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On Sunday 21st November, we left the shores of Old Blighty with the Cote d'Or firmly in our sights, expectations high after early reports that the 2020 vintage had produced some outstanding wines. Uncertainty over whether Boris would introduce new Covid restrictions was not going to stop us from making our annual trip to Burgundy to taste the new vintage. Last year we had to make do with zoom discussions and barrel samples sent from the domaines for us to taste the 2019 vintage at our offices here in Melton. We had to make the best of a difficult situation, and whilst we made it work, it wasn't the same. In the cellar you get a far better understanding of what the winemakers really think, and visiting the domaines in a concentrated period helps bring focus to the style of the vintage, and which growers and appellations have performed well.

Burgundy is very much in the spotlight at the moment. Demand has reached unprecedented levels, driven by a succession of exceptional vintages. The flip side of this is that yields have suffered in recent years for a variety of reasons. Central to this is the modern-day challenge of climate change. Whereas Chardonnay is capable of growing in all manner of climatic conditions, the converse is true of Pinot Noir, a thin skinned, complicated and temperamental varietal that performs best in cooler climes, but is susceptible to rot and fungal diseases. It poses the ultimate viticultural challenge to the vigneron, but there is arguably no other varietal that reflects terroir as well as Pinot Noir.

Burgundy 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.

Our week in Burgundy was fascinating, even exhilarating. The release from the captivity of Covid provided a real sense of freedom and a return to our old ways of wine buying. The air was cool and clean, with the first winter snow falling late in the week, by which time we were in no doubt that the Burgundians had produced some truly sensational wines. It is not often that a vintage is renowned for both white and red wines alike. Normally what is good for one is not so good for the other. We still haven't quite worked out why the white wines possess such firm and quenching acidities after such a long hot and dry summer. As for the reds, 2020 is a vintage that has produced great wines, although perhaps with a little more variation.

The Burgundians faced the climactic challenges as well as Covid restrictions, to produce a memorable vintage that will grace any Burgundian aficionado.

All the wines in this offer are available to purchase on-line www.houseoftownend.com




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2020

THE GROWING SEASON

The 2020 growing season was relatively trouble free, a welcome break from the challenges that the Burgundian vignerons faced in recent vintages. That said, it was only brief respite before the 2021 vintage.

The winter months were warm and humid, with plenty of rainfall to replenish the thirsty soils after a hot and dry 2019. This was an excellent start to the year, especially given the lack of rain in the previous winter, and gave the vines nourishment in the summer months ahead, when once again the lack of water led to drought conditions.

January and February were warm and the vines came out of their slumber, the sap beginning to rise. Already it seemed that, once again, it would be an early start to the growing season. Climate change seems to be having a great effect in Burgundy, with the vines now waking up around ten days earlier than they were twenty years ago.

March turned a little cooler and drier, and from April to the end of July there was little humidity, save for a single rainstorm in June. The flowering of the vine was uncomplicated, although the heat did reduce the pollen count, and this had an immediate impact on the potential yields. The fact that there was no frost risk this year was a welcome break for the vignerons after the tribulations over recent year.

The long, hot and dry summer challenged the vines and there was an element of hydric stress. There was 50% less rainfall than normal, but crucially there was 20% more sunshine and light. Remember it is light that ripens the grapes. Whereas in 2019 there were big spikes in temperature, this was not the case in 2020. During our visit there were comparisons made with 2003, but again the difference between the two summers was marked by the heat spikes in 2003, compared with the consistency of heat in 2020. The dryness and heat lead to a 30% reduction in yields, but the quality of fruit was exceptional.

The harvest was a challenge, because of migrant workers due to Covid. Given that the season had started early, the 100 days from flowering to harvest saw the grape picking start on the 20th August. Fortunately, the universities had not yet started the academic year and so the vineyards were full of students, taking part in the making of a potentially 'great' vintage.

When the grapes arrived in the wineries there were two surprises. The acidity levels in the Chardonnay were exceptionally good. How could such a dry and hot summer have yielded such freshness? The Pinot Noir grapes proved to have very little juice, with 20% more grapes required to attain the same level of juice.

2020

THE WINES

2020 is a vintage of contradictions. Our numerous barrel tastings during the week of 22nd November showed a wonderful array of both red and white wines. I don't quite know quite how we got to where we are, but the results are quite sensational. But as Cyrille Roussea said to me, "This is not an accident – this is Mother Nature at work!"

The Whites

The first contradiction that we have to contend with, is the level of acidities that are a striking feature in this vintage. They are fresh and vibrant with a remarkable energy. It is true that whilst the days were hot and dry, the temperatures fell during night time, and this may well have contributed to the retaining of freshness. There is also a train of thought that the hydric stress led to some of the Chardonnay vines closing down, thereby preserving the acidities, and restraining the sugar level. The tartaric acids remained very strong. There is also good reason to believe that the vines survived the drought conditions due to the excellent modern day farming practices with organic and biodynamic practices coming to the fore. You could say this isn't modern, simply a return to natural farming. Yields were also surprisingly good with plenty of juice in the Chardonnay grapes, proof that this really is a varietal that can cope with all manner of climatic challenges.

The wines are beautifully balanced, elegant and precise, with a great balance between alcohol and acidity. Tartaric acids were high, whilst the malic acids were low, so that after the malo-lactic fermentation the total acidity remained strong. The acidities are better than the 2019 vintage and similar the lovely 2018. Despite the heat, there is no excessive ripe flavour profile, so the white wines are more akin to the wonderful 2017 vintage, as well as giving a nod to the classic 2010.

The Reds

It is easy to recognize that there are some great red wines produced in 2020. The growers believe it to be "another extraordinary vintage", a "Grand Millesime" or as Olivier Merlin said, "For me it is a kind of perfect vintage!"

It is true that where the growers have got everything right, it is indeed potentially a great vintage, with some wines hitting the level of perfection. There is more variation in the Côte de Beaune, maybe because the growers were focusing on the stunning whites wines that were developing, and so it was important to not get carried away and remain objective in our tastings. The Côte de Nuits is awesome!

The heat of the vintage is instantly recognizable in the deep and dark colours (like Syrah!) and massive concentration of fruit, but what is striking is that there is no evidence of burning in the flavour profile. The fruits are concentrated and intense, but also clean, and there is a freshness that defies logic. It really is a vintage that displays an unfathomable equilibrium. Each climat and terroir displays its own personality.

The word soyeux (silky) was often used during our tasting discussions, but the wines also show a remarkable body and structure, with no bitterness. Their propensity to age seems to be enormous, the intense fruit concentration balanced by an amazing freshness and balance. In the northern appellations of the Côte de Nuits, the wines are indestructible. Time will not break them.

Each vintage is unique but we are always asked to compare. It could be argued that they possess the intensity and richness of 1990 and the purity and dimension of 1959. The wines produced in 2020 have 'shoulders', particularly in the Cote de Nuits. It is a vintage not to be missed, especially given that 2021 has produced very little wine, and it is unlikely we will even be able to make an En Primeur offer next year.

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 15 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 a worked example 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.

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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 where knowledge and understanding of the vineyards they work are passed down from mother and father to son and daughter.

CHABLIS

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

MÂCONNAIS

Domaine Olivier Merlin
Domaine Luquet
Château Fuissé
Château de Chamilly

CHALONNAISE

Cave de Buxy
Château de Chamilly

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



Alban Machard de Gramont



Arnaud Desfontaine



Guillaume Camus



Étienne Grivot



Olivier Lamy



Étienne Chaix



Jacques Carillon



Olivier Merlin



Frédéric Lafarge



Laurent Ternynck



Nicolas Mestre



Vincent Lécheneaut



Frédérique Goulley

PETIT CHABLIS

The appellation of Petit Chablis was created in 1944, an area of 1189 hectares that represents about 19% of all Chablis production.

Located on the higher slopes (230-280 m in altitude) on both sides of the Serein River, the soils consist of hard brown Portlandian limestone, sand and silt.

The wines of Petit Chablis are fresh, frisky, energetic and immediate, and in good vintages this appellation offers outstanding value for money.

There is nothing 'little' about Petit Chablis!



Laurent and Marie-Noëlle of Domaine Marronniers

Petit Chablis, Domaine Marronniers

£108.00 per case IB

This new wine comes from 10ha of vines spread across 5 separate plots of vines, planted on clay and chalk soils to the north of Prehy. With an average age of 20 years, these vines give a ripe and forward green apple fruit and tight, crisp, steely structure, balanced in the mouth by notes of peach, baked apple and a nice chalky minerality. Fermented in tank over an extended 2-5 months, this is as good as many domaines' Chablis AC.

