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One of the smallest vintages on record

Time flies! It doesn't seem that long ago that we were making our first post Covid visit to Burgundy to take a firsthand look at the 2020 vintage, thankful that the zoom tastings we had to rely on when tasting the 2019 vintage was, after all, a one-off – hopefully, never to be repeated!

12 months ago the Burgundian winemakers had welcomed us with big smiles, but that didn't hide the exhaustion they felt after the extremely difficult conditions that they had just endured during the 2021 vintage growing season. "We have never worked so hard"! exclaimed Gaëtane Carré of Domaine Denis Carre.

So, as we sat on the Eurotunnel train 75 metres under the English Channel on Sunday 13th November, we mused at what the tastings, arranged for the following week, would tell us about the 2021 vintage.

Initial reports were not exactly inspiring. One of the most unsettled climatic vintage for many years had thrown down every possible challenge for the vignerons to contend with! The Pinot Noirs were barely darker than rosé, the whites were so low in yields that there was virtually nothing to taste, the prices were going to be eyewatering! The truth is that column inches have to be filled and catastrophizing is now the norm. The reality of course is more nuanced, although it may come as no surprise that prices are high – Gulp!

Demand has reached unprecedented levels, driven by a succession of exceptional vintages and an insatiable appetite for both red and white Burgundy. In 2021 yields are meagre, largely due to the vicious frost that descended on the region between the 6th and 8th April. Normally it is the lower slopes of the Côte d'Or that fall victim to frost. Unusually it was the upper slopes, the 1er Cru vineyards, that were hit. Many domaines lost between 80-90% of their crop. The Côte de Beaune was hit harder than the Côte de Nuits with losses similar to those back in 2016. Financially, of course, it was much worse as the majority of the losses were Village wines in 2016, whereas in 2021 the more expensive 1er Crus were ravaged.

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, and in vintages such as 2021, this is certainly the case. It is a scarce vintage – it will come and go in a flash!

All the wines in this offer are available to purchase on-line **www.houseoftownend.com.** Please do ring us on 01482 638888 if you would like to discuss the wines on this offer.



John C. Townend



Neil Chil

Neil Goldie



2021

THE GROWING SEASON

2021 was one of the most challenging vintages for many years, a rude awakening after the trouble free season enjoyed the year before.

The fine summer weather of 2020 continued into autumn and indeed winter. A cold hard winter that kills the bugs and rests the vines is an essential part of the winemaking calendar, but the climatic changes over the last thirty years or so have seen this become less likely. Mild and wet winters now seem to be the norm in Burgundy, which has brought forward early vine growth and subsequent bud break. This was exactly the case in 2021 when March was more akin to summer and the vines were awakening.

Just as the vines were starting their 'bud in cotton' stage and the first leaves were growing, a massive frost hit the Burgundy region. On the morning of the 6th April a biting frost hit, with temperatures as low as -6°C. At 11.00pm on the evening of the 7th April, snow fell and the frosts continued on the morning of the 8th. This accentuated the problem and locked the freezing temperatures into the vines, freezing the buds. Such frosts are nothing new, the problem is that of climate change, meaning the vines are 3-4 weeks in advance of 40 years ago, and are now at their most vulnerable when the frosts arrive. Some vignerons are choosing to prune later to try and combat this problem, but this has its dangers as late pruning can damage the vines.

Peculiar to 2021, it was the upper slopes, where the 1er Crus are situated, that were hit

the hardest. Normally it is the lower slopes, the Village vineyards, that are susceptible. Hence quantities of 1er Cru wines are miniscule in 2021. The earlier budding Chardonnay was particularly badly hit, but the Pinot Noir did not escape without serious damage too.

After a settled period after the frosts, early summer was wet and mild (apart form a 10 day period of sunshine in June) the continual rain creating ideal conditions for mildew. The continual fight against rot was exhausting. Localised hailstorms added to the climatic onslaught. On the 21st of June a violent hailstorm hit Fuissé and Vergisson in the Maconnais, chopping the vegetation and causing severe damage.

July and August were cool with intermittent rain, delaying the ripening process, but from mid August the weather improved, allowing the maturation process to fully take hold. Temperatures were not particularly high, around 25-28°C, and so it was important that vignerons held their nerve and waited for the all important phenolic ripeness.

The harvest started around 20th September, a full month later than previous vintages and, indeed, the more recent 2022 vintage. Thankfully this period was much calmer with favourable weather conditions. Selection was vital, with variable maturity meaning the sorting tables, redundant in previous vintages, were in full use.

This is a vintage like no other, a vintage where the younger generation leant heavily on the experience of their mother's and father's. Some would say a 'Classic' vintage, but not one they would want repeating!

THE WINES

The challenging growing season in 2021 has resulted in one of the smallest vintages on record. Our week of barrel tastings at 30 domaines from Chablis, through the Côte d'Or, the Chalonnaise and Maconnais was fascinating, and in some respects surprising.

Many of the cellars were sparce, with only a fraction of the number of barrels we would normally expect to see, with many vignerons having no option but to make a single wine from several different 1er Cru's, such was the damage caused by the April frosts. Mother Nature had dealt a cruel hand, but wine is an agricultural product (we must not forget that) and the vignerons can only play the hand they are dealt.

The cooler weather has delivered wines that are fresh and lower in alcohol in comparison to more recent vintages, which is a big plus! Alcohol levels between 12.5-13.5% is great news for the traditional Burgundy drinker. A more refined, cool climate style for both white and red wines, a vintage for the purist, but it has to come with a health warning in that it won't be good for your financial health! It remains to be seen whether the release prices of this vintage are the new norm...(written immediately after our buying trip).

THE WHITES

The white wines were showing lovely aromatics, offering a sense of concentrated freshness, the French word 'seveux' often used when tasting. They are fresh and open, full of energy and will drink almost immediately, but yields are tiny, with 1er Crus hit the hardest, and so there will be little to go around. We liked the acid drive of the white wines in this vintage, but we are wary that small white wine vintages tend to offer themselves at their best when young, so we are not fooled. We would recommend drinking them relatively early as you wait for the vintages from 2017 to 2020 to optimise their maturity.

THE REDS

The reds are the epitome of cool climate Pinot Noir, fresh, fragrant, harmonious and elegant, showing an excellent expression of terroir. Easy to taste and indeed understand. Again, the yields are small, particularly in the Côte de Beaune, with many growers forced to make combined 1er Cru wines, as each individual 1er Cru yielded so little.

After the warmer vintages of 2018, 2018, 2019, that did indeed produce some wonderful wines, 2021 is very much a return to the more classic style. "Pinot Noir is back!" exclaimed one delighted vigneron! "Pure, mineral, spicy and oriental" is how Etienne Grivot sees this vintage, "2021 is a return to classic Pinot Noir, you will want to finish the bottle!

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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.

Wine is an agricultural product and in 2021 the growers were confronted with some of the most challenging of climatic weather conditions for many, many years. It is in such times that the very finest vignerons show their true skills, that sets themselves apart from everyone else. We are proud to work with such skilled artisans.

CHABLIS	Domaine Philippe Testut Domaine Daniel Dampt Domaine Samuel Billaud
MÂCONNAIS	Domaine Olivier Merlin Domaine Luquet Château Fuissé
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 Domaine Prunier-Bonhomme



Alban Machard de Gramont



Arnaud Desfontaine



Guillaume Camus



Étienne Grivot







Étienne Chaix



Jacques Carillon



Olivier Merlin









Vincent Lécheneaut





Frédérique Goulley

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 vignerons, who are amongst the finest in the region.



Dampt Family

Chablis, Domaine Daniel Dampt (12x75cl)

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. Tight and lean, this is classic Chablis with a delicious lemony acidity providing an excellent balance to the wine. Sadly, it will be drunk too soon!

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Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Philippe Testut (12x75cl)

This amazing Chablis comes from 40-50 year old vines planted on prime Chalk and Kimmerdige soil in a cleft that lies between the Grand Cru of Blanchot and the 1er Cru of Montée de Tonnerre, making it one of the best parcels of Appellation Controlee 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 fresh, attractive nose, layered with green 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.



Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs' Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud (12x75cl)

Produced from three separate parcels of vines in different sectors of the appellation, Les Pargues towards the village of Préhy, Les Cartes a 1ha plot to the south, between the Premiers crus of Vaillons and Montmains where the vines are 60 years old, and Bas de Chapelots 2ha on the down slope from Montée de Tonnerre. In general, the soils are gravel and clay. The wine spends 13 months on fine lees. A firm, crisp, elegant and intense Chablis – beautifully deep, rounded and complex. The wine is powerful in the glass, almost brooding, with a delicious wet stones, crushed oyster shell minerality, edge of saline and nuances of green leaf, baked apple and lemon. Outstanding Chablis!



ut (12x75cl) £158.00 per case IB



£207.00 per case IB

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 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.



