.00 per case IB

Fermented in oak foudre with 20% whole cluster and 80% destemmed. This is soooo aromatic! Why drink New Zealand Pinot Noir when you can have this! As always this is a charming and fragrant wine, brimming with wild strawberry freshness. Succulent in the mouth, with wild strawberry fruits and a edgy minerality giving great balance. Absolutely delicious!



MOULIN À VENT

Moulin à Vent ‘La Rochelle’, Olivier Merlin

£180.00 per case IB

La Rochelle is one of the outstanding terroirs of Moulin à Vent. Olivier Merlin’s holding was mostly planted in 1937, with a small section dating back to 1955. The vines are planted on deep granite soils, producing a magnificent rich and powerful wine with dense black cherry fruits and an underlay of black olive intensity. A powerful wine that will repay long ageing.



Olivier & Corinne Merlin

BURGUNDY EN PRIMEUR 2019 ORDER FORM

Prices given are per case, in bond Melton (ex VAT & Duty)

CHABLIS		Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
CHAB046	Chablis Domaine Marronniers	.....	£102.00	.....
CHAB042	Chablis Domaine Daniel Dampit	.....	£105.00	.....
CHAB041	Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Philippe Testut	.....	£108.00	.....
CHAB053	Chablis, Domaine Samuel Billaud	.....	£142.00	.....

CHABLIS 1ER CRU

CHAB048	Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Philippe Testut	.....	£165.00	.....
CHAB047	Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, Domaine Marronniers	.....	£144.00	.....
CHAB043	Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Dampit	.....	£154.00	.....
CHAB054	Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud	.....	£235.00	.....
CHAB056	Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud	.....	£275.00	.....

CHABLIS GRAND CRU

CHAB049	Chablis Grand Cru Les Grenouilles, Domaine Philippe Testut	£174.00
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MÂCONNAIS

MACO340	Macon Azé, Jules Richard, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)	£30.00
MACO345	Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin	£98.00
MACO350	Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Olivier Merlin	£130.00

SAINT-VÉРАН

STVE095	Saint-Véran 'Vers le Mont', Domaine Luquet	£140.00
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POUILLY FUISSÉ

POUI170	Pouilly Fuissé 'Au Bourg', Domaine Luquet	£140.00
FUIS195	Pouilly Fuissé 'Tete de Cru', Château Fuissé (6x75cl)	£105.00
FUIS200	Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos (Monopole), Château Fuissé (6x75cl)	.....	£215.00	.....

CHALONNAISE

BOUR840	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)	.....	£34.00	.....
BOUR865	Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)	.....	£50.00	.....
MONT430	Montagny 'Les Reculerons', Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)	.....	£65.00	.....

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY

BOUR855	Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie' Domaine Guy Amiot (Chassagne-Montrachet)	.....	£125.00	.....
BOUR875	Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Domaine Mestre-Michelot (Meursault) (6x75cl)	.....	£78.00	.....
BOUR880	Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra Domaine Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl)	.....	£93.00	.....
TBC	Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers' Domaine Hubert Lamy (Saint-Aubin) (6x75cl)	.....	TBC	.....

BURGUNDY EN PRIMEUR 2019 ORDER FORM

AUXEY-DURESSES

		Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
TBC	Auxey-Duresses, Domaine Denis Carré	.....	TBC	.....

MEURSAULT

TBC	Meursault Les Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré	.....	TBC	.....
MEUR555	Meursault, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£160.00	.....
MEUR560	Meursault Clos St Felix, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£185.00	.....
MEUR565	Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières	.....	£315.00	.....
	Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)			

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

PULI830	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)	.....	£180.00	.....
PULI835	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon	.....	£270.00	.....
	Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)			
PULI820	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)	.....	£220.00	.....
PULI825	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières	.....	£375.00	.....
	Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)			
PULI840	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon	.....	£565.00	.....
PULI810	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)	.....	£252.00	.....
PULI815	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières	.....	£435.00	.....
	Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)			
PULI805	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles	.....	£650.00	.....
	Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)			

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

CHAS640	Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot	.....	£395.00	.....
CHAS650	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles	.....	£249.00	.....
	Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)			
CHAS645	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers	.....	£265.00	.....
	Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)			
CHAS655	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets	.....	£278.00	.....
	Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)			
MONT425	Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£2750.00	.....