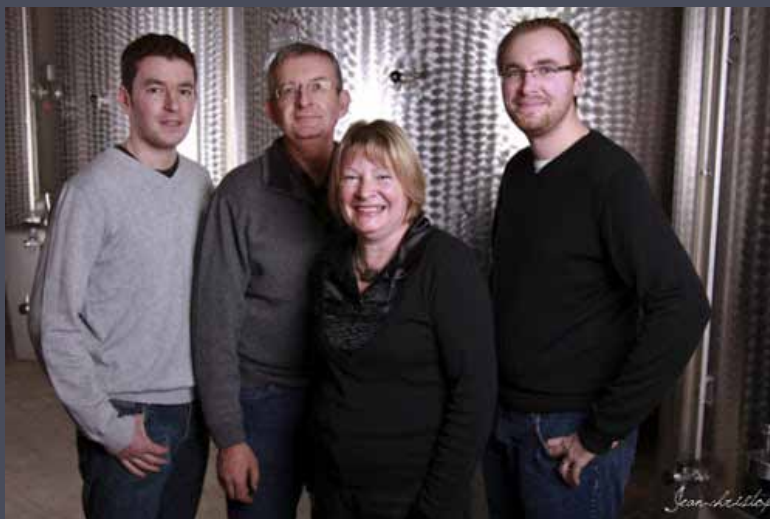


Drink 2022+



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 vigneron, who are amongst the finest in the region.



Damp Family

Chablis, Domaine Marronniers

£126.00 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. The 11ha of vines are spread around the village of Prehy and centered on the sub region of Courgis, where the chalk soil gives the wines an intense minerality. This wine is fermented wholly in steel tanks and aged for 12 months, partly on the lees. A medium rich, tight and citrus-laden Chardonnay, with a lively acidity and crisp, clean, focused style, showing a fine weight of lemon balm, roasted almond, bread yeast and green apple fruit. The minerality is impressive and adds depth, form and structure to the wine.



Drink 2022+

Chablis, Domaine Daniel Dampit

£129.00 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 2022+

Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Philippe Testut

£155.00 per case IB

This amazing Chablis comes from 40-50 year old vines planted on prime Chalk and Kimmeridge soil in a cleft that lies between the Grand Cru of Blanchot and the 1er Cru of Montée de Tonnerre. This is indeed one of the best parcels of Appellation Contrôlée Chablis in the whole region, with deep and highly mineral soils. Historically, it was sold under the Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Brechain appellation. Lemon/green, limpid colour, a ripe and attractive nose, layered with stewed apple, white peach and a chalky, earthy quality that adds structure and balance. The wine is taut and alive in the mouth, showing great energy and backbone, power and elegance; steely throughout, it finishes with great length and poise.



Drink 2022+

Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Les Grands Terroirs, Domaine Samuel Billaud £170.00 per case IB

Produced from three parcels of vines in different sectors of the appellation; 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 just below Montée de Tonnerre. Ripe but with clean, crisp citrus fruit, this has considerably more depth and richness on the palate than most Chablis.



Drink 2022+



CHABLIS

1ER CRU

The vineyards of Chablis Premier Cru have seen an expansion to around 850Ha 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 du Tonnerre, Montmains, Vaillons and Cote de Lechet etc 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.



Cyril Testut

Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Philippe Testut**£276.00 per case IB**

Adjoining the hill of the 7 Grand cru's, located on the right bank of the Serein river, this 1er Cru vineyard is well placed to soak up the warmth and sunshine from its perfect SW facing slopes and chalky, well-drained soil. The bouquet is more complex and fuller than the Chablis, as you would expect, with a more defined and intense quality. Layers of stewed apple and bread yeast overlaid with a sharply appealing citrus acidity and wet-stones minerality. Elegant throughout and showing the backbone and muscle of the Montée de Tonnerre vineyard aspect, this is a great Premier Cru.

**Drink 2023+****Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, Domaine Marronniers****£198.00 per case IB**

The low hills to the South West of sleepy Chablis hold some of the best terroir in the region, and this is where you can find the 1er cru vineyards of Montmains, whose serried rows of Chardonnay face almost due South- South East. In 2020, Laurent and Marie-Noelle Ternynck yielded just 25hl/ha of grapes, almost half of what they would normally harvest due to the spring frosts. The colour is green tinged, the nose is forward, ripe and expressive with a precision that perfectly matches the taut palate. Flavours of ripe peach, almond nut, apple and cream and a citrussy finish that forms an almost a saline-like quality and tension. Ultra clean, crisp and poised.

**Drink 2023+****Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Dampit****£225.00 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 piecing lime acidity and a long succulent and tropical fruit finish. An outstanding 1er Cru.

**Drink 2022+****Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud****£295.00 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 crisp, floral wine from the stony soil in this premier cru vineyard south of the village. Elegant and ripe, well balanced with racy acidity and tension. More forward than the other premiers crus. This is vinified exclusively in stainless steel vats to preserve the freshness of fruit and a powerful finish.

**Drink 2022+****Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud****£312.00 per case IB**

This Premier Cru comes under the wider Vaillons appellation, situated on the left bank of the river Serein. Produced from a single plot of 0.7 hectare 70 year old vines, planted in the 1940's by Samuel's Grandmother, Gabrielle, in the heart of premier cru Vaillons. This wine has wonderful concentration and tremendous minerality. The intensity of fruit and high acidity gives it the ability to age like a Grand Cru. The 2020 has a particular sense of salinity and a thrilling tension.

**Drink 2024+**

CHABLIS

GRAND CRU

Around the sleepy town of Chablis on the northern side of the River Serein lies 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 x6) £270.00 per case IB

The smallest of the Grand Cru vineyards, a small plot of only 0.31 ha planted with 53 year old vines. 90% of this wine is fermented in steel tank with the remaining 10% in 600 litre oak barrels, all of 3 years old to minimize the oak flavours but to maximise the oxidative aspect.

Wow! – a powerful and ripely appealing bouquet, rich and deeply satisfying. Restraint is apparent in the mouth, however, with subtle oak coating the ripe fruit and layered complex minerality and steely acidity, the wine offers layers of apple skin, saline, chalky minerality, lime and white peach, elegantly bound in the tight structure. The wine almost grows and spreads across the palate, showing immense structure and tension. Wunderbar!

 Drink 2024+



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. Here 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 Aligoté, 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 etc – 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-VÉLAN

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

MÂCONNAIS

Macon Azé, Jules Richard, Cave de Buxy (case x6)

£32.00 per case IB

A lovely fresh and compact white Burgundy from a single village site. The bouquet is immediate, soft and appealing leading to the palate which exudes easy, ripe and open Chardonnay fruit. The texture in the mouth shows butteriness without being overly fat, whilst the acidity shows lovely freshness and 'lift' in the mouth.



Drink 2022+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin

£120.00 per case IB

From one of our favourite producers, Olivier Merlin is undoubtedly one of the most progressive winemakers in the Maconnias. A quenching, fresh and super expressive wine. A small proportion (15%) is fermented in old oak cuves to give the wine a 'lift' with the majority fermented in stainless steel. An underlying butteriness makes this perfect for every day and regular drinking.



Drink 2022+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Olivier Merlin

£150.00 per case IB

Produced from 3ha of vineyards split into four separate parcels planted in 1922, 1932, 1949 and 1951 that average over 65 years of age. 100% barrel fermented, 10% of which is new, and aged for a further one year in barrel. Tight, intense with underlying notes of pineapple and grapefruit, this is a beautifully balanced wine, with rich and concentrated fruits that give a hint of sweetness. Olivier says, "for me it is a kind of perfect vintage!"



Drink 2024+



SAINT-VÉРАН

Saint-Véran 'Vers le Mont', Domaine Luquet

£144.00 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 way above its appellation.



Drink 2022+

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
£180.00 per case IB

Produced from vines that average 60 years old, situated in the Clos just in front of the church in the centre of the village of Fuissé. The church protects the vines from the westerly winds which makes this the warmest parcel of Fuissé. This vineyard was initially planted back in 1927 by the Great Grandfather of the current generation, Maurice Luquet. There is no oak ageing here, so the delicious clean and ripe fruit and impeccable terroir are fully on show.



Drink 2022+

Pouilly Fuissé 'Tête de Cuvée', Château Fuissé
(6x 75cl)
£120.00 per case IB

Fermented in tank, then 65% oak aged, with 20% new oak throughout. The grapes come from a number of vineyards around the 5 sub regions of Pouilly, taking advantage of the slate and sand soils of Fuissé blended with the heavier clay and marl soils of Vergisson, to make a wonderfully complex and polished style of Pouilly Fuissé.

The wine is subtle, elegant and polished, showing roasted nut, butter, dessert apple, white peach and some stony minerality. Acidity is marked – fresh and cleansing, adding tension and vibrancy to the wine. Long, lingering and powerful finish.



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Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos (Monopole), Chateau Fuissé
(6x 75cl)
£228.00 per case IB

After an arduous 10 year application process, 2020 is the first vintage of the new appellation Pouilly Fuissé 1er Cru. 24% of the Pouilly Fuissé vineyard area is now classified as 1er Cru. There are 22 climats that have been designated 1er Cru status, and Le Clos is arguably the finest. A 2.7Ha plot that circles the winery, and planted on 3 soil types with good drainage. The wine spent 10 months in barrel (90% new)

The bouquet is intense, aromatic, lively and forward – the palate is immediately full, very ripe and wonderfully decadent. The flavours of mango, papaya, spice, wet stones, cereal and honeycomb blend beautifully to create a complex and muscular wine that just keeps giving. The finish is incredibly long, fattened by battonage and sweet oak, and balanced against a razor-sharp acidity which gives perspective to the tropical fruit. Long, complex – captivating!