Samuel Billaud

Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Philippe Testut (12x75cl) £295.00 per case IB

Adjoining the hill of the 7 Grand cru's, located on the right bank of the Serein river, this 1er Cru vinevard 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.



Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Dampt (12x75cl) £225.00 per case IB

This steep, south, south east facing vineyard looking over the village of Milly and just above Dampt's home, is set on a stony clay subsoil and enjoys a great aspect. The fruit normally shows a great degree of ripeness and generosity. Always a very overt, rich and ripe style of wine, there is a beautiful purity and concentration of fruit, coupled with a piercing lime acidity and a long succulent and tropical fruit finish. An outstanding 1er Cru.



Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud (12x75cl)

Vaillons is one of the finest, and most popular, Premiers Crus on the left bank of the River Serein, its limestone, clay and gravel soils enjoy a south-easterly exposure which captures all the morning sun. Billauds' vines are over 70 years old, and in 2021 yielded just 25hl/ha, some 60% down.

Wow! this is a very intense, expressive wine, complex from the very first nose, offering notes of dessert apple balanced with an intense minerality, a brooding sense of power, structure and energy. The acidity is perfect - poised, taut and vibrant.



Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Samuel Billaud £429.00 per case IB (12x75cl)

This Premier Cru comes from the very heart of the Vaillons appellation, situated above and alongside Vaillon itself. Produced from a single 0.7 hectare plot of 70 year old vines, planted in the 1940's by Samuel's Grandmother, Gabrielle, on thick limestone soil. This wine enjoys 18 months on fine lees in tank which adds weight, structure and a wonderful creaminess, perfectly counterbalancing the thrilling acidity, pink grapefruit notes and weighty minerality.



£381.00 per case IB

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 (6x75cl) £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 20% in 600 litre oak barrels, all of 3 years old to minimize the oak flavours but to maximise the oxidative aspect.

Decadent yet restrained, aromatic, full of life and weighty white stone fruits. Lovely balanced, a core of concentrated steely fruit, baked apples, honeycomb, green leaf, grapefruit and touch of saline. Big, long and complex.



Chablis Grand Cru Bougros, Domaine Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£406.00 per case IB

Situated on the western edge of the Grand Cru hill, looking south to the sleepy town of Chablis, Billaud makes very small quantities of this steely, forceful wine, and in 2021 the quantity was even less. Handpicked, 50% of the wine is fermented in old oak, with the remining 50% fermented in epoxy tank, before it all spends 6 months on fine lees in steel tanks.

A rich, full-bodied style, focused and wonderfully aromatic on the nose, showing crisp dessert apple, saline and chalky characters, underpinned with subtle oak and a lovely creamy, weighty edge. Tight, structured and deeply impressive.



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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 Ia Roche Vineuse, Macon Chardonnay etc – this being a sign of better quality 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-VÉRAN

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 (6x75cl)

Situated north of Macon, near Viré, where a South East exposure and planting at a higher altitude benefits the vines. A lovely fresh and compact white Burgundy from a single village site. The nose is very appealing, notes of buttered apple, pear and floral characters. There is a distinct nuttiness which sits perfectly alongside the marked freshness and streaks of tropical fruit. A finely tuned, easy drinking yet elegant white Burgundy.

Drink 2023+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin (12x75cl)

From one of our favourite producers, Olivier Merlin is undoubtedly one of the most progressive winemakers in the Maconnais, and in 2021 he lost a 'mere' 60% of his crop. A genial, thoughtful and intelligent man, Olivier admits that wine has never felt more like an agricultural product than in this vintage!

A zesty, apple-strudel laced Chardonnay, balanced by lemon balm, citrus and a thrilling acidity. In the mouth this is almost Chablis-like, such is the weight of minerality, steely acidity and structure. Keep this for a few years and it will really sing!

Drink 2023+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Olivier Merlin (12x75cl)

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. In 2021 he made just 50% of his normal crop.

A rich, expansive and powerful nose, crushed nuts, baked apple, pink grapefruit and offering a wonderful glass of poised, rich and complex white Burgundy, with a distinct lean towards a Meursault style.



SAINT-VÉRAN

Saint-Véran 'Vers le Mont', Domaine Luquet (12x75cl)

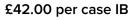
£115.00 per case IB

Produced from vines aged between 35 and 40 years old, planted in the villages of Chasselas and Solutré-Pouilly. Pressed and the free-run juice collected and settled for 36 hours before 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. A very floral, hedgerow nose, upfront and direct leading to a stewed apple and almond butter palate. Ripe in the mouth, lovely soft texture and crisp steely acidity.



The 'Au Bourg' Vineyard in the heart of Fuissé



£120.00 per case IB

£156.00 per case IB

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 (12x75cl)

£186.00 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. In 2021 the yield was a mere 30hl/ha – 50% less than normal

There is no oak ageing here, so the delicious clean and ripe fruit and impeccable terroir are fully on show. This is a lovely ripe and structured 2021, fresh and quite intense on the nose, with an exotic and complex palate displaying mild peach, dessert apple and a crispness of acidity that really cleanses and adds an almost savoury 'bite' to the increasingly creamy finish. Leaves me wanting more!



Pouilly Fuissé 'Tête de Cuvée', Château Fuissé (6x75cl)

£132.00 per case IB

The April frosts had a severe impact on Chateau Fuissés' prime vineyards in 2021 – yet a reduction of 50% was considered 'ok'!

The grapes come from a number of vineyards around the 5 sub regions of Pouilly, taking advantage of the slate and sandy soils of Fuissé blended with the heavier clay and marl soils of Vergisson, to make a wonderfully complex and polished style of Pouilly Fuissé. Fermented in a mixture of steek tanks and older oak barrels, then 20% matured in new oak with the remainder matured on fine lees in tank.

The wine is elegant, focused and refined, exhibiting stewed apple, cashew and smokey notes, with bright refreshing acidity that adds tension and the powerful finish showing faint floral overtones. Polished – classy!



Pouilly Fuissé, Premier Cru Le Clos (Monopole), Chateau Fuissé (6x75cl) £260.00 per case IB

An arduous 10 year application process saw 2020 become the first year that this monopole of Chateau Fuisse could be labelled as 1er cru. Now 24% of the Pouilly Fuissé vineyard area is classified as 1er Cru and within the 22 climats that have been designated 1er Cru status, the single 2.7Ha plot of Le Clos is arguably the finest, encircling the winery and planted on 3 main soil types which provide perfect drainage and aspect. The vines were planted in 1929, 1963, 1968 and the youngest in 1985.

In 2021 just 10 barrels were made! The wine spent 10 months in barrel (90% new). The bouquet is forward and intense, combining buttery, honeyed notes with floral and citrus aromas. The palate is unctuous, ripe and expressive with flavours of honey, tropical fruit, stewed apple and minerals. Across all is the unmistakable note of ginger spice and wet stones. This is a complex and muscular wine with a lovely citrus finish that tightens and becomes more polished. Very elegant, full and classy.



CHALONNAISE

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

Vineyard site is crucial here, as is the dominance of heat retaining, welldraining 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 Blanzy 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.







House of Townend White Burgundy (6x75cl)

We are very chuffed with the success of our House of Townend White Burgundy, since we introduced it into our range last year. Working with oenologist Alain Pierre, our aim is to offer great drinking at an affordable price - no mean feat in Burgundy!

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 and a note of creaminess. The nose is ripe and forward, grapefruit and mango apparent whilst the palate exhibits lush white stone fruits, citrus and a faint touch of butter. There is a lovely texture and body, rounded, appealing and generous, supported by a steely minerality.



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£44.00 per case IB Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)

A very attractive, open and lushly forward Chardonnay produced from a blend of vineyard parcels scattered across the Côtes and around Buxy itself. Fermented 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.

Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)

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. This is a perfect example!

Showing good intensity on the nose, guite forward and elegant, with floral notes, a hint of baked apple, citrus leaf and saline. Throughout the palate and long finish there is a wonderfully steely-citrus quality that gives the wine tremendous tension and cleansing freshness.

As they say "He who does not know a good Aligoté.... does not know Burgundy"!

Montagny, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)

This is a super, and also very impressive, property run by brothers Arnaud and Xavier Desfontaine. Their top vineyards of Les Bassets and Reculerons 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. In 2021 such was the impact of the frosts that the estate blended both top vineyards to make a single wine, and it's a corker!

Fresh and floral on the nose, there is a wonderful intensity which leads you into the crisp and complex palate. Notes of peach, grapefruit, mint and wet stones are centered around a core of steely fresh acidity, chalky minerality and a delightful ripeness that seems to build within the glass. Long, complex, layered and edgy, beautifully alive and poised.



