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Burgundy 2018 - Vintage Report

by Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW

'A Crystalline Vintage – the year of precision' – Pierre Boillot.

The opinion is universal – it is a good year – but the devil, as always, is in the detail; with sixty kilometres between the top and bottom of the Côte d'Or, and with two grape varieties with very different requirements, generalisations serve a purpose but remain superficial. With a few exceptions, the growers were very happy with their lot in 2018, having harvested a decent amount of ripe fruit for the second year running after a relatively benign growing season. Once again, Marion Javillier was relieved to pronounce *'on est contente!'*.

The Growing Season:

After a very wet winter in 2017-18, the vines were slow to stir but a warm, sunny April brought them back on track; little to no frost, for a change, meant that the vines continued to grow unchecked. Despite mildew pressure and rain just before flowering, the weather cleared up and flowering was on time with a good fruit set. The summer then arrived in earnest, with no rain, bar the occasional, localised hail shower, particularly south of Nuits St Georges, and with almost uninterrupted sun, bringing temperatures well above the seasonal averages in July, August and September. The mean April to September temperature is 17° C, but in 2018 it was 19° C and, more importantly, there were high levels of light – 30% more than usual – which has a crucial effect on the ripening of the grape skins, particularly for the Pinots. The net effect was that many grapes appeared ripe from the point of view of sugars, but had yet to reach phenolic ripeness, particularly of tannins and acids.

The date of harvest was, in general, earlier than usual, with most starting in late August and finishing by mid-September; there was, however, a debate between growers as to whether to harvest early to maintain acidity in this hot year or to allow the phenolics to ripen fully whilst jeopardising the acidity and propelling the alcohol levels ever higher. As a result, we came across wines which came in at over 14% (reds and whites) with insufficient acidity, as well as others which registered a more reasonable 13% but with green notes which we couldn't reconcile with the sunny nature of 2018. Many found themselves harvesting their vineyards over several *tries* in order to be sure to pick only the ripe fruit – a truly labour-intensive process when your vines are scattered across several parcels located in more than one appellation. For these growers, the results were wines with real purity: fully ripe with fine acidities and supple tannins, something Pierre Boillot says he hasn't seen since 2010.

More than ever, this is a vintage where the vineyard soils are key, and where the *premiers* and *grands crus* demonstrate precisely why they have their superior designations – the difference between *villages* and *cru* wines is more starkly marked than I think I have ever seen. Jérôme Flous of Domaine Faiveley pointed out that the *cru* vineyards with their clay subsoils, particularly in the Côte de Nuits, were able to resist the effects of drought for almost a month longer than the lighter soils of the *villages* vines. That is the difference between reaching maturity or stopping growing until the next rain arrives.

Having seen the forecasts and heard first-hand of the high temperatures and low rainfall, we were expecting blockbuster wines – fat Chardonnay, jammy Pinot – but the reality is quite different. The best whites, from regional *bourgognes blancs* up to the *grands crus* have a purity and tension, a mineral note which underscores the ripe fruit and brings balance to the wines. They are incredibly approachable already but have the ingredients to evolve and mature for several years, although most will probably drink before the 2016s.

For the reds, the picture is more complicated and more dominated by the choice of harvest date, with the best wines showing incredibly ripe, pure red and black fruits with a refreshing cranberry sourness and no jammy notes – Nicolas Rossignol of Rossignol-Trapet in Gevrey Chambertin noted that the very wet spring, and subsequent good groundwater levels, meant that his vines didn't suffer from drought and therefore showed no overripe characteristics. Most winemakers were very restrained in how they handled their red fruit, with little or no *pigeage* (punching down) to avoid over extraction and only aerating the must as necessary to keep it fresh. Inevitably, there were those who wanted to extract every last ounce of tannin from the skins – and you won't find their wines offered here. The debate on destemming versus whole bunch fermentation continues, with some systematically destemming 100% and others including up to 100% stems, and it would appear that, in a ripe year like 2018, the judicious inclusion of stems added some structure and freshness to very ripe fruit, but equally there were no negative effects on those wines which had no stems included at all.

Market Conditions:

Every vintage comes with its own set of market conditions, and for the 2018s the dreaded B word must inevitably form part of the picture, particularly as far as exchange rates are concerned. With a second plentiful harvest in a row, the majority of growers have kept their prices at the same level as 2017, although some, like Domaine Truchetet, hard hit by hail yet again, have had to raise their prices to cover the shortfall. In terms of quantity, the global market continues to expand, with demand for Burgundy as high as ever, putting pressure on the top *crus* and the top growers as never before; many of these growers are now using a quota system to ensure that buyers are not cherry-picking the top wines and ignoring the rest, and this is something which is gradually being passed onto the final customer; the expectation being that if they want to buy the *grands crus* they need to follow the more lowly appellations too.

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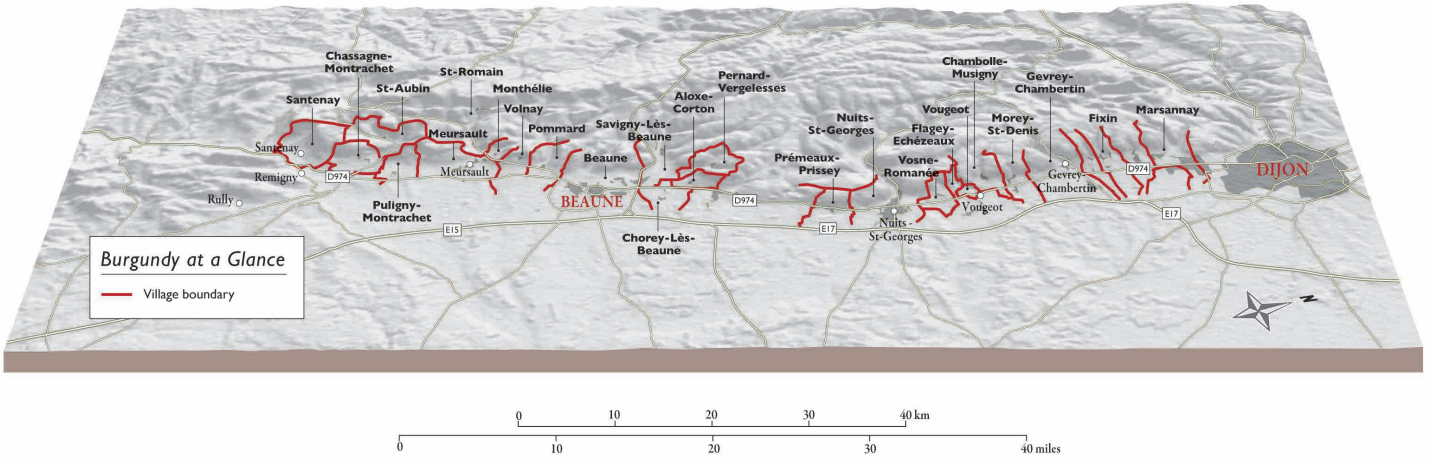

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CÔTE CHALONNAISE & MÂCONNAIS

Château de Buxy, Laurent Cognard & Co.