Drink 2023+



The 'Au Bourg' Vineyard
in the heart of Fuissé

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 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 Cote 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 Blanzly Rift.

Standout villages such as Montagny, Bouzeron (only for the white Aligoté), 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 x6) £36.00 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. The fermentation was carried out in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks, in order to preserve the freshness of the Chardonnay grape, with a further resting on the lees to provide added complexity. The bouquet is brimming with fresh ripe fruits, leading to a palate that is creamy in texture, exhibiting ripe peach characters and a chalky minerality.



Drink 2022+

Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (case x6) £57.00 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. Muted, steely-fresh white wine, with ripe white stone fruits on the nose, apricot and white peach add sweetness, whilst the freshest of saline acidity cuts through the wine in a marked and appealing way. A touch of flint, wet stones and again that razor-sharp acidity gives vibrancy and tension to the wine. Very good! As they say “He who does not know a good Aligoté.... does not know Burgundy”.



Drink 2022+

Montagny ‘Les Reculerons’, Château de Chamilly (case x6) £80.00 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.

Wow – upfront, exotic and powerfully fruity nose leads to an equally impressive palate – apricot skins, white peach and dessert apple, a lick of vanilla and spice and a welling hint of honey and fresh grape. Long, complex, layered and edgy. Beautifully alive and poised.



Drink 2022+



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 maker – this gives the clue as to the wine's real origins, and the quality of the person 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 top 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. A top producer can offer 'basic' Bourgogne Chardonnay from a village such as Puligny, St Aubin or Chassagne, which is often better than many, lesser producer's top wines, and at more affordable prices.

**Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie', Domaine Guy Amiot
(Chassagne-Montrachet) (case x6) £72.00 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. Semi-exotic, yeasty and finely balanced nose, showing notes of some tropical pear, apple and mango, balanced by wet stones and a steely undertone. The palate is fresh, immediate and linear – poised on a razor edge of acidity and green herbal leaf, rounded out by stewed apple and bread yeast. The 1/3rd oak (with no new wood) is present, but never overpowers the wine and this freshness and added texture creates tension in the wine and the impression of power and subtlety. This is a baby Chassagne Montrachet!



Drink 2022+

**Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay,
Domaine Mestres-Michelot (Meursault) (case x6) £95.00 per case IB**

Harvested from 10 separate plots, totalling 4ha, that surround the village and border the main road. Fermented in tank, then 80/20 transferred into a mixture of 500lt and 300lt oak barrels respectively, to age for 1 year, with older oak preferred. On the bouquet, the Michelot style is immediate – a lovely appealing richness and honeyed fruit style, with expansive notes of stewed white fruits, soft cream fudge, honey, cereal and a hint of minerality. The softly textured palate mirrors these flavours beautifully, with a steely quenching acidity that freshens the palate and leaves an impression of polished elegance and subtlety.



Drink 2022+

**Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra, Domaine Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet)
(case x6) £108.00 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. The style is classic Sauzet – ultra clean, crisp and restrained, the notes of lemon balm, baked apple and chalky minerality forced back into the glass by the steely acidity and freshness. On the palate the citrus notes come forward, with hints of wet stones, chervil and a green leaf savoury character that supports the freshness. This is so linear, crisp and steely, yet promises to fatten and ripen throughout a good few years ageing.



Drink 2023+

**Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers',
Domaine Hubert Lamy (Saint-Aubin) (case x6) TBC per case IB**

No new oak was used in 2020. Olivier Lamy has been slowly reducing his oak for some years, in order to preserve an intense minerality, purchasing glass Demijohns in the last year to help preserve acidity in the wines. This is especially important in dry years such as 2020. Normally St Aubin receives about 400ml of rain per year – in 2020 there fell just 215ml. Yielded at just 45hl/ha, approximately 30% down on normal crop levels, this wonderful crisp and fat Bourgogne Chardonnay shows a lovely ripeness and expressive citrus style. The acidity is fresh and direct, almost racy, balancing against the Gala apple, lemon balm and roasted hazelnut fruit. The older oak used to mature the wine adds a touch of welcome creaminess, but the impression is of a tight-knit and poised wine that will cellar well.



Drink 2022+



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 and more expressive. In an age of global warming, the wines of the Hautes Cotes are ones to watch.

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré

£168.00 per case IB

This family estate is in its second year of transition to organic farming and is really making its mark as one of the rising stars in Burgundy winemaking.

It is in hot vintages such as 2020 that the Hautes Côtes comes into its own. Vinified 50% in oak barrels and 50% in stainless steel tanks. An overt ripe Chardonnay bouquet, the palate is so drinkable. Zippy, stylish and finely structured, this is a brilliant everyday white Burgundy.



Drink 2022+



AUXEY-DURESSES


Situated in the Cote de Beaune, where smaller valleys 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
£264.00 per case IB

Harvested from vineyards (0.26ha) situated inland from Meursault and bordering Monthélie, this wonderful Chardonnay shows punchy and concentrated fruit, honeyed & ripe with flavours of Canteloupe melon, stewed dessert apple, wet stones and a touch of vanilla. The impression is of superb ripeness of fruit, balanced by fresh citrus acidity and a poise and power that seems almost Puligny-like. A superb wine.

 Drink 2022+



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. Here the notes of honey, fatness of 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 wines of the 1er Cru's are arguably Les Charmes and Les Genévières, 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 (case x6) £240.00 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. In 2020 the youthful Gaetane and Martiale Carre harvested just 45hl/ha from this rocky site, and fermented the wine in tank before ageing in 25% new oak.

The style is elegant yet powerful, ripe with layers of sweet tropical fruit, mango, pineapple and baked apple – formed around a spike of acidity and layers of crème anglaise, roasted nuts, honey and intense minerality. A forceful and refined Meursault, yet with power and intensity aplenty.



Drink 2023+

Meursault, Domaine Mestrel-Michelot (case x6) £215.00 per case IB

Assembled from 9 different plots, all with differing aspects of soil, microclimate, aspect and 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. Picking began on the 22nd of August, as several blocks of vines were showing signs of heat stress. Fermented in tank and barrel, with 10% new oak and using a variety of barrels – 40% in 500lt foudres, 40% in traditional Burgundy 228lt barriques, and 20% in clay eggs. The bouquet is savoury rich and showing grapefruit and lime cordial. The palate follows this, with a rich and balanced mouthfeel – the notes of honey, pink grapefruit, cereal and wet stones shows great intensity, kept taut with razor sharp acidity and restraint. Utterly beguiling and a wine of great power and complexity.



Drink 2023+

Meursault Clos St Felix, Domaine Mestrel-Michelot (case x6) £255.00 per case IB

Named after the small walled vineyard ('Clos') that is huddled down to the front of the estate, this sheltered 0.94ha site enjoys an extra 1°C degree of temperature, adding richness, mouthfeel and concentration. 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 WW2! On the bouquet there is more citrus, peach, honey and chalky minerality. The mouth offers a greatly concentrated and textured quality – again, the peach notes dominate, yet with a distinct creaminess that is kept in check by high acidity salinity and a finish that adds a savoury green lime edge that gives tension and vibrancy. As Nicolai Mestrel-Michelot said, 'This wine perfectly shows the character of the 2020 vintage'.



Drink 2023+

Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières, Domaine Mestrel-Michelot (case x6) £395.00 per case IB

This is one of the most highly regarded 1er Cru's 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.

A stupendous wine. The bouquet is immediately impressive – rich, unctuous and powerful with honeyed peach, a touch of apricot puree, pineapple and toffee. In the mouth the texture is opulent and concentrated, with a stoney minerality that supports the powerful and brooding fruit. The acidity is marked and holds the tension of the wine wonderfully in the mouth, adding to the long and muscular finish.



Drink 2023+

Meursault Les Grand Charrons, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (case x6) £260.00 per case IB

A lieu dit of 40 year old vines planted on the stony soils, adjacent to the old quarry site of Grand Charrons. It lies at the same height as the Meursault Premiers Crus, but with a more easterly exposure.

The grapes were picked on the 27th and fermented in 20% new oak. The nose is immediate and powerful, showing decadent fleshy tropical fruit, honey, buttered cooking apple and great minerality. The palate is full, ripe and creamy, rounded and golden throughout with an elegant and yet forceful character that borders on the hedonistic.



Drink 2023+

Meursault, Domaine Lafarge (case x6) £200.00 per case IB

The grapes are harvested from 3 plots, with soils high in iron content that give a rich texture to the palate. Aged for 17 months in old oak barrels, this wine is a pure expression of fruit and terroir. Luscious, intense and beautifully rich, the equilibrium is perfectly poised with a fantastic fresh acidity.