£75.00 per case IB

£59.00 per case IB

£42.00 per case IB

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 winemaker – 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) (6x75cl) £84.00 per case IB

Flavie was Fabrice Amiot's Great Grandmother! It is a blend of 3 plots and vinified 70% in tank and 30% in old barrels. Fortunately, the vineyards were less affected by the frost and snow, being lower in front of the village and being more North East facing. The Bouquet is intense, revealing pink grapefruit, hint of vegetal, cream and roasted nut. The palate is fresh, intense, immense! The attack of citrus fruits, lime, grapefruit and buttered apple are an assault on the senses. The tight structure, intense minerality and steely acidity melt away to reveal sweet peach, nut, spice, cream and a touch of oak. The finish is very long. Is this really just a Bourgogne AOC?! Tasted blind, you would think you are drinking Chassagne-Montrachet!



Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (Meursault) (6x75cl) £105.00 per case IB

Harvested from 10 separate plots, totaling 3.8ha, that surround the Village and border the main road. Fermented in tank, then 70/30 transferred into a mixture of 500lt and 300lt oak barrels respectively, to age for 1 year, with older oak preferred. In 2021 Nicolai also used a proportion of wine matured in clay eggs. No new oak used.

On the bouquet, the Mestre-Michelot style is immediate. Juicy, expressive and immediately welcoming, this is a wine that is joyful to drink! The softly textured palate mirrors these flavours beautifully, offering stewed dessert apple, honey and citrus notes with a steely guenching acidity, that freshens the palate and leaves an impression of polished elegance and subtlety.



Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra, Domaine Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl) £145.00 per case IB

Produced from four small separate parcels of vines and vinified in a mixture of 4-5 year old barrels and large foudres, in 2021 the yield was a mere 35hl/ha.

The wine shows good limpid colour, an uplifted nose, quite muscular with a note of marzipan, baked apple and citrus lime. The palate is full and rich with an amazing tautness and sayoury steely guality. This is classic Sauzet – ultra clean, crisp and restrained. The finish is long, intense and has layers of hazelnut and almond butter. Overall this is as pure an expression of Chardonnay as you can find. A must buy!

Drink 2023+

Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Jean Louis Chavy (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl) £98.00 per case IB

Produced from 75 year old vines in Puligny with one small plot in Meursault. Fermented and aged in 228 litre casks that range from one to four years of age. Ripe and fruity, this is forward and will drink well immediately upon release. Another excellent choice for wines that punch above their weight!



Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers', Domaine Hubert Lamy (Saint-Aubin) (12x75cl) TBC per case IB

Produced from vineyards that lie on the upper slopes, as the hill bends around towards Meursault and away from Saint-Aubin itself. Matured in 600 It oak barrels (2/3 1 year and 1/3 2 year), Olivier uses no new oak in order to preserve an intense minerality.



BOURGOGNE 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.

CÔTEAUX BOURGUIGNON

In 2011 the now defunct appellations of Bourgogne Ordinaire and Bourgogne Grand Ordinaire were replaced by the newer appellation of Coteaux Bourguignons, a regional level appellation that covers the entire Burgundy region, from Auxerre in the north near Chablis, down to the Beaujolais.

The white wines, which account for around 25% of production, are produced mainly from Chardonnay and Aligoté, as well as Pinot Blanc, with red wines produced by Pinot Noir and Gamay as well as the little known Tressot and César (in the Yonne only) grape varietals, with rosé wine also produced.

The advantage of this relatively new appellation is that it gives the growers a greater amount of freedom to innovate, and provides the consumer with some terrific value for money.

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl) £86.00 per case IB

This family estate, run now by brother and sister Martial and Gaëtane Carré is in its third year of transition to organic farming and is really making its mark as one of the rising stars in Burgundy winemaking.

Vinified 50% in used oak barrels and 50% in stainless steel tanks. This is an utterly joyful and overt Chardonnay, offering ripe, aromatic notes and a lovely dessert apple, savoury creamy dry palate, that is both taut and lush simultaneously – a paradox, but what a beautiful wine from a rising star. Enjoy over the next 2-4 years



Coteaux Bourguignon Le P'tit Bonheur, Domaine Prunier-Bonhomme (Meursault) (6x75cl) £70.00 per case IB

Produced from vines planted very close to the village of Meursault. Aged in oak for 11 months. Fresh and lively with citrus notes and a wet stone minerality that underpins a lovely rich fruit structure. Quenching and intense with a subtle note of walnut on the finish. What a great little wine!





SAINT ROMAIN

Saint-Romain was one of the first places where the Celts and Gallo-Romans cultivated the vine, situated at the foot of a cliff, but also at an altitude that allows it to overlook the plain below. The drive up to the village is steep and you get the immediate impression of being higher than anywhere else on the Côte. The appellation was established in 1947, before then the vineyards were simply categorised as Hautes Côtes de Beaune.

The terroir derives from the early Jurassic period, the vines planted on steep slopes of limestone and marl, facing south/south-east and north/north-east, at an altitudes of 280 to nearly 400 metres, perfect for the production of high quality Chardonnay. Better know for its white wines, brimming with white flowers, lime and minerality, it also produces lighter, fruit packed Pinot Noir reds.

An appellation that is definitely on the up.

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 mesoclimate gives a degree more warmth. The aspect is south east facing, For 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.

Saint Romain 'La Combe Bazin', Domaine Prunier-Bonhomme (6x75cl) £TBC per case IB

This south-west facing, single plot of vines was planted in 1990 on a steep slope to the east of the village of Saint-Romain towards Auxey-Duresses. The soil is predominantly white marl and limestone with some clay.

Vinified in 350lt oak barrels of which only 15% is new, this wine is a terrific addition to our portfolio. Fresh apple on the nose, the aromas are expansive, with a touch of vanilla as well as some spice. The palate is quenching with a wet stone minerality, a tight fruit structure and quenching salinity, providing a Chablisesque character to the wine. An appellation that is very much on the up.



Auxey-Duresses 'Les Vireux', Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl) £132.00 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.





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 Genévrières, due to the near perfect aspect, soil and drainage. Unlike Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault contains no Grand Crus.



Nikolai & Jean Francois Mestre-Michelot

Meursault Les Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl) £264.00 per case IB

The vines are located at the top of the hillside overlooking the village of Meursault, enjoying a south/south east exposure, with the soil a mix of limestone, rocks, thin topsoil and clay. The name Tillets is derived from lime trees that grew around the vineyards in Medieval times.

After hand picking, the grapes were pressed before Martial and Gaetane Carre fermented the wine in steel tanks before ageing in 25% new oak. The style is rich, lush and immediate, highly textured and complex throughout. Layers of tropical fruit, mango and baked apple are centered around a structured core of vibrant, racy acidity and sweet oak, giving the impression of hedonism and sinew. This is a forceful and refined Meursault, yet with intensity aplenty.



Meursault, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl) £258.00 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. Fermented in tank and barrel, with 10% new oak and using a variety of barrels – 35% in 500lt foudres, 40% in traditional Burgundy 228lt barriques, and 20% in clay eggs. A new addition in 2021 was the use of glass to ferment a proportion in. 70-80% reduction was the norm at Michelot in 2021!

The nose is rich, forward and intense, exhibiting ripe tropical fruit, cashew and cereal notes. The palate is quite dense at first, softening as the high acidity cuts through the ripe notes of peach, pineapple and Gala apple, textured by notes of honeycomb, cereal and wet stones. The finish is long, intense and incredibly structured.



Meursault, Domaine Lafarge (6x75cl) £TBC 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. Normally Michel makes 35 barrels of this wine - in 2021 he produced a mere 8.

This wine boasts a lovely intensity and structure, hints of tropical fruit, honey, orange peel and grapefruit counterbalanced by a thrilling freshness and acidity. Almost quenching and energising in its structure. This is a weighty wine, a classic Meursault, but poised and taut throughout.



Meursault Clos St Felix, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl) £289.00 per case IB

Named after the small walled vineyard ('Clos') that lies huddled down to the front of the estate, this sheltered 0.94ha site enjoys an extra 1°C degree of temperature, 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 2WW!

The bouquet is screaming with aromatic grapefruit and tropical fruit aromas, with an underlying touch of honey. The palate is rich in texture with a piercing acidity giving balance, and a little savoury on the finish. This wine epitomizes the white wine of this vintage – 'Seveux' – a sense of concentrated freshness.



Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl) £450.00 per case IB

This is one of the most highly regarded 1er Crus, situated to the south of the village where the soil is poor with high mineral content. Produced in a mixture of 70% barrique (228lt) of which 50% is new, and 30% large oak barrels, of which 15% is new.

This was a wonderful wine to taste, and arguably one of the stars of the 2021 vintage. A brooding, almost closed nose leads to an impressively rich and concentrated palate, showing a richly aromatic white stone fruit, peach, honey and Fuji apple. The palate is taut, linear and highly structured, weaving layers of honey, cereal, minerals, tropical fruit and rapier-like acidity throughout its impressive core and beyond to the long, lingering and rich finish. A Wow Wine!