Laurent Cognard

Gentle giant Laurent Cognard is gradually expanding his portfolio of delicious wines, one or two hectares at a time, through a combination of reclaiming family vineyards or by renting vines as he sees fit. This year's new toys are both in the Mâcon area, one in Loché and one in Pouilly Vinzelles, and, as you would expect from him, the wines manage to combine lush fruit with a lovely steely core of freshness.

When we first started working with Laurent, he was heavily into new wood, with one *cuvée* (which didn't work for us) benefitting from 200% new oak – a new barrel for fermentation and then another for maturation. What a change a few years make, as now Laurent actively seeks to avoid the flavour of new oak altogether, using larger barrels, preferably several years old, and yet still his wines are larger than life, rich and juicy and layered with fresh fruit. These are wines to put a smile on anyone's face!

			£ per case in bond
Mâcon Loché Les Longues Terres	2018	12 per case	£125

Called Longues Terres for the 2018 vintage but next year the quantity will increase as another *lieu dit* has been added, so, legally, the name Longues Terres will have to change. Fermented and aged in old 500 litre barrels. Pale gold with a nose of fresh, juicy white stone fruits, floral, nicely rich and plump; on the palate, light on entry, rich and rounded with attractive candied fruits behind and gentle acidity on the end, delicious early drinking. Drink 2020 - 2021

Pouilly Loché aux Barres	2018	12 per case	£180

This was still fermenting away slowly when we tasted, with just a few tenths of a gram of sugar to go, but in no hurry to finish. Bright gold with an earthy nose of mineral white stone fruits, a distant touch of coconut; on the palate, rich, creamy white stone fruit, fresh and mineral with lovely texture and poise, and just enough acidity to keep the wine fresh to a long, pure finish. Drink 2020 - 2022

Pouilly Vinzelles Les Quarts	2018	12 per case	£185

Fermented and matured in old 500 litre barrels. Green gold, with a deliciously contrasting nose of tight mineral fruit yet plump at the same time with grilled, almost tropical notes, leading to a palate of rich, lactic white and green stone fruits, very fresh, sweet and juicy, with a lovely poised finish. Very Cognard! Drink 2020 - 2022

Montagny 1er Cru Les Bassets	2018	12 per case	£200

A few magnums are available at £210 per six, for the speedy. 500 litre barrels used, with 10% new to keep the rotation of clean wood; in 2019 there is only half a harvest, the combined effect of poor flowering and the heat. Bright gold with a tight, lactic nose of white stone fruits, grilled and very restrained, leading to a palate of richer white stone fruits, mineral, fresh and citrusy with hints of hazelnut, racy and structured, really intense and beautifully pure, going to a long, mineral, layered finish. Superb! Drink 2021 - 2024

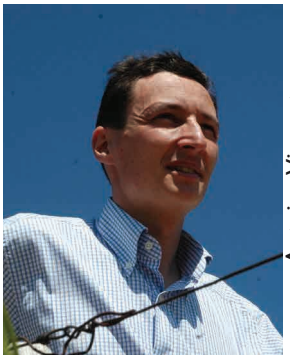
Mercurey 1er Cru Clos du Paradis	2018	12 per case	£265

Laurent has a small amount of land in neighbouring Mercurey and makes stunningly intense reds; deep red black to the rim with a nose of sweet black cherry fruit, ripe and textured, spiced, grilled with some violets. On the palate, big, dense black fruits, really intense and rich, deliciously layered with refined supple tannins behind, a big mouthful at this stage but truly stunning. Superb value. Drink 2021 - 2025

Château Fuissé

At Château Fuissé, as for many others, the challenge in 2018 was to strike the balance between ripeness and keeping the natural acidity of the grapes – they don't believe in acidifying, and prefer the wines to show their natural mineral sides which add balance. They bottled the wines slightly earlier this year in order to maintain their freshness. The drought was only an issue for the younger vines but as most of their vines are older and on clay, the vineyards kept their gorgeous green colours.

New import tariffs in the US – 25% at the time of writing, with a further 100% threatened for 2020 – are changing the face of the export market; for Pouilly Fuissé as a whole, 80% of the production goes to the US, although Château Fuissé has always been careful to balance their distribution to avoid an over-reliance on any one market.



Antoine Vincent

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Blanc, Famille Vincent	2018	12 per case	£100

Previously known as JJ Vincent, from vineyards in and around the Fuissé appellation owned by members of the extended Vincent family. Bright gold with a nose of white flowers, fresh and vibrant, with a palate of lively white stone fruits, really juicy and tasty, some candied fruit with fine acidity and a distant hint of toast behind, going to a fresh, juicy finish. Drink 2020 - 2021

Bourgogne Blanc	2018	12 per case	£110

From three parcels with three different soils around Mâcon and Prissé, each parcel vinified separately and blended after 7-8 months, just before bottling. Pale gold with a nose of more precise, tighter white stone fruits, floral – honeysuckle – and distant hazelnut notes leading to a palate of intense white stone fruits, fresh and racy yet plump too, really alluring, pure and mineral going to a deliciously racy finish. Lovely wine. Drink 2020 - 2022

Mâcon Fuissé	2018	12 per case	£125

In Les Gets, part of the vineyard is classified as Pouilly Fuissé and the other as Mâcon Fuissé, which is where the Vincents' plot is located. Still benefitting from the mineral limestone character of Fuissé, this is bright gold with a nose of leafy white fruits, floral, much more complex and mineral, leading to a palate of mineral white stone fruits, fresh with lovely vibrant acidity, layered and intense, going to a really bright, juicy layered finish. Drink 2020 - 2023

St Véran	2018	12 per case	£135

From three different locations, with the bulk on clay (which gives power and smoky flavours) and the rest on limestone (giving finesse). Pale gold with a deep yellow plum nose, with some green and candied fruit behind, sweet and juicy, leading to a palate of ripe white stone fruit, fresh and vibrant, plump and smooth with some toasty notes behind, floral and grapey, going to a long, zingy finish. Drink 2020 - 2024

				£ per case in bond
Pouilly Fuissé Marie Antoinette, Famille Vincent		2018	12 per case	£175

Unusually, no oak used in 2018 to retain the vibrant mineral freshness of the fruit. Bright green gold with a nose of creamed white stone fruit, pure and linear, but not plump with a really rich palate, smooth and ripe with poised white stone fruits, sweet and floral, grapey again with proper acidity on the finish. Classic Fuissé. Drink 2020 - 2024

Pouilly Fuissé Tête de Cuvée	bottles	2018	12 per case	£200
	magnums		6 per case	£220

50% matured in barrel, of which 20% was new, with *bâtonnage*. This *cuvée* alone represents 65% of Château Fuissé's production and is drawn from 50 different plots on a wide mix of soils, representing the whole appellation. Pale gold with a nose of fabulously intense, mineral fruits, really stony, with white flowers and some peachy notes behind leading to a deliciously poised palate of semi-tropical fruit, with a hint of pineapple and citrus, going to a balanced, floral, mineral finish. Drink 2021 - 2024

Pouilly Fuissé Les Combettes	2018	12 per case	£320

North-facing and near the treeline, in a location which keeps its frost and snow longer than elsewhere, on limestone soil filled with ammonite fossils; bright gold with a nose of perfumed white stone fruits, mineral, citrus and racy, leading to a rich palate of rounded white stone fruit, floral – honeysuckle – with a distant note of grilled new wood, citrus and rich yet with lovely lemony acidity behind, finely structured and going to a really alluring, ripe, floral finish. Deliciously layered. Drink 2021 - 2025