Drink 2023+



The Cellars at Domaine Mestrel-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 dominating 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 x6)**£195.00 per case IB**

This wonderful wine comes from 10 separate plots around the village of Puligny, planted to 10,000 vines per ha with an average age of 50 years old and benefiting from ample water. Picking for Jean Louis and his son Paul began early on the morning of the 22nd August, beginning with the Meursault side of the village first. The fermentation is carried out with the use of natural yeasts, producing a very classic stylish Puligny with a stunning purity and steeliness. This is a bright, vibrant, clean and polished Puligny, showing both richness and complexity, underpinned by sumptuous tropical and white stone fruit, some creaminess and a tense steely acidity.

**Drink 2023+****Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (case x6)****£285.00 per case IB**

Pierre Morey, winemaker at Domaine Leflaive for many years, called this appellation the "Bâtard" of the Premier Cru. A single parcel of 50 year old vines lying mid slope below the 1er cru of Folatières and adjacent to Pucelles. The soil is deep with few stones – the wine, picked on the 28th August was fermented in tank and then matured in 25-30% new oak for 11 months with no battonage. The bouquet is intense, concentrated and yet poised – dessert apple, creme anglaise, a touch of cereal and the steely acidity combine beautifully. A deep and profound wine.

**Drink 2025+****Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (case x6)****£234.00 per case IB**

Produced from 2 ha of vines made up of 7 different parcels, each vinified separately, and yielding a respectable 55hl/ha in 2020, a benefit of the underground water that pervades the soil closest to the village. The wine was matured in 25% new oak, using larger 350lit demi-muids to restrain the oak character. Picking started early, on the 20th of August and the wine in glass shows a restrained, lushly textured style, elegant, poised and with a core of ripe tropical fruit, citrus green acidity and a classic steely character.

**Drink 2024+****Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (case x6)****£450.00 per case IB**

This old vineyard, close to Meursault and on the same contour with the same soil composition as Chevalier Montrachet, contains a thick broken limestone substrata showing through the thin topsoil. 53 year old vines yielding a meagre 30hl/ha add complexity, power and intensity of fruit. Aged in 25% new oak 350lt demi-muids, the result is a polished, elegant and powerful Puligny, focused and linear in style, piercing sharp acidity confronts a wall of rounded sumptuous white stone fruit, cereal and honeycomb. This profound assault of complex and layered fruit, oak, brooding power and a muscular yet refined elegance, promises years of pleasure.

**Drink 2025+**



Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon

£685.00 per case IB

The Carillon family has been making wine in the village of Puligny-Montrachet since the 16th century, beginning with Jehan Carillon, who was a vintner in Puligny in 1520. After completing his studies at the winemaking school in Beaune, Jacques Carillon joined his father in the family vineyard in 1980. In 2010, Jacques and his brother split the Carillon domaine and he now farms his 5.25 hectares of vines with wife Sylvia. Produced from 7 separate perfectly exposed plots spread around the village totalling 2.7ha, with an average vine age of 40 years. Yielding just 35hl/ha in 2020, Jacques picks all fruit by hand in small baskets, presses lightly to maximise fruit and avoid bitterness from over-pressed skins, with the Chardonnay juice then cold clarified before fermented in tanks. No new oak is used to mature the wine, maturation takes place in different ages of barrel – 15% 1 year old barrel, 15% in 2nd year, 15% in 3rd year etc. up to 100%.

The nose is rich and concentrated, with a steely/fresh backbone. The palate is poised, razor-sharp and is complex and fulsome. Notes of white stone fruit, citrus, roasted nuts, candied grapefruit, marzipan and spice. The oak supports rather than dominates, and the minerality adds structure and a wonderful sense of completeness. A great Puligny!



Drink 2024+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (case x6)

£270.00 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.

The colour is lemon and pale, quite limpid. The nose is quite forward yet with restraint and showing nuances of ripe white stone fruits, citrus and fine minerality. The palate extends these ripe flavours, showing a complex, rounded and full bodied core of ripe citrus and tropical fruits with a controlled, restrained and elegant oak veneer. A touch of cashew balances against the peach, nectarine and honeyed quality of fruit, but overall, the sensation is of a lean, tight and austere, yet powerful Puligny, that will expand greatly with age.



Drink 2024+

BOURGOGNES

Puligny-Montrachet

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (case x6)

£498.00 per case IB

The Sauzet estate owns 1.4ha at the heart of the Perrières vineyard, on the Meursault side, with a great aspect and thinner calcareous soil structure, giving long lived wines with great finesse. Hand picked, yielding 40hl/ha, this wine benefited from 22% new oak. The nose is exotic, forward and powerful, yet with that same elegance and restraint that is the Sauzet signature. The nose shows ripe peach, pineapple and a distinct minerality that almost reminds one of Matcha tea. The palate is ripe, rounded and powerful, rich in its seams of white stone fruits, honey, spice and minerality, balanced by a razor sharp acidity and hints of steely saline and freshness. There is a terrific tension in this wine, creating the impression of a brooding power that needs many years to mature and open.



Drink 2025+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (case x6)

£560.00 per case IB

Located just above Les Combettes, the soils are iron red with a higher level of clay compared to Les Perrières. The vines are aged between 65-70 years old and there is always a high degree of millerandage, small, but very concentrated grapes. Overt and rich on the nose, this is a fatter style of Puligny, rich and broad with a finely integrated weave of oak (20% new). Long in the mouth, rich and creamy, this is a sumptuous wine that coats every taste bud.



Drink 2025+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles, Domaine Guy Amiot (case x6)

£792.00 per case IB

The Demoiselles vineyard, lying to the northern edge of Montrachet and across from the 1er Cru of Pucelles, is owned by just 3 producers. It is arguably the finest of the 1er cru, and, for the sake of 9 foot of pathway and a small wall, could be Montrachet itself.

Ripe, forward and intense on the nose, almost super reductive with notes of tangerine, nectarine, tinned stewed apple puree and wet stones. The minerality is obvious and a primary element of this wine, balancing the ripe white fruits with the freshest of bracing acidity and streaks of honey, cereal and crème anglaise. The wine is taut, poised and edgy, hinting at so much more potential in a few years' time. The result is a hedonistic, complex wine that seems set for many years ageing.



Drink 2025+

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 120Ha 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
(case x6) £216.00 per case IB**

Harvested from 12 different parcels totalling 1ha from vines aged between 20 and 90 years old. Aged in 25% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve, this is a wonderfully rich and textured wine. The bouquet is typical of the Amiot style - ripe, full and forward, offering notes of honeyed, stewed apple, vanilla, roasted pistachio and wet stones. The palate mirrors these textured flavours, with a ripeness and tropical fruit quality that hints at the warm vintage, and balances perfectly against the razor-sharp acidity. Refined, poised and full bodied and showing real tension.



Drink 2023+

**Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles,
Domaine Guy Amiot
(case x6) £279.00 per case IB**

This larger vineyard lies directly beneath Vergers and gently slopes to the upper reaches of the village and across to the boundary with Puligny and Bienvenue Batard Montrachet. Amiot owns a 0.5 plot of clay dominant soil with a North East exposure and 50 year old vines. Known as the La Femme Classique of Chassagne! Aged in 25% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. Upon swirling the glass and putting my nose in, the wine is immediately more open, lush and forward, with a distinct creamy note and hints of sweeter, riper tropical fruit with a linear, more citric element. The palate is a little lighter in style than Vergers, less obviously brooding yet still powerful, balancing richness and texture of ripe fruit with a citrusy, steely acidity and more supple finish. The minerality adds complexity to the creamy, fudge and tinned pear core, with notes of toast, caramel and honey adding to the long, long finish. Very, very good!



Drink 2023+

**Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers,
Domaine Guy Amiot
(case x6) £299.00 per case IB**

This small vineyard lies NE of the village, just above Vergers, on steeper slopes that look down on the road that scores between Puligny and Chassagne. Vergers means "orchard" so the appley characters are most apt. Produced from 66 year old vines, Wow – and Wow again!! The nose is an amazing assault of ripe tropical fruit, newly integrated oak (1/3rd new oak, Vosges and Alliers oaks used predominantly), oatmeal, crushed toasted nuts, honey, grapefruit and wet stones that it seems ludicrous that the palate can live up to the nose... yet it does – in Spades! The palate is full, ripe, rounded and delicious, with an immediacy that is almost sinful. A concentrated core of stewed dessert apple, overlaid with vanilla crème, pineapple confit and a drop of honey, cooked oatmeal and pink grapefruit acidity. The palate is rich and full, yet stretched into a tautness by the lively acidity and minerality, that the power and flavour just keep coming, creating a brooding sense of power. Fabulous!



Drink 2023+

**Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les
Caillerets, Domaine Guy Amiot
(case x6) £325.00 per case IB**

Produced from two parcels of vines, planted on soil covered with large limestone rocks, that lie directly to the south of the winery, bordered by neat stone walls and gently sloping from the upper wooded reaches, down to the edge of the village. One parcel is now 85 years old, the other was replanted in 1985.