The Cellars at Domaine Mestre-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 (6x75cl)

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, on an aspect and soils that benefit from ample water. Jean Louis began picking on the 20th of September beginning with the Meursault side of the village first. In 2021 the yields were down around 25% at a meagre 32hl/ha.

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 very expressive and taut Puligny, very stylish and pure on the nose, with intense peach, nectarine and slightly honeyed fruit forming a tight core, laced with steely acidity and long, finely tuned finish.

Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Charmes', Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)

Alain and Corentin own a substantial 1.8 hectares of this well-sited climat that lies just across the border from Meursault 1er Cru Charmes. Alain always vinifies it separately with the use of natural yeasts, producing a wine that has additional weight and class and is closer in quality to the premier crus.

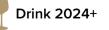
Puligny-Montrachet Les Houillères, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

A 2/3 ha plot purchased a number of years ago from Louis Chavy, this wine always provides excellent value for money and punches way above its price tag. Fermented partly in tank and barrel and aged in 100% new oak for ten months. The nose is ripe, forward and showing good level of intensity. The palate is soft, easy and quite lush, displaying a fruit-driven style that offers pineapple, baked fig, dessert apple and a touch of honey. The oak is sweet and wraps around the wines structure, adding weight and texture. Lovely minerality and an altogether lush and appealing wine.

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)

Produced from 2 ha of vines made up of 5 different parcels, each vinified separately, The Bachelet brothers were down about 30% in 2021, with a yield of 35hl/ha, a benefit of the underground water that pervades the soil closest to the village. Picking began on the 19th Sept.

This wine was matured in 25% new oak, using larger 350lit demi-muids to restrain the oak character. The nose is very aromatic, showing a creamy, buttery character that is mirrored in the palate, which carries this creaminess forward and balances it against a smoky, flinty minerality and piercing acidity. Flavours of Gala apple, pineapple and wet stones add weight to the integrated oak. This is a seriously structured Puligny, showing great restraint, yet also the warmth and intensity of the vintage. Lovely!







Drink 2024+





£290.00 per case IB

£210.00 per case IB

£220.00 per case IB



Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon (12x75cl)

£TBC per case IB

£325.00 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, France, 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 totaling 2.7ha, with an average vine age of 40 years.

A lovely, fresh, pure fruit with just a touch of oak and a tightly knit texture. Initially it is somewhat discrete but it then builds in the mouth culminating with an impressive, long finish. Carillon seduces an intensity rarely found in a village wine. This will develop a fine complexity with a few years in bottle.

Drink 2025+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)

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, and with yields of just 25hl/ha in 2021, there won't be much Sauzet to go around.

The colour is pale, and the nose full, forward and expansive, delivering a gorgeous tangy fruit quality that pervades all levels. Notes of nectarine, peach, pink grapefruit and cashew are an assault on the senses, supported by wonderful minerality and balanced by an utterly thrilling acidity that cuts and shapes the wine to its almost purest form. Beautifully balanced, taut and showing wonderful energy and polish.

Drink 2025+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières, Domaine Etienne Sauzet £700.00 per case IB (6x75cl)

The Sauzet estate owns 1.4ha at the heart of the Perrières vineyard, on the Meursault side, with a great aspect and a thinner calcareous soil structure, giving long lived wines with wonderful finesse. Hand-picked and yielding just 12hl/ha this wine benefited from 20% new oak in 2021. A shame there will be so little of it!

Wow, what a nose – appeals from the outset, showing great intensity, generous, structured and joyful. This is a serious Puligny, offering pink grapefruit, honey, dessert apple and a touch of mango. There is minerality aplenty that supports the sweet fruit and oak, and all this on a knife-edge of acidity that gives life and dynamism to this stunning wine. Fresh, elegant, structured and highly polished. Utterly pure, utterly wonderful!

Drink 2026+



Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl) £730.00 per case IB

Located just above Les Combettes, the soils are iron red with a higher level of clay compared to Les Perrieres. The vines are aged between 65-70 years old and there is always a high degree of millerendage, small, but very concentrated grapes. In 2021, such was the impact of the April frost and snow that yields in Champ-Canet were drastically small – just a meagre 8hl/ha!

This is a very juicy, concentrated and thrilling Puligny, highly intense on both nose and palate, offering ripe sweet tropical fruits, minerality, steely acidity and a core of flesh and muscle that adds weight and structure throughout. This is a BIG wine, long and intense, which will give great pleasure to just a lucky few.



Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl) £1000.00 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 feet of pathway and a small wall, could be Montrachet itself. Amiot's 0.25ha of 70 year old vines are wedged between the northern edge of the Grand Cru of Le Montrachet, and just below Chevalier-Montrachet. In most vintages Amiot produces 5-6 barrels – in 2021 just 3 barrels were made.

The nose is just so wonderfully lush, rich and honeyed, with a palate that expands in your mouth. This is a richly hedonistic wine that astounds the senses. Deep expressive and layered with tropical fruit, taut acidity, cream, honey, cereal and mineral notes. All structured and impressively powerful, yet there is a tightness, tension and energy that provides an excellent balance. This is very impressive!



Jean-Louis Chavy with John Charles Townend



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-Montrachet 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 (6x75cl) £240.00 per case IB

Suffering 50% loss in 2021, this Chassagne-Montrachet from Amiot comes from 12separate parcels of vines, spread across 2.5ha of the lower slopes all around the village, each parcel with a different aspect. The majority of the vines are aged 40-90 year old, though 2 parcels have 'younger' vines at just 20 year old and the resultant wine is aged in new oak for 12 months, followed by 6 months back in tank to marry the different parcels.

The nose is intense, with notes of glace pineapple, lime, roasted nut and an exotic element, almost tropical. The palate is equally if not more intense. Incredibly tight, citrusslaked and steely with the freshness supporting flavours of roasted cashew, pineapple, grapefruit and some vanilla. This will age really well and give such pleasure. Outstanding!



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl) £312.00 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 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet. Amiot owns a 0.5 plot of clay dominant soil which helps retain a softer, more opulent style of Chassagne. Exposure is North East and the vines are 50 years old, which in 2021 gave barely 20hl/ha! Known as the La Femme Classique of Chassagne!

Aged in 25% new oak for 12 months followed by 6 months in cuve. The nose is exotic, almost lush with tropical notes of ripe peach, pineapple, baked apple and some citrus. The palate is both fresh and lush, a contradiction, but in a wonderfully appealing way. The palate is complex, rich and structured with layers of honey, wet stones, cereal, and pink grapefruit.

Drink 2024+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl) £336.00 per case IB

Meaning 'Orchard', the vineyard of Vergers is situated at the top of the slope, as it bends north away from the village. The aspect is North East so the vines enjoy a longer, less sun-kissed aspect and hence the freshness of the wines are immediate. Amiot's 0.5ha is planted with 65 year old vines.

Aged in 25% new oak with 12 months barrel maturation. The nose is very intense, with the apple, freshness and citrus notes very pronounced. The palate is a delight. A tight, steely acidity combines with ripe grapefruit, if that's not a contradiction, honeycomb, roasted nut, a hint of cereal and the wonderful brooding richness that will just keep developing for many years to come. This is an outstanding wine!



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl) £385.00 per case IB

The steeper slopes of Caillerets, strewn with lumps of limestone and pebbles, lie beside the winery on the southern aspect of the village, and this benefit from the afternoon sun. Amiot's 0.5ha is split between 2 parcels, one 85 years old, the other a mere 47!

Aged for 12 months in 25% new oak and 6 months in tank before bottling. The nose is incredibly rich, almost brooding, and the palate mirrors this rich intensity, offering peach, cashew, grapefruit and mineral notes, the power evident in each sip. The oak is subtle, hidden amongst the tight acidity and structure of what is a powerful and complex wine and the finish very long, with subtle hint of clove, minerals, cereal and intense citrus.



Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl) £3995.00 per case IB

Just a single barrel produced of this stunning wine with a yield of around 18hl/ha. The grapes were hand picked, and the wine fermented and then aged in 100% new oak for 12 months, followed by 6 months in steel before bottling.

The nose exudes richness and a brooding power, with the oak subtle and sweet. The palate is rich, hedonistic and exotic, notes of ginger, peach, glace pineapple and cereal combine with an exhilarating freshness and savoury minerality. There are floral notes, sour lime, a touch of liquorice. This wine just keeps building and revealing complex flavours and subtle undertones. Perfect!



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 domaines 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.



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The Clos de Meix is a small 0.7ha walled plot of vines overlooking the Southern aspect of the village - the extra warmth of the 'clos' gives a higher degree of richness. The vines were planted in two blocks in 1985 and 1995 on a soil of hard chalk and rock overlaid with large stones.

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

Drink 2025+

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.

Olivier will not be releasing his 2021 vintage until later next year.