Pouilly Fuissé Les Brûlés	2018	12 per case	£350

This will become a *premier cru from* 2020; Brûlés is the polar opposite of Les Combettes, south-facing and early ripening, fermented in new oak to match the power of the fruit, and to allow oxygen to help its development, resulting in a much more full-on style. Deep gold with intense, toasty fruit on the nose, some fresh green notes, saline and very alluring leading to a palate of deliciously racy green fruits behind the tight oak, very grilled, sweet and rich, hugely alluring, lively and powerful going to paradoxically tight, racy finish. A blockbuster. Drink 2021 - 2026

Pouilly Fuissé Le Clos*	2018	6 per case	£215

This will also be a *premier cru* from 2020, from 2.7 hectares and fermented in 100% new oak. Rich gold with a nose of gorgeous, white stone fruit, peach, citrus and lots of white flowers, grilled and toasty, intensely perfumed. On the palate, rich, creamed white fruits, butterscotch, floral, again with grapey, Muscat flavours and racy acidity behind, going to a long, poised, really gorgeous finish. Wonderfully intense. Drink 2021 - 2026+

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Pierre Meurgey and Meurgey-Croses

Pierre Meurgey is the poacher-turned-gamekeeper of the wine producing world, having long been a *négociant* based in Beaune; like most families in Burgundy, there were a few rows of vines here and there, and it is to these he has turned first to make wine rather than just sell it. His family originally come from around Mâcon and much of the fruit for his wines from the Mâconnais is bought from family members, in the expectation (hope?) that he may eventually be allowed to work the land as well as buy the fruit. Further north, in the Côte d'Or, Pierre owns some vines and also buys in fruit in order to produce a viable amount within each *cru*, and we were particularly taken by his white Pernand Vergelesses, which shone above many others in the appellation in 2018, and his *premier cru* Beaune Les Valières, named by and after his children (pictured) who trod the grapes in the barrels.

			£ per case in bond
Mâcon Uchizy, Meurgey-Croses	2018	12 per case	£95

Pierre prevented some of this wine from going through malolactic fermentation in order to preserve the acidity and freshness – it worked. His Uchizy is never aged in barrel as its rich aromatics come from the *terroir* and would be overwhelmed by oak. Pale gold with a nose of plump, peachy white fruit, fresh and racy, with a light earthy note and a distant hint of vanillin, leading to a really alluring palate, juicy and vibrant, with perfumed, grilled leafy white stone fruit and lovely balance on the finish. Drink 2020 - 2022

Viré Clessé Vieilles Vignes, Meurgey-Croses	2018	12 per case	£110

Made from vines aged between 55 and 85 years old, 85% fermented and matured in tank with the balance in large barrels ranging from 400 - 600 litres; no new oak here as Viré Clessé can tend towards fatness and Pierre prefers a leaner style. Bright gold with a nose of golden fruits, apricot and yellow peach, floral and leafy with a caramel note behind, leading to a fresh and racy white stone fruit palate, much more vibrant than the nose implies, light acidity, ripe and plump yet racy too with some leafy notes and a lovely zip of salinity. Drink 2020 - 2023

St Véran, Meurgey-Croses	2018	12 per case	£135

85% made in tank, 15% in barrel, of which 30% was new oak; the fruit comes from vineyards in the south and east of the appellation where freshness is the order of the day. Bright gold with a gorgeously alluring nose of grilled white stone fruits, rich and intense with some buttery notes, caramel, marzipan and even a hint of beeswax, leafy too, leading to a palate which combines fresh, leafy, floral fruit with hints of marzipan, again very alluring with enough acidity to support it and going to a long, grilled finish. Drink 2020 - 2023

Pouilly Fuissé Vieilles Vignes, Meurgey-Croses	2018	12 per case	£185

From a selection of six family parcels around Pouilly Fuissé, on a variety of *terroirs*, some of which will become *premier cru* in 2021; from vines aged from 55 to 95 years old. Entirely barrel fermented with 15% new oak used. Deep yellow gold with a glorious nose of rich butterscotch fruit, some marzipan and nougat, citrus and super-alluring, leading to a palate of almost sweet white stone fruit, rich, creamy yet mineral, citrus and lemon *crème brûlée*, with a fresh, hazelnut imbued finish. A wine to bring a smile to your face. Drink 2020 - 2024

		£ per case in bond
Pernand Vergelesses, Pierre Meurgey	2018	12 per case £230

Just four barrels made, 25% new oak; this had just been racked when we tasted. Bright gold with a nose of rich, creamed white fruits on the nose, spiced and juicy, intense and really vibrant with some new wood noticeable. On the palate, more muted, fresh and leafy, with some semi-tropical fruits (melon, pineapple), and showing very well considering it had just been racked. Drink 2021 - 2024

Beaune 1er Cru Les Valières, Pierre Meurgey	2018	12 per case £335

From two *premier cru* sites, Vignes Franches and Les Cras (Pierre's own vines), the name is drawn from the beginning of his children's names – Eva, Lison, Ernest; just two 2 barrels made with 15% whole berries in the ferment; crushed by foot in an old wooden barrel. Vibrant red black, fresh and ripe, with gorgeous red and black berry fruit on the nose, really juicy with a hint of black cherry too leading to more of the same on the palate, vibrant with a distant hint of coconut, succulent and mouth-watering and with lovely weight on the finish. Drink 2023 - 2026

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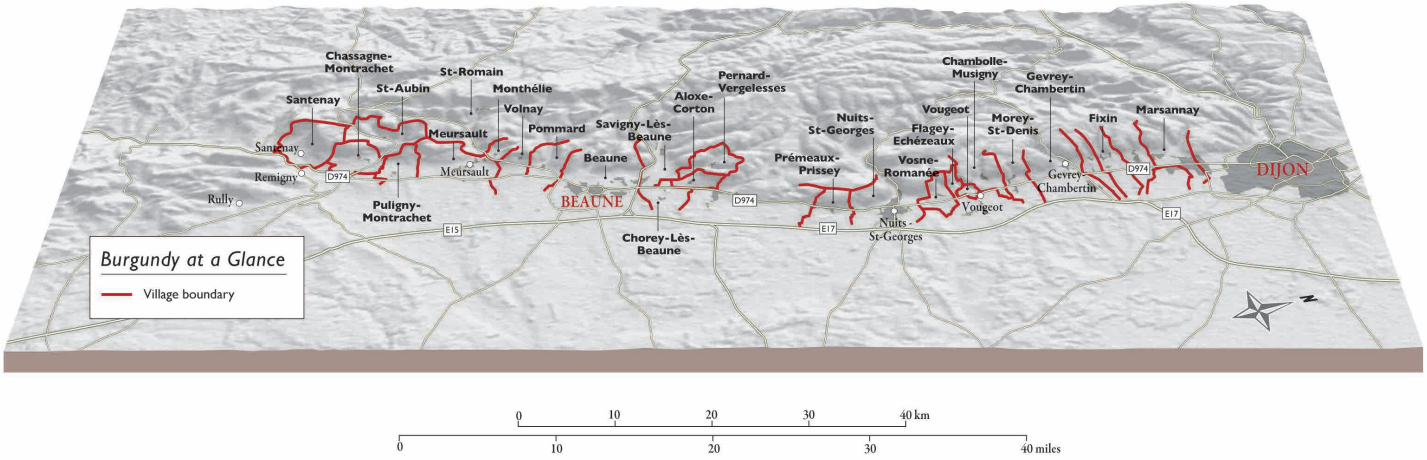

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Domaine Jean Chartron

Jean-Michel & Anne-Laure Chartron

Domaine Jean Chartron consists of 13 hectares of vines, principally in Puligny and the immediate neighbouring villages, however for Jean-Michel Chartron, the fifth generation to manage the property, this isn't always enough variety, and each year sees him wander a little further afield to seek out propitious vineyards which might complement his existing wines. This year, he has strayed further than usual, up to the hill of Corton, from where he is producing a deliciously fresh, precise Pernand Vergelesses.