SAINT-AUBIN

TBC	Saint-Aubin La Princesse, Domaine Hubert Lamy	.....	TBC	.....
TBC	Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix, Domaine Hubert Lamy	.....	TBC	.....
TBC	Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy	.....	TBC	.....

CÔTE DE NUITS

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR

BOUR850	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Christian Serafin	.....	£140.00	.....
	(Gevrey-Chambertin) (6x75cl)			
BOUR895	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)	.....	£80.00	.....
BOUR785	Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Le Chapitre'	£88.00
	Domaine Machard de Gramont			

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		Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN				
GEVR885	Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier' Domaine Machard de Gramont	£250.00
GEVR925	Gevrey-Chambertin Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£220.00	.....
GEVR930	Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£295.00	.....
GEVR935	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£385.00	.....
GEVR940	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£475.00	.....
GEVR945	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£595.00	.....
CHAR235	Charmes-Chambertin, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£875.00	.....
MOREY-SAINT-DENIS				
MORE105	Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£360.00	.....
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY				
CHAB245	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£495.00	.....
VOSNE-ROMANEE				
VOSN300	Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)	.....	£330.00	.....
NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES				
NUIT585	Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot Domaine Machard de Gramont	.....	£225.00	.....
NUIT580	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Damodes' Domaine Machard de Gramont	.....	£330.00	.....
NUIT595	Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)	.....	£282.00	.....
NUIT600	Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)	.....	£160.00	.....
NUIT605	Nuits-St-Georges Au Chouillet, Domaine Lécheneaut(6x75cl)	.....	£195.00	.....
CÔTE DE BEAUNE BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR				
BOUR870	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£95.00	.....
BOUR885	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£96.00	.....
HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
BOUR790	Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune Domaine Machard de Gramont	£92.00

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BEAUNE				
BEAU610	Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont	£158.00
BEAUNE 1ER CRU				
BEAU605	Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries, Domaine Machard de Gramont	.....	£205.00	.....
TBC	Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains, Domaine Denis Carré	.....	TBC	.....
BEAU630	Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£270.00	.....
ALOXE-CORTON				
ALOX095	Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£180.00	.....
SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE				
ALOX095	Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon	.....	£222.00	.....
ALOX095	Savigny Champs Chevrey, Domaine Tollot (6x75cl)	.....	£180.00	.....
CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE				
CHOR145	Chorey-lès-Beaune 'Les Beaumonts', Domaine Machard de Gramont	.....	£132.00	.....
CHOR155	Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£120.00	.....
POMMARD				
POMM215	Pommard, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£168.00	.....
POMM220	Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£380.00	.....
VOLNAY				
VOLN380	Volnay, Domaine Lafarge (6x75cl)	.....	£210.00	.....
VOLN365	Volnay Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£165.00	.....
VOLN370	Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£280.00	.....
VOLN375	Volnay 1er Cru Champans, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£280.00	.....
SANTENAY				
SANT265	Santenay 1er Cru La Comme , Domaine Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£140.00	.....
MARANGES				
MARA055	Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)	.....	£110.00	.....
CHALONNAISE				
BOUR840	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise Pinot Noir, Buissonnier Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)	.....	£35.00	.....
MERC040	Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puilleux, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)	.....	£108.00	.....
MÂCONNAIS				
BOUR860	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Olivier Merlin	.....	£114.00	.....
MOULIN À VENT				
MOUL215	Moulin à Vent 'La Rochelle', Olivier Merlin	£180.00
			Total

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Alternatively, you can return the enclosed order form and send your payment by Bank Transfer.

Please return this form along with your payment to:

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Wyke Way
Melton West Business Park
Melton
East Riding of Yorkshire
HU14 3BQ

Account Name: J Townend & Sons (Hull) Ltd
Sort Code: 40-25-20
Account Number: 20814660
Please use the reference: Burgundy 2019

Payment details:

(CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name:

Tel No:

E-mail:

Address:

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Postcode:

Signed

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In Bond: Wines offered are lying in Bond in Melton, and these wines will attract a charge for the Excise Duty (currently £26.78 per case of 12 bottles) and VAT, when the wine is taken out of Bond.

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