Drink 2026+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy (12x75cl)



Drink 2025+

Saint-Aubin La Princée, Domaine Hubert Lamy (12x75cl)

oak, the barrels used are anywhere up to 10 years old.

£TBC per case IB

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CÔTE DE NUITS

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Côte de Nuits



Domaine Machard de Gramont

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Christian Serafin (Gevrey-Chambertin) (6x75cl)

£180.00 per case IB

The grapes are harvested from 2 parcels, a 0.33ha parcel of 45 year old vines named Pressonnier, which for 30 years, between 1956 and 1986, had the right to be sold as Gevrey-Chambertin.. There is also a proportion of grapes added from young vines of the 1er Cru Cazetieres, which gives a greater complexity to the wine. In 2021 they made just 4 barrels – down from their normal 17-18.

Vinified in 50% new oak, this fragrant and attractive Pinot Noir shows a lovely smoky, jammy and ripe fruit, offering cherry, raspberry and some spice, with softish tannins and a lovely freshness and minerality. Overall the wine shows weight and a distinct savoury quality that leads to a long finish. Very classy – a mini Gevrey!

Drink 2025+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)

£93.00 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 2 separate parcels of vines ranging from 20-60 year old, surrounding the village of Nuits, with 100% whole bunch fermentation. Aged in barrels for 9 months, barrels aged from 1 year to 6 years old.

The colour is pale blood red, the nose uplifted, fragrant and highly aromatic, with crunchy red fruits to the fore, supported by a lovely sweetness and sturdy wrap of tannins and fresh acidity. This is a very elegant Pinot, showing nice purity and expression.



Bourgogne Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Machard de Gramont £65.00 per case IB (6x75cl)

This is a blend of old vine Bourgogne Pinot Noir, including fruit grown in the 'Chapitre' vineyard, where only 10% of a normal crop was produced. A sumptuous mid-week red Burgundy!

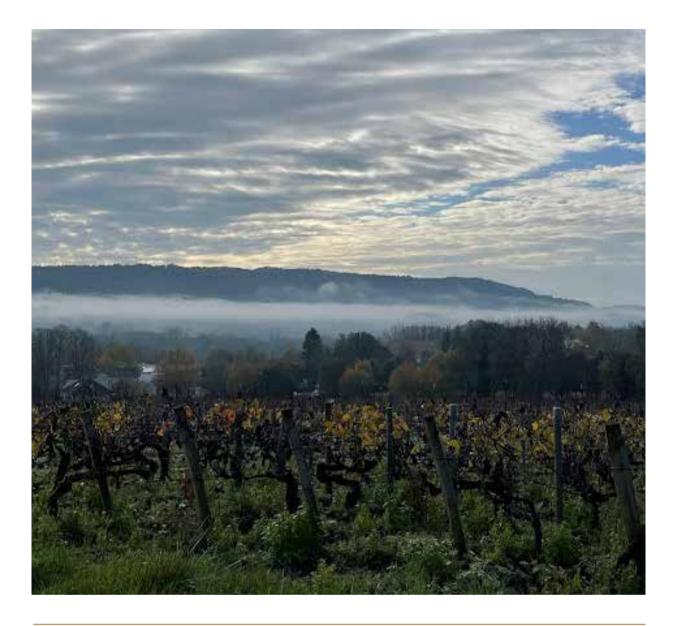
The colour is perfect, and the nose attractive and inviting, with aromas of sweet jammy red fruits, oak and a fresh green herb character. The palate is soft, rounded and layered, seductive throughout and showing fresh red fruits, smoky, gamey flavours, a hint of minerality and a lush, even and balanced finish. This is a beautifully pure expression of village Pinot.



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 (6x75cl)

£99.00 per case IB

Coming from a single plot near the villages of Meuilley in the Hautes Côtes and aged in 40% oak for 12 months using the larger Demi-Muid barrels to lessen the vanilla contact 10% new oak.

Dark in colour, limpid and deep, leads to an appealing and fragrant nose, showing ripe black fruits and some sweetness. The palate is concentrated, ripe and full, with plush tannins and some spice to add warmth and a kick at the end. The sweet oak is careful not to dominate and the whole wine gives the impression of elegance and power. Very attractive, elegant and refined Pinot from a top producer.



Drink 2023+

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 Cruvineyards. 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 buts 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 (6x75cl) £165.00 per case IB

This small 0.3 ha plot produces only 9 barrels a year. Aged in 30% French mountain oak and 15% German, both of which are 100% new oak. The remainder is matured in used French barrels.

Wow, this is a very seductive Gevrey, seemingly open and lush and easy on the nose, with sweet red and black fruits jumping from the glass. Once in the mouth the wine becomes richer still, with plush tannins, a taut minerality and concentrated core that seems to hold the fruit, acidity and tannins within a ripe and jammy framework. Carefully yet robustly structured, this is a wonderful complex and yet sensual Gevrey.



Gevrey-Chambertin Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £260.00 per case IB

Produced from grapes grown on 10 separate plots and aged for 16 months in 50% new oak. In 2021 the yield was around 40% down.

A very ripe, sweet and forward Gevrey, quite seductive on the nose with an edge of red forest fruits. On the palate the wine displays a balanced, fresh and fragrant style, seamed with fresh raspberry, black cherry and some spice. The oak is integrated yet grips the finish. A complex, earthy and seductive Gevrey from a great producer.



Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £345.00 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.

Every year this wine seems to get better and better, consistently in my top scores. This is a very seductive, almost brooding and powerful Pinot, the sweetly dense cherry liquor core is centred within a fresh yet spicy framework that is again balanced by a lovely taut minerality and sexy, purposeful finish.



Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £450.00 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 wine leaps from the glass, showing a distinct gamey, earthy character that is very different from the Vielles Vignes. There is a gentler sweetness at first, cherry jam, fresh raspberry and a little pomegranate, then the wine seems to thicken and develop, becoming more purposeful and powerful. The tannins are ripe, structured and grip easily, giving the wine both weight and energy on the finish.



Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £575.00 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 two wines that lie so close together, the nose is remarkably different from Corbeaux, showing a really distinct sweetness and elegance that holds the power of the wine within its svelte shell. Beguiling – a beautiful wine. Only 4 barrels made – down from the usual 7.

Drink 2028+

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £725.00 per case IB

Produced from 60 year old vines, this 1er Cru is situated immediately next to the famous Clos Saint Jacques vineyard. Three 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. In 2021 only 3 barrels were made, as opposed to 7 in a normal year.

This is a deeply coloured, robust and powerful Gevrey, showing distinct smokey and sweetly spiced notes, with layers of mulled cherry, fresh raspberry and edgy acidity. The structure is very powerful and yet the fruit and energy warm and generous. The tannins are plush yet brooding, evolving and gripping towards the finish. Long, lingering, beautifully complex and opulent.

Drink 2029+

Charmes-Chambertin, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £1,190.00 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.)

Only 3 barrels made in 2021. This is a 'Wow' wine!! A warmly seductive and sensual Pinot, fragrant, perfumed and complex on the nose. Once in the mouth the wine grows, offering sweet cherry, cranberry and pomegranate notes, layered with spice, cherry liquour, vanilla oak and a smoky, edgy quality that gives both energy



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 (6x75cl) £420.00 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 years old.

Morey St Denis has a reputation for making rich and firm wines; this differs from the norm as on the nose it possesses a distinct sweetness, combining creamy red fruits, fresh raspberry, black cherry and cranberry, whilst the palate takes these and adds spice, mulled cherry and a lovely, sweet edge. The tannins are robust and spicy, yet overall, this is an elegant Pinot, showing great complexity and refinement.



CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl) £620.00 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, the estate made just 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ barrels, down from a normal 8.

Ripe red fruits abound on the nose, energized and purposeful on the palate. Rich red and black forest fruits are creamy and textured, combining with a freshness that lifts the wine and gives it real energy. Wonderfully terroir-driven, there is minerality aplenty, with dusty, chalky tannins layered into the creamy sweet fruit and sweet oak. A very classy wine, a real delight and a highlight of the Serafin tasting.







VOSNE-ROMANÉE

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

Outside these hallowed vines ripple great vineyards, with the 150ha including 6 Grand cru's and 14 Premier Cru. The best wines are all mid slope, with the village AOC Vosne-Romanée vines situated above and below these Premier and Grand Cru sites. The soil is a mixture of broken limestone, clay and marl, with a higher dominance of pebbles in the favoured sites. The exposure is easterly and south easterly in aspect with a mere 15 degrees of gradient. The vines are well protected from the wind and the yields are often lower, averaging 35 hl/ha for Premier Cru and as low as 25hl/ha for Grand Cru in the last 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 (6x75cl) £328.00 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 2021 vintage Vosne-Romanée, that it is a classic old-style vintage, with smaller yields good for quality.