As ever, Chartron's Bourgogne Blanc comes principally from the Clos immediately outside his cellar, Clos de la Combe, however as he has included fruit from other Puligny vines he can no longer use the Clos name; instead, the wine is named after his maternal grandmother and remains otherwise unchanged in its exceptional value for money. Also, really worth a detour is his Santenay Les Pierres Sèches; just next to Chassagne, Santenay is home to some of the best value wines in the Côte d'Or – similar soils and weather, identical winemaking, just overlooked; give it a try.

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Blanc Cuvée Eugénie Dupard (formerly Clos de la Combe)	2018	12 per case	£125

Pale gold with a green glint and a tight, lactic nose with fresh lemony fruit, leading to a palate of rich, creamed, grilled citrus fruit, intense yet fresh and racy behind, a great combination, with fine acidity. Delicious. Drink 2020 - 2023

Santenay Les Pierres Sèches*	2018	12 per case	£230

Bright green gold with a gorgeous nose of citrus, grilled lemons, rich and toasty, deeply fruited, leading to a fresh and racy palate with plump new wood behind, some cinnamon spice too, layered and really intense on the finish. Great character, wonderful value. Drink 2020 - 2024

Pernand Vergelesses Blanc	2018	12 per case	£250

Jean-Michel has been buying fruit from the same growers for a couple of years now, from three different locations, two of which are *lieux dits*, just below Les Belles Filles. Pale gold with a green glint and a very precise nose of fresh lemony fruit, bright and pure, leading to an equally precise palate of linear citrus fruit, big in body but wonderfully fresh too, going to a racy, beautifully done finish. Drink 2021 - 2024

Chassagne Montrachet	2018	12 per case	£425

From a half hectare plot, with 12 barrels made – a normal harvest for once. Pale green gold with a really restrained nose, some tight *crème caramel* notes, spiced and very focused, leading to a palate of delicious white stone fruits, again spiced and intense yet elegant and refined with lovely lemony acidity, floral, with a gorgeous, vibrant finish and a real step up. Drink 2021 - 2025

			£ per case in bond
Puligny Montrachet	2018	12 per case	£465

Jean-Michel is really proud of his 2018 Puligny *villages* and says it is one of his best ever; he owns just seven *ouvrées* of vines and buys some fruit in from his neighbours in order to have enough volume. In 2018 he harvested all his fruit relatively early to preserve the acidity. Very pale green gold with a nose of tight, less obvious fruit, much more subtle than the Chassagne and really elegant, leading to a super-intense palate, refined and mineral, citrus with fresh acidity behind, beautifully racy and refreshing, lovely intensity, beautifully done. Drink 2021 - 2026

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Clos de la Pucelle (Monopole)*	2018	6 per case	£350

Bright green gold with a nose of creamed citrus with some vanilla behind yet very tight too. On the palate, more citrus fruit, spiced and racy, creamed, super-poised, so fresh and vibrant, almost austere in its purity with a long, citrus-infused finish. Wow!
Drink 2022 - 2026

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Clos du Cailleret (Monopole)*	2018	6 per case	£350

Very pale gold with a green glint; on the nose more expressive spiced white stone fruits, really restrained yet hinting at power, floral – white flowers – and some hay notes. Intense, lemony stone fruits on the palate, racy with a grilled note behind, layered and pure, with a gorgeously expressive finish of spiced citrus fruits. Such precision! Drink 2022 - 2026

Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru Clos des Chevaliers (Monopole)*	2018	6 per case	£1,600

18 barrels made this year, 30% of which are new. Bright green gold with a spicy nose of nutmeg, vanillin, grilled white stone fruits with some lime flowers and honeysuckle too, leading to a fabulously intense palate, rich, layered, weighty yet featherlight, with less overt acidity, going to a delicious, long, powerful yet elegant finish; amazingly focused. Drink 2022 - 2028

Le Montrachet, Grand Cru*	2018	3 per case	£2,000

Just 150 bottles in a good year, so made in a *feuillette*, a half-sized barrel. Pale gold with a nose of rich vanilla fruit, grilled and understandably more marked by oak at present, vibrant, with citrus and grapefruit notes and some spice, leading to a really alluring palate, with marked lime flower notes, pink grapefruit too, vibrant acidity, layered and intense with a racy twist at the end and a really long, rich finish. Spectacular, as you would expect. Drink 2022 - 2028+

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Domaine Chevrot

Pablo & Vincent Chevrot

With the 2016 frost and mildew still making themselves felt through the ongoing work to re-establish their organic certification, the Chevrots thought it was time to improve the grape reception area which was a bit cramped. Total serendipity meant they did this in time for the 2018 vintage which turned out to be the biggest crop they had ever harvested, and over nine days from start to finish rather than spread out comfortably over a couple of weeks. This allowed them to employ extra workers in the winery to help sort the fruit which made the passage of the grapes from field to tank quicker and smoother. In 2020 it will be the turn of the winery, which is currently very small for the amount of wine they are making, with tanks and *cuves* all over the place.

The Chevrots will regain their organic certification with the 2019 vintage, which is a huge achievement, and they are continuing their work on improving their soils by reducing the passage of tractors and heavy vehicles; this autumn a new horse, Valentine, was introduced who is being trained to the vines and who will, ultimately, be able to work the older vines on the steep slopes of Maranges.