The nose is immense – powerful, concentrated and very fine. Tropical fruit, honey, tinned pineapple and crème anglaise lift from the glass. The palate is equally rich and powerful, with an intense concentration of tropical fruits, integrated oak (again, 1/3rd). The brooding sense of power returns again. Such is the concentration and complexity that this wine seems to offer, the palate goes on and on, building elements of toasted nuts, honey, caramel fudge, vanilla crème and intense minerality. All balanced and supported by the sharpest of fresh citrus acidity.



Drink 2024+

**Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine
Guy Amiot (case x6)
£3600.00 per case IB**

Just one barrel of this superlative and very rare wine was made in 2020. Aged in 100% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. The bouquet is perfection. Intense, overt, creamy, ripe and full of tropical fruit, oak and minerals. The palate is equally rich, spreading evenly and thickly over the tongue with notes of mango, dessert apple, vanilla and spice whilst cereal notes and the crème anglaise add structure and texture with crisp acidity balancing perfectly. The finish is intense, long and incredibly full and balanced. Hedonistic and flawless. A great Grand Cru.



Drink 2026+

SAINT-AUBIN

The hamlet of St 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.

St 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 170Ha 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 towards 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 St Aubin appellation.




Saint-Aubin La Princée, Domaine Hubert Lamy (case x6)

£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.

In 2020 Olivier Lamy saw his yields almost 50% down due to the lack of rainfall and heat. The resultant wine shows concentrated and intense flavours of crisp green apple, pineapple, roasted nut and the steely backbone of acidity that is Lamy's hallmark. The wine is elegant, clean, fresh and shows an incredibly long finish.


 Drink 2023+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix, Domaine Hubert Lamy (case x6)

£TBC per case IB

The Clos du 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.

The nose appears restrained, brooding and exhibits classic apple pie and crème anglaise notes whilst the palate is intense, immediate and complex balanced by a crisp steely, almost saline acidity that invigorates the wine throughout. Flavours of peach, pear and honey combine beautifully with a fresh mineral-slated backbone, adding to the wines overall complexity and incredibly long finish.

 Drink 2023+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy (case x6)

£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.

This wine is an absolute screamer! No new oak at all in 2020. A very rich, intense and complex white Burgundy, showing seams of ripe tropical fruit such as baked pineapple, honey, elegantly woven oak, wet-stones, and a decadent and long finish. The sensation is one of intensity throughout – the full and creamy palate is cut through by acidity that keeps the wine taut and zingy and wonderfully complex.

 Drink 2024+

Domaine Lamy will be released in July 2022



Olivier Lamy

CÔTE DE NUITS

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Côte de Nuits



Domaine Machard de Gramont

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir,
Domaine Christian Serafin (Gevrey-Chambertin) (case x6)** **£160.00 per case IB**

The grapes are harvested from a single 0.33ha parcel of vines named Pressonnier, which for 30 years, between 1956 and 1986, had the right to be sold as Gevrey-Chambertin. The vines are 44 year old. There is however a proportion of grapes added from young vines of the 1er Cru Cazetieres, which gives a greater complexity to the wine.

Vinified in 50% new oak, this fragrant Pinot shows a remarkably deep colour and offers robust full and spicy black fruits. The palate is rich, balanced with lush tannins, a savoury stalky hint adds freshness, whilst a lick of oak adds sweetness and structure. A baby Gevrey!



Drink 2024+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x6) **£95.00 per case IB**

This superb 12ha domaine was created in the 1980's by Fernand, father of Philippe and Vincent who now run the domaine. Produced from 3 separate parcels surrounding the village of Nuits, with 30% whole bunch fermentation. Aged in barrels for 9 months, barrels aged from 1 year to 6 years old.

The colour is profoundly deep, the nose a little muted, as if the wine is too powerful to show at first approach. However, once in the mouth the palate is rich, succulent, almost lush. A very fruit-driven style, heavy on the boiled black fruits, balanced by some freshness and a touch of steeliness. The finish is long, rounded and shows a lovely earthy, savoury edge. Balanced, supple and open.



Drink 2022+

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Le Chapitre',
Domaine Machard de Gramont (case x6)** **£60.00 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 so this will probably be the last time this wine will be produced under the Bourgogne appellation.

The colour is very dark, almost purple black. Whilst the 2019 vintage was early for reds, in 2020 they picked a week later, and the colours show more concentration. The wine is firm, quite upright and to the fore. Red fruits very much to the front, with streaks of crème de Mure and ripe, rounded tannins and notes of minerals and spice. The finish is long, rounded, firm and sweetened by the stewed red fruits.



Drink 2022+

HAUTES CÔTE DE NUITS

The Hautes Côtes de Nuit appellation was created back in 1962, consisting of 20 communes and 750 ha of vineyards. Located at the top of the Côte d'Or escarpment, covering a variety of small valleys, and home to a multitude of different micro-climates, the cooler temperatures are a growing advantage in the modern era of climate change, producing fruit with an impressive balance and freshness. The appellation starts above Chambolle-Musigny and runs to the boundary of the Côte de Beaune, the border running through the town of Magny-lès-Villers.

The growers in this appellation have been overlooked for many years, but are now enjoying more prominence, with more favourable climatic conditions producing a consistent quality of fruit, something that has not always been guaranteed. The vines tend to be grown on south, south-west facing slopes in order to maximize the vine's exposure to the sun, on marlstone soils and outcrops of limestone.



Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits, Domaine Lécheneaut
(case x6) £62.00 per case IB

Coming from plots near the villages of Meuilley and Arcenant in the Hautes Côtes and aged in 40% oak, using the larger Demi-Muid barrels to lessen the vanilla contact. Wonderfully foxy, vibrant, smoky cassis-laden Pinot, showing lovely tension and a gorgeous feminine quality. The oak is balanced within the wine, with a core of sweet red cherry, pomegranate and cranberry fruit, all smoked and showing the energy you would expect from this great producer.



Drink 2022+

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 pourous 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
(case x6) £150.00 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. In the glass the wine is very dark, almost impenetrable for a Pinot Noir. The nose is immediate, full and concentrated, seductive with notes of stewed black fruits, vanilla and sweet spice. The palate is powerful, dense and chewy, then opens to offer fragrance, seductive red fruits that become lush and textured, almost jammy, streaked by hints of vanilla, sweet spice, minerals and herbs.



Drink 2023+

**Gevrey-Chambertin Domaine
Christian Serafin (case x6)
£240.00 per case IB**

Produced from grapes grown on 10 separate plots and aged for 16 months in 50% new oak. The nose is incredibly ripe, forward, smoky and appealing, almost feral in its character. The palate is equally wild and rich, offering generous and lush red fruits, layered with notes of smoked and mulled raspberry and cherry, invigorated by fresh acidity and supported by lush and silky tannins. The oak is cleverly integrated, adding sweetness and structure. This is a very traditional Gevrey-Chambertin.



Drink 2025+

**Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes,
Domaine Christian Serafin (case x6)
£315.00 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 wonderful, rich and seamless Pinot perfectly exhibits the Serafin style. Wow! A deeply pleasurable, rich, opulent and aromatic nose, spiked with cherry liqueur, raspberry and menthol. The palate is rich, full bodied and again shows opulence and length, combining confiture and sweetness of red fruits with the earthy spice and minerality that comes from great limestone soil and older vines. A real pleasure.



Drink 2026+

**Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux, Domaine Christian Serafin
(case x6) £420.00 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, this is a deeply coloured, intensely rich and structured Pinot Noir, offering a distinctly chocolatey character that is instantly appealing, balanced by a lovely warm earth quality. The palate continues, with a sensual mouthfeel supported by sweet and spicy oak, fresh acidity and an opulent and decadent finish.



Drink 2026+

**Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny, Domaine Christian Serafin
(case x6) £545.00 per case IB**

Produced from 63 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 lies further up the slope as it heads uphill from the southern edge of Gevrey, and, like Corbeaux, adjoins Mazis-Chambertin. For 2 wines that lie so close together, the nose is remarkably different from Corbeaux, offering a ripe cherry liqueur nose, with a streak of Chambord blackberry. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months. This is a stunning layered, complex and fruit-driven Pinot, counter-balanced by a savoury chalkiness and feral edge, yet throughout the wine retains a high degree of succulence, with well defined tannins and sweet oak. Fonteny is always a much more charming Gevrey, oozing finesse.



Drink 2027+

**Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières, Domaine Christian Serafin
(case x6) £685.00 per case IB**

Produced from 60 year old vines, this 1er Cru is situated immediately next to the famous Clos Saint Jacques vineyard. Two years ago, the family 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. Pronounced and perfumed on the nose with a distinct feminine edge, there is subtlety and elegance to begin, then the wine ripens and builds, at its core a brooding rich seam of boiled black fruits, smoky oak, chewy ripe tannins and fresh acidity. Toward the finish there is a lovely earthy, ironstone character that adds to the structure and balances the sweet opulence of fruit.