The wine leaps from the glass, ripe and forward with spicy and softly sweet black cherry fruit, laced with cherry liquour and sweet oak. The body of the wine is rich, concentrated and finely balanced, with a lovely sharpening freshness that gives the wine such an elegance and poise – very, very good





Etienne Grivot



NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

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

Nuits-St-Georges is at the heart of the Côte de Nuits, midway between Dijon and Beaune, and its vines spread up the lowly undulating and rising slopes toward the west, away from the road as you head north. The soil here is mixed, with thicker clay soils, more marl, more ironstone and less broken limestone. The majority of vines are planted on the flatter, more alluvial soils, where richer soil gives more fruit and less concentration. This is where the negociants find their Nuit-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-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl) £159.00 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.

The nose is rich, ripe and generous, almost masculine in its intensity. The palate is layered with pomegranate, mulled raspberry and some sweetness, with sturdy tannins that give way eventually to a distinct spicy edge. This adds warmth and complexity, balancing the sweet oak, obvious freshness of acidity and dusty limestone minerality.



Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl) £288.00 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-Romaneé. Aged for 15 months in 20% new oak. In 2021 Grivot lost 50% of his grapes in Nuits, with the grapes 100% destemmed.

The colour is dark and deep, the nose forward and intense, suggesting smoked raspberries, mulled spice and cherry. The palate is bursting with red and black fruits, cherry liquour, oriental spices and subtle oak. The tannins are plush, ripe and hold the wine perfectly. This is a lovely, almost pre-expression of Pinot – powerful yet seductive at the same time.



Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)

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.

This wonderful Nuits comes from 7 separate parcels, 1 of which is within the 1er cru's of Les Damodes. The richness of the colour is mirrored on the nose, expressing a lovely creamy red-berry sweetness. On the palate the wine exudes class and richness, with elements of red fruits, spice, menthol and sweet oak, wrapped in ripe and sturdy tannins. This is a wine that feels classy, elegant and complex.

Drink 2025+

Nuits-St-Georges Au Chouillet, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)

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 rich, sweetly edged Pinot, offering classic smoky spicy red fruits, a lick of mulled oriental spices, sweet oak and a concentrated core. The tannins are balanced, generous but perfectly in tune with the fruit and fresh acidity. This is a polished, complex and richly concentrated Nuits that will repay keeping.



£210.00 per case IB

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The Cellars at Domaine Tollot-Beaut

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Joseph Voillot (6x75cl) £105.00 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.

A wonderful example of cool climate Pinot Noir, the grapes were harvested on the 18th September. The bouquet is fragrant, with aromas of black fruits and a refreshing whiff of wild hedgerow. The palate is intense with notes of confit jam, a touch of liqurice and soft charming tannins.



Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl) £115.00 per case IB

Natalie was delighted to experience a return to the sort of vintage her Father and Grandfather took as normal. "Back to the old days! She quipped.

A cool 10-day fermentation has produced a soft, sexy and fragrant wine, with raspberry freshness on the bouquet, a crunchy red fruit palate, a fine and continual backbone that supports seductive strawberry fruit and gently tannins. "Strawberry Fields forever!"





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.

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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 (6x75cl) £72.00 per case IB

Produced from south facing vineyards situated just outside the boundary with Pommard, this is a really interesting wine. 3 parcels, the oldest of which is 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.

Aged in 33% new oak, fresh with oodles of cherry aromatics and wild hedgerow on the nose, the palate is fresh and seductive with a touch of spice and carefully woven dusty tannins. Another wine that offers brilliant value for money.



Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune 'La Perrière', Domaine Denis Carré £86.00 per case IB (6x75cl)

Martiale and Gaetane Carré continue to produce some sensational wines at their domaine in Melosiey.

A quite stunning bouquet of fragrant strawberry fruit seductively lures you in. Brimming with crunchy and juicy ref berry fruit, and supported by a stony minerality, this is a joyful, 'smiley' mid-week Red Burgundy, that oozes personality.



BEAUNE

Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£110.00 per case IB

This finely situated plot of only 0.3ha touches the Pommard 1er Cru Epenots at the southern limit of the appellation.

Fermented and aged in a mixture of both French, American and Hungarian oak of which 33% is new. A vibrant red robe, the bouquet offers fresh and stylish Pinot Noir aromas coupled with an underlay of spice. The mouthfeel is seductive, fresh and laden with intense red berry fruits, supported by a fine tannin structure and long, fresh and earthy finish.



Drink 2023+



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 Carré Vineyards

Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)

Produced from two separate parcels, 200 metres apart, close to Clos des Mouches, Pommard, hence the more structured and powerful style. Yields of 25hl/ha.

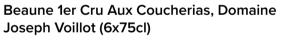
An outstanding, all consuming, seductive bouquet, regal and full of wild strawberry fruits.

The palate is velvety in texture with succulent sweet strawberry juice exploding in the mouth. The tannins are plush and the finish becomes silky and long. This wine is constructed like a piece of fine Art and will really tickle any Pinot Noir afficionado!

Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)

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.

The bouquet broods and smoulders with a soft fragrance of red berry fruits. The palate is firm, bold, tightly knit and finely structured, showing an impressive equilibrium, a lick of spice giving added dimension to the red berry fruit. Closed and unyielding, this wine showed a restrained underlying power that will eventually explode.



£285.00 per case IB

Drink 2026+

Drink 2025+

Produced from a 0.23ha single plot with vines that average 50 years old, grown on south facing vineyards overlooking Pommard. In 2021 only 1 barrel was produced! (25 cases).

After harvesting by hand, the grapes are destemmed and fermented in barrel. Étienne Chaix used no new oak at the domaine in 2021.

Brooding, with plum fruits dominating the bouquet, this wine is very moreish in style, oozing black fruits and liqourice, that sit on a thick velvety texture. The tannins are impressive but in check, providing great support. Unusually rich for this vintage, this is another seductive wine from this wonderful domaine.





Martial and Gaetane Carré

£180.00 per case IB

£315.00 per case IB

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 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 Crus in 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 (6x75cl) £225.00 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.

The fruit is de-stemmed and lightly pressed before fermentation. Aged in 25% new oak.

Soft and wonderfully fragrant on the nose with black cherry fruit aromas. The palate is a delicious mélange of strawberry and cherry, a little spice and a super fresh minerality, with chalky tannins providing sturdiness. Aloxe can be a little chunky, but this wine is more elegant in style.



SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon (12x75cl) £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.

Very small yields this year at Domain Camus-Bruchon, with only 15hl/ha of this cuvee produced. Only a smattering of 10% new oak, with 10% 1 year old barrels. A third of the cuvee was aged in large 500lt barrels.

Fresh black fruits on the nose, overt and very concentrated. The palate is super concentrated, opulent with crunchy black cherry fruits dominating, finely tuned tannins and a freshness that typifies the vintage, giving a perfect balance. This appellation offers a great introduction to Red Burgundy at an affordable price.



Savigny Champs Chevrey, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)

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 25% new oak, this is a richer and riper offering. The bouquet is open, fragrant and fresh with black fruit notes and lasting perfume. The palate is more opulent, with succulent black cherry fruit and a hint of liquorice giving added weight. Always a top wine at this domaine, 2021 is another great result.



Drink 2025+



Guillaume Camus

£210.00 per case IB

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 (6x75cl) £96.00 per case IB

Produced from vineyards to the west of the village of Chorey, this vintage was vinified in 25% new French oak. Always a wine that you can drink almost a soon as it is put in bottle, such is the expression of wild red berry fruits and succulent freshness.

The bouquet is soft and fragrant with sweet berry fruits, cranberry and raspberry freshness. The palate is a stylish expression of Pinot Noir, layered berry fruits, a little spice and subtle sweet vanilla oak. A wine that is full of energy and makes you smile!



Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl) £144.00 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.

A really sexy, red currant filled bouquet, perfumed and fragrant, this is always a highlight wine, despite the relatively uncelebrated appellation. The fruit is jammy and concentrated, overt and lush, with a graceful lick of acidity providing an excellent balance. Absolutely delicious.

This is classic Chorey, but also classic Tollot-Beaut!



POMMARD

Pommard, Domaine Joseph Voillot (6x75cl) £200.00 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 proximity to the 1er Cu vineyards is telling, producing an intense, powerful Pommard. The bouquet is big, sturdy and ripe, showing great typicity with a refreshing hedgerow fragrance. The palate is impressive, with succulent black fruits, chunky and brooding, gripping tannins and a hint of iron earth. The lack of new oak enables the fruits to express themselves perfectly, with black cherry and cranberry characters dominating. The finish of the wine is perfect with a refreshing acidity and long minerality.

Drink 2025+

Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) £468.00 per case IB

Situated to the right as you enter Pommard from Beaune, lying on vineyards that slope gently up from the road on the right as you leave Beaune, and adjoining Beaune 1er Cru.