			£ per case in bond
Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc	2018	12 per case	£160

Normally this would be in 1 to 2-year-old barrels but because of the frost damage in 2016 and 2017 there were no second hand barrels to pass on so 95% went into tank, just 5% into new wood; approximately 8,000 bottles made. Bright gold with a nose of rich golden fruit, some iodine notes, caramelised and juicy, leading to a palate of supple white stone fruits, fresher and less marked by caramel, instead with delicious creamy baked apple notes, fresh and concentrated with lovely acidity behind, going to a creamy, cooked apple finish – *tarte fine* – and some creamed lemons. Drink 2020 - 2023

Maranges Blanc	2018	12 per case	£200

Pale gold with a stunning nose of glorious white stone fruit, leafy and fresh, pure with some caramel and spice, marzipan, with a hint of plumpness behind powerful citrus notes, leading to a lovely, juicy palate of white stone fruit with distant spice notes behind the squeaky clean citrus, some caramel and really layered going to a long, evolving finish with lime flowers and honey. Delicious wine. Drink 2020 - 2023

Santenay Blanc Comme Dessus	2018	12 per case	£240

On hard, active limestone, generally harvested a week later thanks to its cold soils; bottled the week before we tasted. Very pale gold with a nose of tight, mineral, chalky white fruit, white flowers, lean with no fat, mineral and tight then some plumper fruit comes through, leading to a richer, more gratifying palate, with sweet white stone fruits, a distant note of grilled new wood, rich yet racy, spiced and mineral with a deliciously intense, slowly evolving finish. Takes its time to show what it's made of, but the wait is worth it. Drink 2021 - 2024

Santenay 1er Cru Clos Rousseau	2018	12 per case	£260

New in 2013 but the fruit was sold in bulk as the *terroir* didn't shine through in the wine until now; a brilliant move as the wine has truly found its sense of place in this vintage. Pale gold with a nose of rich yet saline, mineral white stone fruits, talcum powder and leafy too, leading to a palate of fresh white stone fruit, some green notes, no lushness despite juicy fruit, really restrained and poised going to a long lemon sherbet-infused finish. Truly fabulous wine! Drink 2021 - 2024

			£ per case in bond
Maranges Blanc 1er Cru La Fussière	2018	6 per case	£170

This was in the process of being fined when we tasted, which can make a wine a bit discombobulated. Tight white stone fruits on the nose with some savoury notes and a pink grapefruit freshness behind, leading to a palate of savoury white fruits with a bright lemony bite, a touch shy at the moment with warm white stone fruits behind, grapefruit too, going to a long, juicy, mouth-watering finish. Drink 2021 - 2024

Maranges Rouge sur Le Chêne	2018	12 per case	£175

Bottled a few days before we tasted. Wonderful, limpid, purple black with a nose of delicious juicy black fruit, grilled new wood, very opulent and distinct, spiced and floral leading to a palate of sweet black fruits, caramelised, *crème brûlée* too with substantial tannins behind going to a really long, grapey, dark fruit finish. Super-intense; good wine. Drink 2023 - 2026

Maranges Rouge 1er Cru La Fussière	2018	12 per case	£225

Deep, vibrant red purple with a nose of rich jammy red berry fruit, juicy and grassy, rich and intense. On the palate, juicy and ripe red and black fruits again, really concentrated with supple tannins behind, so smooth and elegant, with black fruits – damsons – and a hint of violets and some raw cacao notes, going to a long, dense finish. A real success. Drink 2024 - 2027

Maranges Rouge 1er Cru Le Croix Moines	2018	6 per case	£175

70% whole bunch fermentation, but without the main woody stem included, just the individual stalks – hand-processed and a labour of love; just 1,200 bottles made. Vibrant red to the rim with a wonderful nose of red flowers, red fruit, spiced and creamy, so tempting, with perfume and hay notes behind, really sweet and ripe. On the palate, huge black and red fruit, intense and alluring, creamed and really spiced and rich, floral, with an almost marmalade intensity, super-smooth tannins, leafy yet rich leading to a hugely spiced finish. No wonder it is known as the most favoured spot in Maranges! Drink 2024 - 2027

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Domaine Fontaine Gagnard

For Céline Fontaine, 2018 highlighted the stark differences in water availability in each of their vineyards, with some of their Chassagne vines particularly hard hit by the drought and losing leaves prior to harvest, whilst others, including their Criots Bâtard, in Puligny, remaining luxuriously green. After two years of frost, 2018 left them unscathed, allowing the vines to produce long flower tresses – so much so, that, had there been substantial rainfall, they would have had a huge crop. They began harvesting on 29th August, bringing in Criots on 30th, the first to harvest whilst their neighbours waited for a more auspicious fruit day, based on the biodynamic calendar; their decision to harvest earlier is vindicated by the quality of the wine. For Domaine Fontaine Gagnard, Céline feels that this is a great red vintage, whilst the delicious whites will drink beautifully in the mid-term.

Céline Fontaine

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Passetoutgrains	2018	12 per case	£105

Left for one year on the lees before being racked in September for the first time; no new wood is used. Vibrant red with lovely sappy red berry fruit on the nose, some leafy notes too, perfumed with red cherry and raspberry, really alluring and spiced. On the palate, sweet red berry fruit, strawberries, with light tannins and acidity, really supple and fresh, almost like fruit juice, with a lovely, fresh finish. Gorgeously easy and so tasty. Drink 2020 - 2024

Chassagne Montrachet Rouge	2018	12 per case	£260

From 1.5 hectares, 20% new wood. Amazing colour – ruby red, vibrant to the rim, with a nose of vanilla-infused red fruits, intense and leafy yet hugely ripe too, spiced and alluring – raspberry and damson in particular. On the palate, more serious black and red fruits, with supple tannins behind, some vanilla and grilled notes, racy and fresh but with huge density behind. Long, sweet, tasty, really well done. Drink 2021 - 2025

Chassagne Montrachet	2018	12 per case	£330

From 1.7 hectares; 20% new wood. Bright gold with a savoury nose of white stone fruits, lightly grilled notes behind, floral and very alluring. On the palate, sweet white stone fruit, very plump and juicy, verging on fat but with enough acidity to balance, sweet grilled notes and almost semi-tropical, going to a racy, really alluring finish – hugely drinkable already but with plenty of vim to keep. Drink 2020 - 2025

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru La Boudriotte	2018	12 per case	£430

Pale with a green glint, with a nose of sweet, plump fruit, greengage and yellow plum, as well as some candied fruits. On the palate, racy white stone fruit, less overt than implied by the nose, with some tight, mineral notes, rich and fresh with a really long finish. Clearly from a warm vintage yet wonderfully fresh at the same time – power with fruit and acidity, a great combination! Drink 2021 - 2026

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			£ per case in bond
Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru La Grande Montagne	2018	12 per case	£435

Right at the top of the slope and with very thin soils, Grande Montagne felt the drought keenly in 2018. Deeper gold with a gorgeously intense nose of plump white stone fruits and custard, very velvety, leading to a palate of delicious creamy citrus fruits, grilled and caramel, rich and deep with a hint of proper tropical fruit behind, then leafy mineral notes add freshness, going to a long, plump finish. Drink 2020 - 2025

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets	2018	6 per case	£290

With poor, stony limestone soils in full sun, this is always the first to be harvested. Very pale in colour with a green glint, tightly mineral on the nose with hints of spice and camphorwood leading to a rich, intense palate, layered with semi tropical fruit, peachy even, followed by fresh, creamed citrus notes, leafy and grilled, racy and fresh but with big fruit – again power and citrus combined, going to a long, rich finish. Drink 2021 - 2026

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru La Romanée*	2018	6 per case	£330

Slightly deeper gold with a very tight nose of savoury, mineral white fruits, giving little away at this stage, leading to a palate of intense white fruits, really rich and layered, big and ripe yet with focused acidity behind, going to a long, creamed and spicy finish. Very substantial wine. Drink 2021 - 2026

Criots Bâtard Montrachet, Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£850