Drink 2028+

**Charmes-Chambertin, Domaine Christian Serafin
(case x6) POA per case IB**

Produced from two parcels of vines averaging 87 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.) Still slightly closed when tasted, the wine, when warmed in the glass, opened to reveal an array of mulled red and black fruits, succulent in their ripe intensity, and edged in smoked vanilla oak, menthol, spice and minerals. The muscular and powerful structure is held by brooding fine tannins and a lovely freshness, wrapped around the deeply profound and concentrated core of sweet fruit that wells up in the glass. The finish is incredibly long, lingering and exotic to the very end. A truly great wine.



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
(case x6)
£410.00 per case IB


This 0.3 plot of 1er Cru is located next to the Grand Cru of Clos de la Roche. The average age of the vines is 50 year old.
A hedonistic and smoky Pinot, with a dark coloured edge, gripping tannins and powerful, complex character. The mulled black and red fruits are complex and well defined, layered to contain the brooding and muscular core of fruit, oak, spice, ripe tannins and hints of olive skin, liquorice, cherry liqueur and vanilla. This is a very masculine wine – intense. Fabulous!

 Drink 2028+

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes,
Domaine Christian Serafin
(case x6)
£575.00 per case IB

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,
Very dark and dense in colour, with an upfront, sensual and exotic nose, offering a high degree of very ripe boiled red fruits, spice, crème de mur and cocoa. The palate is seamless, layered with black fruits, menthol, coffee and farmyard. The finish is big, opulent and complex, smouldering almost, with some wood tannins appearing right at the end.

 Drink 2028+



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-Romanée 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 8 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 x6)
£360.00 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.

Etienne Grivot said of the 2020 Vosne-Romanée that it was not a classic vintage in the true sense, but the wine, showing great concentration of open fruit, would still age well; "the wines show a fleshy quality that really appeals now, but the wine will still age for 10 years +"

Dark in the glass, fragrant and forward nose, ripe and lush. The palate is pure sweet cassis and cherry fruit, fragrant, succulent and balanced, showing notes of smoked red fruits, mulling spices, some savoury chalkiness to indicate good minerality and terroir. The wine finishes with good length, ripe silky tannins and a lovely zip of freshness.



Etienne Grivot



Drink 2026+



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.



Philippe & Vincent Lécheneaut

**Nuits-Saint-Georges, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Machard de Gramont
(case x6)**

£140.00 per case IB

Made up of 3 separate parcels of old vines (average age 65 years old) that lie to the west of the winery in the lee of the 1er cru's, on either side of the meandering D25.

There is black fruit aplenty, concentrated and intense, with a muscular and powerful frame of fruit, tannins and spice. This is a dense and structured Pinot, showing all the power of Nuits, but with a sweetened core of fruit that wells up from the glass to mask the weight of the wine. Long, powerful, very good.



Drink 2023+

Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' Domaine Jean Grivot (case x6)

£300.00 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.

Deeply coloured, almost 'Malbec-like' in the glass, limpid and thick. The nose is sensual, immediate and very appealing, almost lush. There is a focus on spicy mulled black fruits, almost Syrah-like in its pepper and cassis quality, with richness and intensity pushing the wine forward. On the palate, the richness continues, offering gobs of sweet black fruit, cassis, cranberry and Chambord liqueur, overlaid with notes of granite, sweet spice and smoked coffee. There is a real tension and power to this wine. Terrific!



Drink 2026+

Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x6)

£205.00 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 nose is immediate, forward and pronounced. Rich, full and sweet with a touch of strawberry. The palate shows the new oak, cradling the beguiling sweetness of black forest fruits, mulling spice, succulence and power of the terroir. It is warming and generous in stature, a well-crafted Pinot, sexy and powerful with tannins that show grip and tension on the finish.



Drink 2025+

Nuits-St-Georges Au Chouillet, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x6)

£225.00 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. The grapes are destemmed 100%.

A similar nose to the Nuits St George Village, lush and decadent in style with lots of upfront sweet fruit and oak. However, in the mouth the wine changes; the richness is more pronounced, the wine more generous, the sweetness of fruit more toward cherry liqueur than fresh cherry. There is a touch of pomegranate and the tannins are more full, though still plush and rounded. This is a layered, complex Pinot, with a wonderfully long lingering finish. Very, very good!



Drink 2026+

**Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot, Domaine Machard de Gramont
(case x6)**

£145.00 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.

Very dark colour, limpid - firm, feral and exotic nose with concentrated stewed black fruits, sweet in style, lush and decadent. The nose shows some minerality and fragrance. On the palate the wine is concentrated and lush at first, with hints of limestone balancing the mulberry and mocha fruit, which leads to a delightful freshness that gives the wine tension and power. Seductive at first taste, the resulting finish shows power and a firm edge, rounded out by very ripe fruits and balancing acidity.



Drink 2023+

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The Cellars at Domaine Tollot-Beaut

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir,
Domaine Joseph Voillot
(case x6) £100.00 per case IB**

Produced from 2 plots (Les Long Bois and Les Grandes Terres), covering approximately 1.3 hectares, the vineyards are situated on the lower slopes in the village of Volnay, with vines that average 60 years old.

The bouquet is really ripe, quite intense with distinct jamminess and concentration; the palate continues this feeling of concentration and mulled red fruits - quite exotic in fact and showing richness, fruit sweetness and a touch of smoky spice. The tannins are gentle yet gripping toward the finish. One important point to mention is the acidity. Such is the ripeness levels in 2020 that the acidity doesn't seem apparent in the mouth, yet at 3.9 is higher than similar vintages like 2018, where the acidity was more marked in the mouth at 3.5.

 **Drink 2023+**

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir,
Domaine Tollot-Beaut
(case x6) £110.00 per case IB**

Natalie explained that the yield in 2020 was similar to 2019, approximately 30% down on an average harvest, due mainly to heat stress in August and Coulure in June. It was a very dry growing season, with picking beginning on the 21st August. This delicious wine is produced from 3 plots totaling 3ha, planted a stone's throw from the Chorey appellation. Aged in 25% new oak barrels for 16 months, it is a typically ripe, jammy and pleasurable style that this top domaine is known for. Open lush red and black fruits, sweet raspberry and plum, finishing with a layer of sweet and integrated oak. This is a super little wine that will give immense pleasure.

 **Drink 2023+**



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 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 £62.00 per case IB
(case x6)

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. 20% new oak, the colour is lighter, with more typical fragrance of cherries, herbal essence, farmyard and raspberry. The palate is riper, more rounded and sweeter in style, with notes of spice, woodsmoke and suppleness in the mouth. Very good with a subtle freshness that really livens the finish and mid palate.

 Drink 2022+

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune 'La Perrière', Domaine Denis Carré £168.00 per case IB
(case x6)

Martiale and Gaetane Carré are producing some sensational wines at their domaine in Meissey. Delightful aromas of wild summer red fruits and fresh morning hedgerow. Tight, grippy and stylish Pinot Noir from the cooler climes of the Hautes Côtes, there is a lovely strawberry underlay and finely tuned tannins. This is a wine with real edge and personality.

 Drink 2022+

BEAUNE

Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont (case x6) £96.00 per case IB

This finely situated plot of only 0.3ha touches the Pommard 1er Cru Epenots at the southern limit of the appellation. Normally Alban makes 9-10 barrels, but in 2020 the yield dropped to 6. Fermented and aged in a mixture of both French, American and Hungarian oak of which 30% is new. The colour is dark, the nose ripe and intense with stewed black fruits, spice and integrated oak. The palate, full, ripe and rounded, is textured with jammy dark fruits, firm tannins and an earthy, feral quality that give the wine a sense of brooding power and grip.. This is a wine for longer term keeping, but the sense of brooding power and grip is very profound.

 Drink 2022+



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 Coucherias, Domaine Machard de Gramont
(6 x 75cl)**

£120.00 per case IB

Produced from 63 year old vines, fermented and aged in 50% new Vosges oak, which gives added structure to the wine. Aged in 50% new oak, the colour is dark, dense and appealing, with a nose of concentrated dark fruits, mulled in style, and offering notes of sweet black cherry streaked with mulberry, cassis and raspberry. Freshness supports the fruit core and oak perfectly. The oak is concentrated and layered into the fruit, adding spice, vanilla and a touch of tobacco and ironstone. This is a big wine – full of energy, power and intensity.



Drink 2023+

Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains, Domaine Denis Carré (case x6)

£170.00 per case IB

Produced from two separate parcels, 200 metres apart, close to Clos des Mouches, Pommard, hence the more structured and powerful style.

This is a very sexy and alluring wine, rich and velvety with a delicious succulent palate. There are notes of prunes and red berries, and a little hint of toasted oak which provides an added dimension. The tannins are beautiful, soft and ripe giving great support.



Drink 2024+



Martial and Gaetane Carré

**Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut
(case x6) £294.00 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. On the nose and mouth, this richly structured Pinot Noir shows piercing crème de mur and cassis notes, softened by exuberant and spiced red fruit. The mouthfeel is a delight; soft and exotic with a lush texture and building to a crescendo of fruit and tannins. This is a big, bold and powerful wine with a long cellaring potential.