Always one of the star performing wines at this domaine, it never fails to disappoint and 2021 is no exception, as it defies the cooler summer climes in its character.

'Pure jam'! Rich in prunes, concentrated blackcurrants and liqourice, with a delectable cherry freshness that provides a stunning balance, this is an impressive wine. So opulent and complex with a wonderful texture of crème de mur and a long powerful finish. An exemplary wine!





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 (6x75cl) £270.00 per case IB

This great domaine suffered terribly from the frosts of the 6/7/8th April 2021, when they lost between 85-90% of the crop. Only one cuvee of Volnay was produced from 9 plots, yielding only 14 barrels. Normally they would produce 45! So don't delay if you would like some of this wonderful wine.

The epitome of cool climate Pinot Noir. Seductive and expressive on the bouquet, this is a wine that possesses an astonishing energy. Wild red fruits and strawberries dominate, the tannins are finely woven and the structure is firm and tight. An expressive wine from the true 'King of Volnay'!



Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) £336.00 per case IB

This 1er Cru is situated to the eastern extremities of the appellation adjacent to Pommard on a chalk and powdery limestone subsoil. Produced from vine averaging 60-65 years old, this wine is aged for 14 months in oak barrels, none of which are new. In 2021 there were only 4 barrels produced.

A wine that offers a wonderful array of fruit characters – red cherry, blackcurrant, prune. Intense and concentrated, the structure is impressive with succulent texture, suave, chalky tannins and a feminine allure. The very low yields in 2021 have helped produce a very concentrated and harmonious wine.



Volnay Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) £195.00 per case IB

Harvested from 6 separate plots that lie in front of the 1er cru of Champans, the 'vieilles vignes' average over 55 years old.

Only 15 barrels were produced in 2021, a third of a normal crop, but the result is fantastic! The bouquet is open and fragrant, with notes of red cherry and strawberry to the fore. The palate is concentrated, with ripe plum and wild berry notes, a charming tannin structure and a wonderful refreshing acidity that gives an equilibrium to the wine.



Volnay 1er Cru Champans, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) £336.00 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.

Yields of only 15hl/ha have produced a very concentrated, rich and more masculine stye of Volnay. An amazing concentration of black fruits, liqourice and succulent strawberry compote, the tannins grip but are not overpowering and support the structure well. The finish is powerful and beguiling, so typical of Champans. A very impressive wine.



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 (6x75cl) £150.00 per case IB

Harvested from 2ha of vines from 12 different parcels, whose exposure varies from North East to South West, planted with vines that are between 55-75 years of age.

Pretty colour, ruby core, the fruit is very much to the fore on the nose, almost stewed red fruits, with a hint of herbal freshness. The palate is rounded, generous and fruit-driven initially, a touch of raspberry and mulled cherry. Then the tannins kick in, the wine tightening and showing grip, structure and stony minerality. A hint of menthol is a nod toward the limestone soil. The impression is of a generous, elegant and balanced Pinot, well structured, a fine tannin structure, good acidity and a long fragrant finish.



Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl) £269.00 per case IB

The small clos of St Jean lies directly above the village on slopes that adjoin Vergers, and was historically placed alongside some of the great red wine appellations such as Vosne-Romanée, Corton and Romané-St. Vivant. Amiot's 0.25 ha plot of 60 year old vines lies in the central part of the gentle slope with good southern aspect, and the wine follows the same 12 months in 25% new oak followed by 6 months in Cuve. The robe is a lovely pale ruby colour, and the nose is incredibly ripe, sweet and forward, with notes of boiled red sweet, orange peel, spice and floral notes. The palate is lush, rounded and quite sensual, with a tension of acidity and tannins that give tremendous energy to the wine. The texture of the wine is quite weighty yet elegant and the finish long, perfumed and shows real finesse.



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 Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl) £TBC 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.

The bouquet is fragrant and fresh, expressing wild cherry fruit aromas, the palate is concentrated, compact and round, with black fruits jam, mineral notes, crafted tannins and a little touch of liqourice. The finish is long. This village is often overlooked which is a shame, as it produces richer and fuller wines that deliver fantastic value for money. In Burgundy, that is saying something!





Alex Bachelet

MARANGES

Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutières, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl) £150.00 per case IB

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.

An impressive, exotic bouquet boasting wild fragrant strawberry aromas, concentrated and vibrant. The palate is an explosion of exotic red fruits, soothing, polished tannins and an underlay of rusticity giving an added dimension. A great expression of the terroir of this appellation



Drink 2025+

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 Blanzy 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 (6x75cl)

Produced from south and south east facing vineyards with very stony soils packed with limestone.

100% destemmed and a very small amount of oak ageing makes this a very easy drinking, fruit filled wine.

Light cherry with a hint of gunsmoke, combine with a raspberry freshness on the nose, the palate is succulent and fruity sweet with a lovely underlay of ripe tannins which give body and support. The finish is fresh and elegant. A lovely, affordable, everyday red Burgundy.

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puillets, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)

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 savory edge. The 50 year old vines, planted on iron-rich soils gave a meagre 8.5hl/ha in 2021! Very little to go around I am afraid!

Plenty of succulence, grip with generous layers of ripe berry fruit, oak and some minerality, woven around soft tannins that firm up as the fruit develops.



Drink 2024+

Drink 2023+

£TBC per case IB

£40.00 per case IB

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.

BEAUJOLAIS

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 a 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 (12x75cl)

The fruit is harvested from 4 different plots, Fermented in oak foudre with 20% whole cluster and 80% destemmed.

Pale in colour but full of aromatics on the bouquet, this is always one of our 'go-to' every day Bourgogne Pinot Noirs. Olivier produces wines that are so seductive in style, fragrant, fresh and alluring. Wild red fruits, succulent and appealing with a carefully crafted tannin structure.



BEAUJOLAIS

Moulin à Vent 'La Rochelle', Olivier Merlin (6x75cl)

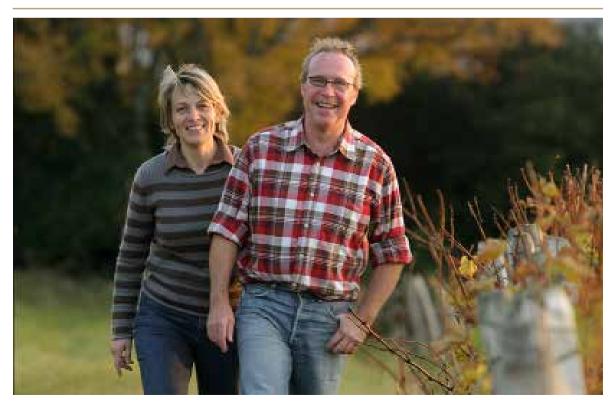
£200.00 per case IB

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. Produced using full cluster semi carbonic maceration with only a little pigeage, Olivier relies mostly on pumping over during the vinification process.

An intense, almost animal bouquet, with fresh raspberry. The palate is tight and lean, a result of the granite soil in which the old vines delve deep into. Black fruits, minerality and spice with a smattering of ground black pepper. The palate is sturdy and there is an excellent balancing freshness. Classic Moulin à Vent that deserves cellaring.



Drink 2026+



Olivier & Corinne Merlin

£138.00 per case IB

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CHABLIS				
CHAB074	Chablis Domaine Daniel Dampt (12x75cl)		£129.00	
CHAB084	Chablis Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Philippe Testut (12x75cl)		£158.00	
CHAB078	Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs' Vieilles Vignes,		£207.00	
	Domaine Samuel Billaud (12x75cl)			
CHABLIS 1ER CRU				
CHAB101	Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Philippe Testut (12x75cl)		£295.00	
CHAB076	Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Dampt (12x75c	l)	£225.00	
CHAB081	Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes,		£381.00	
	Domaine Samuel Billaud (12x75cl)			
CHAB082	Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes,	•••••	£429.00	
	Domaine Samuel Billaud (12x75cl)			
CHABLIS GRAND CR	U			
CHAB102	Chablis Grand Cru Les Grenouilles,		£270.00	
	Domaine Philippe Testut (6x75cl)			
CHAB083	Chablis Grand Cru Bougros,		£406.00	
	Domaine Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)			
MÂCONNAIS				
MACO370	Macon Azé, Jules Richard, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)		£42.00	
MACO375	Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Olivier Merlin (12x75cl)		£120.00	
MACO380	Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Olivier Merlin (12x75c))	£156.00	
SAINT-VÉRAN				
STVE110	Saint-Véran 'Vers le Mont', Domaine Luquet (12x75cl)		£115.00	
POUILLY FUISSÉ				
POUI215	Pouilly Fuissé 'Au Bourg', Domaine Luquet (12x75cl)		£186.00	
FUIS225	Pouilly Fuissé 'Tete de Cuvée', Château Fuissé (6x75cl)		£132.00	
FUIS230	Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos (Monopole), Château Fuissé (6x75cl)	£260.00	
CHALONNAISE				
HOUS040	House of Townend White Burgundy (6x75cl)		£42.00	
	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise, Buissonnier, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)		£44.00	
ALIG075	Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)		£59.00	
	Montagny, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)		£75.00	
CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
BOURGOGNE CHAR	DONNAY			
BOUR017	Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie'		£84.00	
	Domaine Guy Amiot (Chassagne-Montrachet) (6x75cl)			
BOUR019	Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay		£105.00	
DOLIDOOS	Domaine Mestre-Michelot (Meursault) (6x75cl)			
BOUR995	Bourgogne Blanc Tuféra	•••••	£145.00	
BOUR012	Domaine Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl) Bourgogne Chardonnay		£98.00	
DOUNUIZ	Domaine Jean Louis Chavy (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl)		238.00	
	Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Chataigniers'		£TBC	
	Domaine Hubert Lamy (Saint-Aubin) (6x75cl)			