33 *ares* (just 0.33 of a hectare), 7 barrels made in 2018. Perfumed, mineral white stone fruits on the nose, really intense, with musky spice and citrus, really alluring and powerful, classic Criots; on the palate, candied white fruits, rich and powerful with fine acidity behind the grilled marzipan notes, leafy with a light, fresh cherry touch, leading to a long, rich, evolving and intense finish, with the acidity completely overlaid by the richness. Drink 2022 - 2028

Bâtard Montrachet Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£850

40 *ares* making 8 barrels. Bright gold with a nose of savoury white stone fruits, intense, spiced with waxy citrus notes too, very tight, leading into a massive attack on the palate – layers of concentrated white stone fruits, really powerful, ripe, sweet citrus, marzipan, white flowers too, with fine acidity behind, almost like an almond lemon cake, rich and incredibly alluring, this will really appreciate time to mature, which it won't get if anyone tastes it young. It even managed to interrupt Le Montrachet, tasted afterwards. What a superb wine! Drink 2023 - 2029

Le Montrachet, Grand Cru*	2018	1 per case	£375

Very pale with a green glint and a really intense leafy nose, big citrus fruits, perfumed and spiced, mineral too, with grilled caramel notes – so alluring, so much going on. On the palate, again incredibly intense, focused white stone fruits, super-rich and concentrated, grilled lemons, creamed, but with big acidity behind – this seems more straight forward than the Bâtard, yet with so many layers and a rich, mineral seam, going to a long, evolving, honeyed and spiced finish. The most remarkable of all the whites, as it should be. Drink 2023 - 2030

Domaine Baptiste Guyot


Baptiste Guyot

Even in a city as vinous as Beaune, it still comes as shock to see vines rising directly out of someone's property. At Domaine Baptiste Guyot, the vines are in the walled garden, a stone's throw from Baptiste's house, with the *premier cru* Teurons knocking on the back wall. It really brings home how important the wine culture is, as if there were any doubt.

Baptiste Guyot took over his grandparents' vineyards in 2010 when there were just 2.5 hectares of the original 14 remaining, the rest having been sold off and somewhat run into the ground. Since then, he has begged, borrowed, bought and crop-shared to arrive at around 9 hectares of vines, from which he makes a handful of Beaune *premiers crus*, Volnays and a Pommard. For us, one of the most exciting wines, however, is the Beaune Clos du Foulot Blanc from the vines in the walled garden – it is just so very different from other white Beaunes, with an extra degree of ripeness perhaps from the protected location, or something in the soil; either way, it is one of the most magical whites and is the star of our tastings every time we show it.

			£ per case in bond
Beaune Blanc Clos du Foulot (Monopole)	2018	6 per case	£85

Bright gold with a nose of fresh, spicy white stone fruit, some quince notes, mineral yet juicy and appealing too, leading to a fresh and racy palate with citrus fruits, grilled with a light cedar note, again quince, rich and juicy, going to a deliciously long finish. Ridiculously tasty. Drink 2020 - 2023

Beaune 1er Cru Grèves	2018	6 per case	£130

Rich red black with a nose of sweetly spiced, crunchy red berry fruit, leafy with a note of parma violets, herby and very pretty. On the palate violets come through once more with soft red berry fruit behind, sweet and leafy, with fresh acidity, very floral, rich too but not lush, with fine tannins and going to a really long, poised finish. Drink 2022 - 2026

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Avaux	2018	6 per case	£135

Much deeper in colour with a nose of juicy red berry fruit, more primary and less floral, leafy and crunchy, leading to a palate with much tighter black fruits, sweet and herby, again lightly crunchy with supple tannins behind, very mineral and elegant, very pretty yet with hidden power. Drink 2023 - 2027

Volnay 1er Cru Vieilles Vignes	2018	6 per case	£145

From three *premier cru* sites – Chanlins Bas, Carelle sous la Chapelle, Pitures – all on the Pommard side of the village. Deep red black with a nose of intense red and black fruit, floral with some linseed notes, leading to a palate of fresh, bright red fruit, leafy and intense with spiced, floral tones which open out slowly and a fine, substantial tannin structure behind, savoury and rich going to a long, powerful finish. Lovely wine. Drink 2022 - 2028

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Domaine Patrick Javillier

Two generous, high quality vintages in a row and a fuller cellar make for happy *vignerons*. Marion Javillier is very pleased with Domaine Patrick Javillier's 2018s, particularly as the freshness in the wines confounded all expectations after the particularly hot summer, which she explained was due to the generally cooler evenings allowing the vines a daily respite from the heat. Marion believes that 2018 is a classic Burgundian vintage, where each vineyard and *terroir* is demonstrably different; in terms of when the wines will be drinking, she places 2018 alongside 2017, which will both drink before their 2016s. She is particularly pleased with the '*matière*' in all the wines which aligns perfectly with the acidity to bring perfect balance. Do make the most of this abundant vintage as 2019 dealt a low blow to the Javilliers, leaving them with very little fruit to harvest.

Marion Javillier

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or Cuvée Les Forgets	2018	12 per case	£150

From the Volnay side of Meursault; bright gold, with a lovely nose of creamy white stone fruit, fresh and juicy, floral with a hint of almond kernels leading to a palate of sweet white stone fruits, some semi-tropical notes, juicily fruited with enough acidity to keep it lifted and going to a vibrant, floral, long finish. Drink 2020 - 2023

Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or Cuvée Oligocène	2018	12 per case	£192

From the Puligny side of Meursault. Bright gold, with a tight nose of white stone fruits, candied orange peel, some marzipan and yellow stone fruit, much more restrained than Forgets. On the palate, sweet, tight white fruits, giving little away at this stage, fresh and vibrant with creamed citrus notes, nutty and going to a lovely citrus finish, balanced and fresh. Drink 2020 - 2024

Meursault Les Tillets	2018	6 per case	£195

At the top of the western slope of Meursault, facing east. Bright gold with a rich mineral nose, stony with a hint of peachy fruit behind, really alluring and sweet too, lovely contrasts, leading to a rich, intense palate, starting with a peachy note and then a big zip of stony, mineral fruit comes through, refreshingly direct, juicy and linear at the same time, with fine acidity and a note of lime flowers too, going to a really long finish. Classic Tillets. Drink 2021 - 2025

Meursault Tête de Murger	2018	6 per case	£300

From two *lieux dits*, Murgers de Monthélie in northern Meursault, and Casse-Tête in the middle of the appellation. Bright gold with a green glint and a nose of tight, fresh white stone fruit, white flowers, really pure and completely different from the Les Tillets. On the palate, plump white stone fruits, golden, almost fat and creamy but with just enough acidity to keep the freshness, mouth-coating with some grilled citrus notes, going to a much tighter, more linear finish, structured and really long. Drink 2022 - 2026

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£550

Deep gold with an intense nose of rich, mineral, white stone fruit, perfumed and really stony, with hazelnut and a distant hint of marzipan leading to a rich, sweet palate, full bodied and creamy, grilled and spiced, perfumed, musky, with almost semi-tropical yet linear fruit too and a grilled note behind, banoffee pie crossed with tiramisu, going to an extremely long, spiced, alluring finish with the acidity behind the rich fruit. Superb but needs some time. Drink 2022 - 2026

Domaine Hubert Lamy


Olivier & Karine Lamy

Olivier Lamy kept forensic notes on the 2018 growing season as it broached so many of the accepted norms, and he focused on three particularly startling facts. After a very wet winter, the dry period between April and September saw just over half the normal average rainfall; at the same time, the amount of sunshine registered was 30% higher than the average, whilst the average temperatures from April to September were a staggering 2°C higher than in a normal year. As a result, Olivier started his harvest on 20th August, picking his fruit in a series of *tries* more normally associated with Sauternes than Burgundy; because of the heat, the fruit had ample sugar and acidity, vital ingredients both, but lacked phenolic ripeness, every bit as important for freshness and balance. Fanatical about his soils, Olivier continues to use less new oak on his wines as he believes it stops the wine ageing gracefully, masking the relevance of the soil. Much of his wine is now aged in 600 litre barrels – *demi-muids* – rather than *barriques*, resulting is wines of extraordinary precision, which punch way above their appellation weights.