Drink 2026+

**Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucherias,
Domaine Joseph Voillot
(case x6) £280.00 per case IB**

A new addition from this top Volnay grower, this 0.23ha single plot with vines that average 50 years old, produces only 3 barrels of wine (75 cases). After harvesting by hand, the grapes are destemmed and fermented in barrel, 20% of which is new. Aromas of black fruits, deep and smouldering, the palate is mouth filling, with layer upon layer of sumptuous, rich fruits, soft ripe tannins and a refined, elegant finish. An alluring wine, textured, moreish and seductive.



Drink 2024+

ALOXE-CORTON

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

The appellation of Aloxe-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 Aloxe face south and east, the better vineyards protected by the mighty limestone bluffs of Corton.

The wines of Aloxe-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 Cru 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 x6) £210.00 per case IB

Produced from four separate parcels totaling 2ha, this wine is vinified in 33% new oak. A favourite appellation of the energetic Natalie Tollot, this rich and sweetly powerful red comes from 2 ha of vines, spread across 4 separate plots, all on the southern and western slopes of the daunting Corton Hill. A beautifully seamed, layered and complex Pinot Noir with notes of clove, cherry liqueur, bitter chocolate that is perfectly balanced by fresh acidity and a touch of a chalkiness and menthol.

 Drink 2026+

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE


Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon £235.00 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. Bottled in July, this exhibited a dark colour, rich and appealing nose with a core of sweet boiled black fruits, some opulence and a distinct ripeness. In the mouth the wine continued with the opulent character – the core of sweet black fruits held with plush rounded tannins, some freshness and a well-defined, subtle oak veneer. There is texture aplenty here, with nice structure and grip on the long finish.

 Drink 2023+

Savigny Champs Chevrey, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (case x6) £205.00 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. Aged in 30% new oak, the nose and palate boast pure ripe, perfumed black fruits, exotic in nature and layered with jammy confiture, stewed cherry and a hefty layer of new sweet vanilla oak. Every element of this cracking wine is heightened, exemplary!

 Drink 2025+



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
£84.00 per case IB**

Produced from vineyards to the west of the village of Chorey, this wine is aged in older barrels. Aged in 20% new French oak. Sweet cherry fruits and ripe succulent tannins. As Alban says, "What is the point in waiting!". This wine encapsulates all that is great at village level in Burgundy. Dark in colour, with a wonderfully ripe, sweet and openly lush, fragrant nose, offering layers of ripe cherry, raspberry and cranberry. The palate is sensual, rounded and open, with sweet berry fruit layered with notes of coffee, roasted plum, spicebox and subtle sweet vanilla oak. There is a different energy to this red, very much a sleeping giant. This wine could be a star of the vintage.



Drink 2022+

**Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut
(case x6) £138.00 per case IB**

The signature wine of this top domaine, its style is inimitable Chorey les Beaune. Coming from 10 separate plots of vines with an average age of 50 years, planted on clay and stoney soil totalling 2.5ha to the north and south of the village; the wine benefited from 25% new oak throughout. The nose is all dark mulled fruits, a touch of hedgerow, and the mouthfeel is textured, plump and quite thick. The fruit is open and lush, with firming tannins that eventually overcome the jammy sweetness, yet the underlying impression is of power and grace, with an elegant and long finish.



Drink 2023+

POMMARD

**Pommard, Domaine Joseph Voillot
(case x6) £198.00 per case IB**

This impressive and muscular Pinot comes from 4 plots totalling 1.2ha (Cras, Poisots, Saussilles and Vaumuriens) that lead down from the village along a gentle slope of red soil and clay that neighbours the 1er cru of Clos Blanc. The average age of the vines is 50-60 years.

The deep colour is apparent, as is the rich, robust and sweet edged nose, all red fruits and mulling spices. The palate is impressively textured, showing an iron/earthy grip that perfectly balances the broodingly powerful and concentrated cranberry, pomegranate and cherry liqueur fruit, all bound in sweet seasoned oak. The sinew and tension within the wine is supported by a freshness that gives lift and a sensation of perfect texture and hold. Really very, very good!



Drink 2024+

**Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Voillot
(case x6) £440.00 per case IB**

Situated to the right as you enter Pommard from Beaune, lying on vineyards that slope gently up from the road as you leave Beaune, and adjoining Beaune 1er cru, this rich and impressive wine was my highest scoring Pommard of the entire trip. Rich black stewed fruits, opulent and powerful on the nose, with a fresh, lively and tense mouth that opens as the wine develops, to reveal layers of sweet crème de mur, cherry and complex black fruits, edged with sweetness that swell and grow. The tannins are ripe and impressive, supported by spicy oak and grip the wine, hinting at a long life and greater brooding power in the future. Impressive – a bit of a star!



Drink 2025+



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 x6) £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 stupendous fragrance on the nose, offering an incredible intensity of strawberry fruits. The palate is concentrated yet elegant, the tannins super soft and a beautiful freshness provides a perfect equilibrium.

Lafarge really is the King of Volnay!



Drink 2026+

Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Domaine Voillot
(case x6) £325.00 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 vines averaging 60-65 years old, this wine is aged for 14 months in 15% new oak.

The nose is immediate and impressively inviting. Thick, sweet edged and forward, dominated by mulled black fruits, confiture, cherry and smoky spice. The tannins, appearing soft to begin, tighten up as the mouth develops, yet are never overpowering, as the fruit is just so thick and succulent. Freshness comes from a touch of citrus and cranberry on the finish, with distinct chalky minerality and a ripeness that just wells from the glass at every sip. One stunning wine!



Drink 2025+

Volnay Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voillot
(case x6) £189.00 per case IB

Harvested from 6 separate plots that lie in front of the 1er cru of Champans, the 'vieilles vignes' average over 40 years old.

The colour is dense, black and almost Malbec-like in intensity. The nose is forward, intense and appealing with notes of boiled black cherry jam, spice and some new oak. The mouth is ripe, equally intense and impressive in its core of mulled cherry and decadent black forest fruits, smoky sweet spice and savoury Matcha tea. The mouthfeel is lush, rounded and balanced with some slatey minerality and gripping tannins that well up from the glass.



Drink 2024+

Volnay 1er Cru Champans, Domaine Voillot (case x6)
£325.00 per case IB

A more brooding and powerful Volnay, showing the muscular quality that comes from the heavy clay and limestone soils that dominate this large 1.7ha holding. The colour is black and oily, and the nose is impressive - full frontal and powerfully jammy, with a distinct strawberry quality that is the signature of Champans. This perfumed nose leads to a rich and intense mouthfeel, heavily textured and showing succulent sweet red fruits, mineral layers, ripe and gripping tannins and a brooding and powerful finish that becomes almost beguiling as it loses intensity.

A pure joy – notably good.



Drink 2026+

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

The village of Chassagne Montrachet lies 1.5km south of Puligny-Montrachet. It consists of around 300ha of vines, split 65/35 Chardonnay to Pinot Noir, with around 120Ha 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.

To the south of the appellation, there is a higher concentration of limestone marl and red gravel soils and this where the Pinot Noir performs better. Whilst the red wines of Chassagne-Montrachet are less fashionable, they offer exceptional value, their structure reminiscent of the wines produced in the more illustrious red wine appellations of the Côte de Nuits.



Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot

£129.00 per case IB

Harvested from 12 different parcels, whose exposure varies from North East to South West, planted with vines that average over 50 years of age.

Packed with classic Pinot Noir characters, wild strawberry sweetness, floral with a hint of hedgerow, this delectable wine would be twice the price if it was produced in one of the more illustrious appellations of the Côte d'Or. Alas, Chassagne-Montrachet is a rather unfashionable village for red wines, but it is here where the Burgundy lover can find real value. In vintages such as 2020 it is a slam-dunk!



Drink 2023+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean, Domaine Guy Amiot

£216.00 per case IB

Amiot own a 0.25ha plot on this highly regarded 1er Cru. The soil is pebbly and chalky, underpinned by the limestone that is found along most of the Côte d'Or and it is famous for producing the finest reds of this Appellation. Amiot could only produce 600 bottles this vintage, such was the climatic challenge in 2020, so it is rather difficult to get your hands on!

Highly intense, ripe and concentrated, packed with cassis fruits with beautiful defined tannins. The finish is suave and perfectly balanced. A wonderful wine!



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 around 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 Mestres-Michelot

(case x6)

£ 175.00 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.

Brimming with wild cherry fruits, the palate is finely crafted, with black fruits jam, mineral notes, crafted tannins and a little touch of liquorice that gives added weight.



Drink 2023+



Alex Bachelet

MARANGES

Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (case x6)

£ 120.00 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." 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. A smoky Pinot bouquet, delicate and fruit packed, the palate is laden with crunchy red fruits with, fresh and vibrant. The tannins are firm, and there is underlying note of black olive yielding a rusticity reminiscent of Pommard. A cracking wine!



Drink 2024+

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 Blanzly 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 x6)**

£39.00 per case IB

Produced from south and south east facing vineyards with very stony soils packed with limestone. Is there a better and more affordable red Burgundy on the market? Beautiful ripe raspberry and blackberry scented fruit aromas, it is soft, open and easy drinking in style with layers of fruit, and balanced by a nice freshness that gives the wine elegance and charm.