BOURGOGNE HAUT	ES CÔTE DE BEAUNE	Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
HAUT355	Bourgogne Hautes Côte de Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)		£86.00	
CÔTEAUX BOURGUI	GNON			
	Coteaux Bourguignon Le P'tit Bonheur,		£70.00	
SAINT ROMAIN	Domaine Prunier-Bonhomme (Meursault) (6x75cl)			
	Saint Romain 'La Combe Bazin', Domaine Prunier-Bonhomme (6x75cl)		£TBC	
AUXEY-DURESSES				
AUXE035	Auxey-Duresses 'Les Vireux', Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)		£132.00	
MEURSAULT				
MEUR610	Meursault Les Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)		£264.00	
MEUR615	Meursault, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl) Meursault, Domaine Lafarge (6x75cl)		£258.00 £TBC	
MEUR620	Meursault Clos St Felix,		~~~~~~~	
	Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)		2200100	
MEUR625	Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)		£450.00	
PULIGNY-MONTRAC	HET			
PULI945	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)		£220.00	
PULI975	Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Charmes', Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy (6x75cl)		£250.00	
PULI965	Puligny-Montrachet Les Houillères, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)		£210.00	
PULI980	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)			
	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon (12x75cl)		£TBC £325.00	
PUL1950 PUL1955	Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl) Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières			
1021000	Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)		2700.00	
PULI960	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)		£730.00	
PULI990	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£1000.00	
CHASSAGNE-MONT				
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CHAS700	Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£240.00	
CHAS705	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£312.00	
CHAS710	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers		£336.00	
	Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)			
CHAS715	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£385.00	
MONT465	Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£3995.00	
SAINT-AUBIN				
	Saint-Aubin La Princée, Domaine Hubert Lamy (12x75cl)		£TBC	
	Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix, Domaine Hubert Lamy (12x75c		£TBC	
	Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy (12x75c	I)	£TBC	

CÔTE DE NUITS BOU	JRGOGNE PINOT NOIR	Case Req'		Total
BOUR014	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Christian Serafin (Gevrey-Chambertin) (6x75cl)		£180.00	
BOUR008	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)		£93.00	
BOUR003	Bourgogne Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)		£65.00	•••••
HAUTES CÔTE DE N	UITS			
BOUR009	Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits, Domaine Lécheneaut (case x6)		£99.00	
GEVREY-CHAMBERT	IN			
GEVR003	Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier' Domaine Machard de Gramont		£165.00	
GEVR006	Gevrey-Chambertin Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£260.00	
GEVR007	Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes		£345.00	
	Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)			
GEVR008	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£450.00	
GEVR009	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£575.00	
GEVR011	Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£725.00	
	Charmes-Chambertin, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£1,190.00	
MOREY-SAINT-DENIS	;			
MORE115	Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£420.00	
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIG	NY			
CHAM280	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Baudes, Domaine Christian Serafin (6x75cl)		£620.00	
VOSNE-ROMANEE				
VOSN315	Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)		£328.00	
NUITS-SAINT-GEORG	SES			
NUIT650	Nuits-St-Georges En La Perrière Noblot, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)	•••••	£159.00	
NUIT680	Nuits-St-Georges 'Aux Lavières' Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)		£288.00	
NUIT665	Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Lécheneaut (6x75cl)		£182.00	
NUIT670	Nuits-St-Georges Au Chouillet, Domaine Lécheneaut(6x75cl)		£210.00	
CÔTE DE BEAUNE BOURGOGNE PINOT	NOIR			
BOUR002 BOUR013	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)		£105.00 £115.00	
HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE				
BOUR004	Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune		£72.00	
HAUT360	Domaine Machard de Gramont (12x75cl) Hautes Côtes de Beaune 'La Perrière' Domaine Denis Carré (6x75cl)		£86.00	

DEALINE		Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
BEAUNE BEAU690	Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)		£110.00	
BEAUNE 1ER CRU BEAU710 BEAU705 BEAU685	Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains, Domaine Denis Carré (6x75c Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl) Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucherias, Domaine Joseph Voillot (6x75cl)		£180.00 £315.00 £285.00	
ALOXE-CORTON			0005.00	
ALOX105	Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)		£225.00	•••••
SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUN	NE Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon (12x75		£235.00	
SAVI315	Savigny Champs Chevrey, Domaine Tollot-Beau (6x75cl)			
CHOREY-LES-BEAUN	IE			
CHOR170	Chorey-lès-Beaune 'Les Beaumonts', Domaine Machard de Gramont (12x75cl)		£96.00	
CHOR180	Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)		£144.00	
POMMARD				
POMM245 POMM240	Pommard, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)		£200.00 £468.00	
VOLNAY			2400.00	
VOLIVAI	Volnay, Domaine Lafarge (6x75cl)		£270.00	
VOLN420	Volnay Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)		£195.00	
VOLN425 VOLN430	Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl) Volnay 1er Cru Champans, Domaine Voillot (6x75cl)			
CHASSAGNE-MONTI	RACHET			
CHAS720	Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£150.00	
CHAS725	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean, Domaine Guy Amiot (6x75cl)		£269.00	
SANTENAY				
	Santenay 1er Cru La Comme, Domaine Mestre-Michelot (6x75cl)		£TBC	
MARANGES				
MARA065	Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)		£150.00	
CHALONNAISE				
BOUR990	Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise Pinot Noir, Buissonnier Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)		£40.00	
	Mercurey 1er Cru Les Puillets, Château de Chamilly (6x75c	l)	£ TBC	
MÂCONNAIS BOUR018	Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Olivier Merlin (12x75cl)		£138.00	
BEAUJOLAIS				
MOUL245	Moulin à Vent 'La Rochelle', Olivier Merlin (12x75cl)		£200.00	

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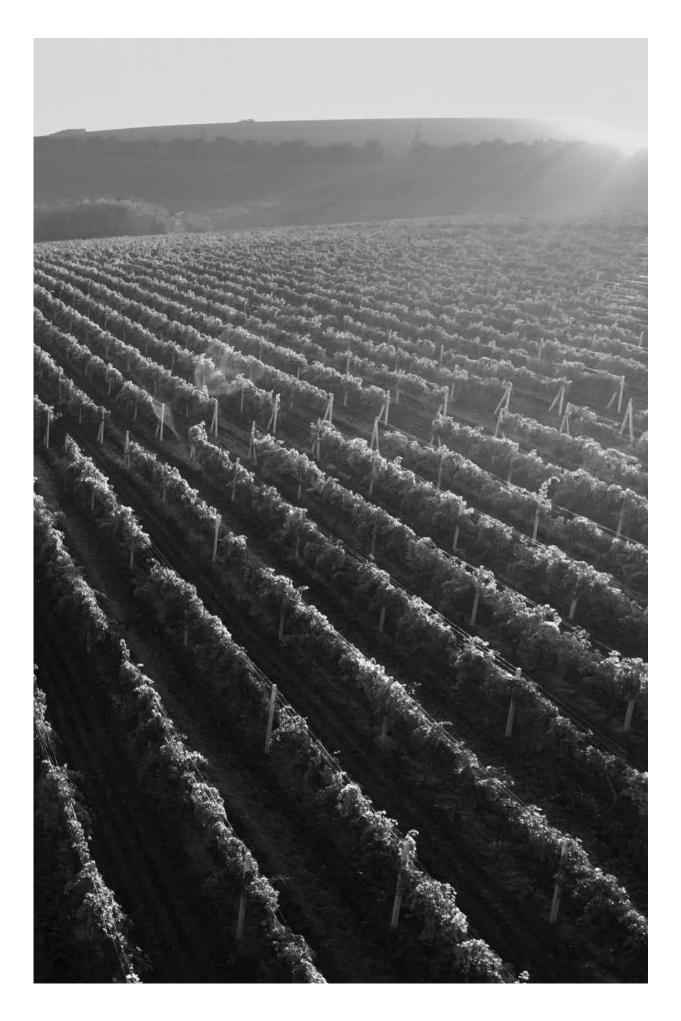
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