				£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Blanc Les Chataigners		2018	12 per case	£195

Matured for one year in 50% *demi-muids*, 50% *barriques*, no new wood on either. Pale gold with a nose of tight white fruit, lime flowers, fresh with a definite touch of lemon sherbet, very restrained and musky. On the palate, white stone fruits, limes too, with rapier-like acidity and loads of sweetness behind, ripe yet linear, with a fresh, floral finish. Very fine. Drink 2021 - 2025

St Aubin 1er Cru Clos de Meix		2018	12 per case	£330

A very steep, walled vineyard on pure limestone which gives great minerality to its wines. Very pale green gold with a nose of sweet, semi-tropical fruit, more overt with some grilled notes behind, leading to a palate of perfumed, pure, creamed lemon fruit, rich and sweet, and again a distant grilled note but very restrained and elegant going to a long, rich, citrus finish. Drink 2021 - 2025

St Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly	bottles	2018	12 per case	£445
	magnums		6 per case	£550

Pale gold, with a nose of linseed and wax before rich, grilled and citrus fruits come through, the most effusive of the Lamy collection. On the palate, sweet white stone fruits with hints of citrus, rich and intense, but ethereal too, with a distant grilled toffee note and a hint of coffee behind going to a fabulously long finish. What a finale! Drink 2022 - 2028

Puligny Montrachet Les Tremblots	bottles	2018	6 per case	£230
	magnums		3 per case	£295

From 45 to 95-year-old vines. Pale gold with a rich nose of white fruits overlaid with cinnamon, allspice with some creamy, savoury citrus notes behind leading to a palate with big lemony fruit, acidity on entry, savoury and no excess sweetness here, really linear and almost puritanical in its purity, beautifully elegant with a finish which starts quietly and builds in volume. Drink 2022 - 2026

Chassagne Montrachet Le Concis du Champs		2018	6 per case	£230

From 15-year-old vines planted at high density. Pale in colour with a nose of citrus, grapefruit, with some semi-tropical notes behind, sweet yet fresh and racy too, not overt, just ripe, leading to an intense, sweet palate, multi-faceted with marked acidity behind the sweetness, juicy and rich, leafy and intense going to a powerful, citrus-infused, elegant finish. Gorgeous. Drink 2022- 2027

Domaine Matrot


Adèle & Elsa Matrot

Having passed the day-to-day running of the Domaine to their daughters, Adèle and Elsa, Thierry and Pascale Matrot allow them a completely free hand, not something that can be said of all handovers. Where previously wines would have been bottled just before the next harvest, the girls have begun to age the wines for longer, only bottling when the wines are ready, as opposed to the cellar's demands. In addition, they are no longer systematically racking the wines after malolactic fermentation, but leaving them on their lees, racking only if the wines need it or when it is time to prepare for bottling.

The heat in the 2018 growing season worried the Matrots and visions of 2003 swam before their eyes but in early August there was a full day of proper rain – Pascale said it was 'raining money' – allowing the bunches to plump up and finish their ripening, and they ended up with a big yield of high quality fruit, the like of which they hadn't seen since 1982. Elsa commented that it was all they could do to get the press clean in time for the arrival of the next tractor load, a nice problem to have. Both red and white grapes came in with a delicious freshness, so unexpected given the amount of sun, resulting in wines which will drink well at almost every stage of their development.

				£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Chardonnay (screwcap)	bottles	2018	12 per case	£125
	magnums		6 per case	£165

20% new oak; pale gold with a tight, flinty nose with lovely grilled notes, creamed lemons, white flowers, leading to a linear palate of citrus and white pear, mineral and fresh, really nicely done with a long, ripe finish. Superb value. Drink 2020 - 2024

St Romain	2018	12 per case	£200

25% new oak; pale gold with a nose of rich, green stone fruits, fresh with creamy lemon fruit, tight with a hint of fruit jellies behind, leading to a palate of delicious poised white stone fruits, lemon, citrus, creamed and relatively rich but with lovely acidity behind to keep it in check, juicy too with distant spice on the lifted finish. Delicious. Drink 2021 - 2025

St Aubin 1er Cru Le Charmois	2018	12 per case	£310

45% new wood; relatively deep gold in colour with a nose of rich, succulent golden fruit, yellow peaches with hazelnut and almond too, leading to a super-plump palate of grilled, creamed citrus fruits, leafy and fresh with a touch of orange zest, really rich with good acidity behind, going to a lovely, racy, citrus finish. All pleasure! Drink 2021 - 2025

Meursault	2018	12 per case	£350

Aged in barrels between one and five years old. Pale gold with a nose of tight white fruits, very elegant, creamed and not overt in any way, with leafy green notes and distant spice, leading to a delicious palate of citrus fruits, very linear and mineral, tight and fresh, rich yet so restrained, with a light bite of spice on the hugely long finish. The polar opposite of the St Aubin! Drink 2022 - 2027

			£ per case in bond
Meursault 1er Cru Blagny	2018	12 per case	£490

No new wood, with barrels of one to three years old, and still in barrel when we tasted. Pale gold with a green glint, with rich white and green stone fruits on the nose, leafy and creamy with some grilled notes behind. Sweet and intense on the palate, spiced and grilled with racy lemon fruit, dense with notable acidity behind the ripe fruit going to a long, poised finish. Really powerful yet elegant too. Drink 2023 - 2028

Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes	2018	12 per case	£530

Pale gold with a nose of white stone fruits, green leafy notes too, ripe and rich, with layers of creamy white stone fruit on the palate, very intense, *crème brûlée* too, with some grapefruit and lemon behind and fine, balancing acidity on the long finish. Super-fine and refined. Drink 2023 - 2028

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chalumeaux	2018	12 per case	£540

Pale green gold with fresh lime flowers on the nose, very tight and giving little away, leading to a deliciously expressive palate of sweet white stone fruits, white flowers, fresh and juicy, with refreshingly racy acidity behind; sweet and bright, racy and poised with a deliciously intense finish. Wow! Drink 2023 - 2029

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes	2018	12 per case	£680

Bright green gold with a broad, ripe white stone fruit nose, white flowers, rich and grilled, intense and so different from the other Pulignys, much more concentrated, leading to a palate of rich white stone fruits with a hint of orange zest, citrus, grilled and really focused, linear, mineral, but with lovely fat around the baseline and going to a fine, linear finish. Superb. Drink 2023 - 2029