Drink 2022+

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puilleys, Château de Chamilly (case x6)

£140.00 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.

A ripe nose of crunchy red fruits, sweetened by a dollop of cherry liqueur and balanced by a green tea savoury edge. The 50 year old vines, planted on iron-rich soils gave just a meagre 20-25hi per ha in 2020, 40% less than the average harvest. The wine shows tremendous succulence, grip and generous layers of ripe berry fruit, oak and some minerality, woven around soft tannins that firm up as the fruit develops.



Drink 2023+

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. 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 Aligoté, 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 famous 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

£126.00 per case IB

Fermented in oak foudre with 20% whole cluster and 80% destemmed. Production was tiny this vintage, even less than the more recent 2021!

The resulting wine is fantastic! Very aromatic, whi s of wild red fruits, almost Central Otago in style. A concentrated compote of wild strawberry fruits dominate the palate with a delightful balancing freshness. For your midweek red Burgundy, look no further!



Drink 2022+

MOULIN À VENT

Moulin à Vent 'La Rochelle', Olivier Merlin

£192.00 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.

Powerful, intense and fragrant, this is a very concentrated wine, with crunchy black fruits, spice and black pepper and a long, lingering finish. Perfectly balanced, this wine will age well into the late 2030's when it will develop characteristics of the the more illustrious appellations of the Cote d'Or.



Drink 2026+



Olivier & Corinne Merlin

BURGUNDY EN PRIMEUR 2020 ORDER FORM

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

		Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
PETIT CHABLIS				
CHAB066	Petit Chablis, Domaine Marronniers	.....	£108.00	.....
CHABLIS				
CHAB067	Chablis Domaine Marronniers	.....	£126.00	.....
CHAB068	Chablis Domaine Daniel Damp	.....	£129.00	.....
CHAB062	Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Philippe Testut	.....	£155.00	.....
CHAB058	Chablis, Les Grand Terroirs, Domaine Samuel Billaud	.....	£170.00	.....
CHABLIS 1ER CRU				
CHAB063	Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Philippe Testut	.....	£276.00	.....
CHAB069	Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, Domaine Marronniers	.....	£198.00	.....
CHAB071	Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Damp	.....	£225.00	.....
CHAB059	Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud	.....	£295.00	.....
CHAB061	Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud	.....	£312.00	.....
CHABLIS GRAND CRU				
CHAB064	Chablis Grand Cru Les Grenouilles, Domaine Philippe Testut	.....	£270.00	.....
MÂCONNAIS				
MACO365	Macon Azé, Jules Richard, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)	.....	£32.00	.....
MACO355	Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin	.....	£120.00	.....
MACO360	Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Olivier Merlin	.....	£150.00	.....
SAINT-VÉРАН				
STVE105	Saint-Véran 'Vers le Mont', Domaine Luquet	.....	£144.00	.....
POUILLY FUISSÉ				
POUI175	Pouilly Fuissé 'Au Bourg', Domaine Luquet	.....	£180.00	.....
FUIS215	Pouilly Fuissé 'Tete de Cuvée', Château Fuissé (6x75cl)	.....	£120.00	.....
FUIS220	Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos (Monopole), Château Fuissé (6x75cl)	.....	£228.00	.....
CHALONNAISE				
BOUR975	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)	.....	£36.00	.....
ALIG070	Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)	.....	£57.00	.....
MONT445	Montagny 'Les Reculerons', Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)	.....	£80.00	.....
CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY				
BOUR955	Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie' (6x75cl) Domaine Guy Amiot (Chassagne-Montrachet)	.....	£72.00	.....
BOUR930	Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Domaine Mestre-Michelot (Meursault) (6x75cl)	.....	£95.00	.....
BOUR925	Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra Domaine Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl)	£108.00
BOUR960	Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers'	TBC

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BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
HAUT335	Bourgogne Hautes Côte de Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré	£168.00
AUXEY-DURESSES				
AUXE025	Auxey-Duresses, Domaine Denis Carré	.....	£264.00	.....
MEURSAULT				
MEUR595	Meursault Les Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)	.....	£240.00	.....
MEUR580	Meursault, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£215.00	.....
MEUR585	Meursault Clos St Felix, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£255.00	.....
MEUR590	Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£395.00	.....
MEUR575	Meursault Les Grand Charrons, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)	.....	£260.00	.....
MEUR600	Meursault, Domaine Lafarge (case x 6)	.....	£200.00	.....
PULIGNY-MONTRACHET				
PULI850	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)	.....	£195.00	.....
PULI860	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)	.....	£285.00	.....
PULI875	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)	.....	£234.00	.....
PULI880	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)	.....	£450.00	.....
PULI930	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon	.....	£685.00	.....
PULI885	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)	.....	£270.00	.....
PULI890	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)	.....	£498.00	.....
PULI925	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£792.00	.....
PULI895	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)	.....	£560.00	.....
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET				
CHAS665	Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£216.00	.....
CHAS670	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£279.00	.....
CHAS675	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£299.00	.....
CHAS680	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£325.00	.....
MONT450	Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)	.....	£3600.00	.....
SAINT-AUBIN				
STAU520	Saint-Aubin La Princée, Domaine Hubert Lamy	.....	TBC	.....
STAU525	Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix, Domaine Hubert Lamy	.....	TBC	.....
STAU530	Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy	.....	TBC	.....
CÔTE DE NUITS BURGOGNE PINOT NOIR				
BOUR965	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Christian Serafin (Gevrey-Chambertin) (6x75cl)	.....	£160.00	.....
BOUR940	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)	.....	£95.00	.....
BOUR910	Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Le Chapitre' Domaine Machard de Gramont	£60.00

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GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN				
GEVR965	Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier' Domaine Machard de Gramont (case x6)	£150.00
GEVR970	Gevrey-Chambertin Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£240.00	.....
GEVR975	Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£315.00	.....
GEVR980	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£420.00	.....
GEVR985	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£545.00	.....
GEVR990	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£685.00	.....
CHAR240	Charmes-Chambertin, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	POA	.....
MOREY-SAINT-DENIS				
MORE110	Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£410.00	.....
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY				
CHAM260	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)	.....	£575.00	.....
VOSNE-ROMANEE				
VOSN305	Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)	.....	£360.00	.....
NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES				
NUIT620	Nuits-Saint-Georges Vieilles Vignes Domaine Machard de Gramont (case x6)	.....	£140.00	.....
NUIT615	Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)	.....	£145.00	.....
NUIT640	Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)	.....	£300.00	.....
NUIT625	Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)	.....	£205.00	.....
NUIT630	Nuits-St-Georges Au Chouillet, Domaine Lécheneaut(6x75cl)	.....	£225.00	.....
CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR				
BOUR935	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£100.00	.....
BOUR920	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£110.00	.....
HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
BOUR915	Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)	£62.00
HAUT340	Hautes Côtes de Beaune 'La Perrière'	£168.00

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BEAUNE				
BEAU645	Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)	£96.00
BEAUNE 1ER CRU				
BEAU640	Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)	.....	£120.00	.....
BEAU680	Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)	.....	£170.00	.....
BEAU670	Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£294.00	.....
BEAU675	Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucheries, Domaine Joseph Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£280.00	.....
ALOXE-CORTON				
ALOX100	Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£210.00	.....
SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE				
SAVI310	Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon	.....	£235.00	.....
SAVI305	Savigny Champs Chevrey, Domaine Tollot (6x75cl)	.....	£205.00	.....
CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE				
CHOR160	Chorey-lès-Beaune 'Les Beaumonts', Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)	.....	£84.00	.....
CHOR165	Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)	.....	£138.00	.....
POMMARD				
POMM225	Pommard, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£198.00	.....
POMM230	Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£440.00	.....
VOLNAY				
VOLN405	Volnay, Domaine Lafarge (6x75cl)	.....	£210.00	.....
VOLN390	Volnay Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£189.00	.....
VOLN395	Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£325.00	.....
VOLN400	Volnay 1er Cru Champans, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)	.....	£325.00	.....
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET				
CHAB685	Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot	.....	£129.00	.....
CHAB690	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean, Domaine Guy Amiot	.....	£216.00	.....
SANTENAY				
SANT280	Santenay 1er Cru La Comme , Domaine Michelot (6x75cl)	.....	£175.00	.....
MARANGES				
MARA060	Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)	.....	£120.00	.....
CHALONNAISE				
BOUR970	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise Pinot Noir, Buissonnier Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)	.....	£39.00	.....
MERC055	Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puillels, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)	.....	£140.00	.....
MÂCONNAIS				
BOUR905	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Olivier Merlin	.....	£126.00	.....
MOULIN À VENT				
MOUL235	Moulin à Vent 'La Rochelle', Olivier Merlin	£192.00
			Total

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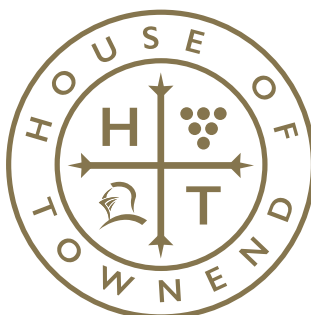
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