Meursault 1er Cru Perrières	2018	12 per case	£680

Bright green gold, with a really overt nose of cinnamon and spice with creamed white stone fruits, a hint of green apple too, leading to a really intense palate, very pure with creamed white fruits, citrus, dense and intense yet linear too – a wonderful combination – zingy and fresh with a grilled note behind, going to a deliciously long finish. Bravo! Drink 2024 - 2029

Bourgogne Pinot Noir (screwcap)	2018	12 per case	£135

10% new wood used. Bright red, vibrant to the rim, with a nose of succulent redcurrants, juicy red berry fruit, rich and intense in a very primary way, leading to an equally primary palate of crunchy red berries, sweet and ripe, with light tannins behind going to a lovely, fresh finish. Instant satisfaction! Drink 2020 - 2023

Maranges (screwcap)	2018	12 per case	£155

This had just been filtered when we tasted, but with no sulphur added yet; rich deep red berry fruit, crisp, creamy and spiced leading to a rich and intense palate of sweet red berry fruit, juicy and crunchy with some musky notes, with ripe, supple tannins behind and going to a long, pretty finish. Drink 2021 - 2025

			£ per case in bond
Auxey Duresses	2018	12 per case	£235

From two parcels, one on the edge of Meursault and the other on a steep slope close to St Romain, with old vines on cold soils. Vibrant red with a nose of juicy, cool red and black fruits, with a light grilled note and a hint of *crème pâtissière* too, leading to a palate of black fruit, juicy and structured, intense and layered with lots of pretty Pinot Noir fruit, cool and poised, with a long, perfumed finish. This doesn't feel like it comes from a hot year! Drink 2021 - 2026

Monthélie	2018	12 per case	£240

Vibrant red with a nose of fresh red berry fruit, and a hint of black pepper, leading to a rich, intense palate with red berry fruit, juicy with good structure, a light grilled note, really intense and complete going to a long, sweet finish. For me, the best ever Monthélie from Matrot. Drink 2021 - 2026

Meursault Rouge	2018	12 per case	£250

Very deep in colour right to the rim with a nose of intense black fruits, cassis, minty and dark, more brooding than the other reds, with notes of damson and mulberry; on the palate, dense, ripe red fruits, intense and alluring, with some toasty new wood notes, this is a real step up with juicy red and black fruits, creamed, structured, spiced and very long on the finish. Superb. Drink 2022 - 2027

Volnay 1er Cru Santenots	2018	12 per case	£410

Grown on clay-limestone soils on a steep slope, with particularly thin soils. Vibrant red with a nose of rich, intense black fruit, much more concentrated than in previous vintages, creamed and brimming with energy. On the palate, rich, leafy, creamed black fruits, really intense, ripe and sweet, with hints of violets and a distant mineral touch, with masked tannins behind going to a long, linear finish. Surprisingly powerful compared to earlier incarnations. Drink 2023 - 2028

Blagny 1er Cru la Pièce sous le Bois	2018	12 per case	£410

Deeper red with a nose of much more powerful black fruits, intense, mineral, stony yet perfumed too, very tight, leading to a palate of deliciously complete black fruits, with super-ripe tannins behind lovely black berry fruit, brambly and spiced, musky, ripe, grilled, focused and concentrated – again, one of the biggest Blagnys in some time. Wow! Drink 2023 - 2029

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Domaine Michel Niellon

Lucie Coutoux

Domaine Michel Niellon is another estate working towards handing over to the next generation, with cousins Mathieu Bresson and Lucie Coutoux heavily involved in the vineyard and cellar. 2018 was a superb vintage for Niellon, both in terms of quantity and quality, with sun and rain at all the right times and in the right proportions resulting in what Lucie called a 'classic, good vintage'. Harvest began on 2nd September in Chevalier, and Niellon were, as usual, one of the first to start, principally because they spend most of their time in the vineyards and know the vines intimately. My tasting notes had a 'note to self' to say that I would never have guessed these wines came from a hot vintage as they were all so precise and fresh.

We finally received our first allocation of Niellon's red Chassagne last year and are delighted to be able to offer it again this year; the vintage was every bit as successful for the reds which were ready to be harvested at the same time as the whites. No stems are included in the red fermentation, and all of the wines are aged in oak, one third of which is new.

			£ per case in bond
Chassagne Montrachet Rouge	2018	12 per case	£200

From three parcels: Battaudes, Mouchottes and Concis du Champs. Deep vibrant red to the rim with a nose of wonderfully inky red and black fruit, smoky and powerful, violets, blueberries, damsons but not overripe, spiced with a hint of tar. On the palate, dense fruit and even bigger tannins, savoury and juicy, intense, the perfumed black fruits have a refreshingly tart twist at the end to lighten, going to a tarry, fresh, beautifully balanced finish. Drink 2024 - 2029

Chassagne Montrachet	2018	12 per case	£340

A blend of around 10 parcels from all over the appellation, roughly three hectares in total with 25% new oak on the *villages* wine. Bright gold with a nose of creamed lemon fruit, toasty and grilled with a lovely citrus burst and a fresh leafy note behind, leading to a palate of deliciously fresh, pure, linear white fruits, citrus, rich yet racy, very mineral and much less overt than usual, going to a really vibrant, pure, tight lemony finish. Drink 2020 - 2024

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Clos de la Maltroie	2018	6 per case	£250

From one hectare of vines ranging up to 50 years of age; the parcel contains both red and white vines on a powerful, heavy clay soil. Pale gold with a green glint and a nose of rich, buttery white fruits, hazelnut, honey and creamed citrus behind, with white flowers too, very alluring, leading to a palate of dense yet racy citrus fruit, some toasty oak notes with fresh acidity, powerful with a really lovely contrast between rich and linear, going to a long, spiced, mineral finish. Drink 2022 - 2027

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Les Champs Gains	2018	6 per case	£250

From two parcels of 20 and 25-year-old vines, covering 44 *ares*; Champs Gains is only separated from Maltroie by a road, yet the soils are totally different, with less rich clay and more limestone here. Pale with a green glint and a gorgeously smoky, spiced, white stone fruit nose, wood spice, citrus and some semi-tropical fruit too, intense, leading to an equally focused and racy palate, gorgeously plump, with grilled citrus fruit, integrated wood spice, honeyed and mineral, going to a long, evolving finish. Gorgeous and truly ethereal. Drink 2022 - 2028

			£ per case in bond
Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chaumées Clos de la Truffière	2018	6 per case	£260

0.5 hectares, planted between the two world wars, east facing and directly under a quarry with extremely poor soils – in places there is no more than 5-10cm of soil so the area is very hard to work. Bright gold with a nose of lovely semi-tropical fruit, pink grapefruit, with some grilled hazelnut notes, really alluring, leading to a palate of rich, intense white stone fruit, lemony, with good acidity behind, racy yet fine, with a distant savoury, saline note, really stunning, going to a long, creamed yet full-on citrus finish. Truly superb. Drink 2022 - 2029

Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£1,150

Niellon's only parcel in Puligny, and just 23 *ares*. Bright gold with a nose of rich citrus fruit, a hint of marzipan, rich and leafy, some smoky notes and very tight, sweet and layered and much more linear than the Chassagnes. The palate is fabulous, rich and supple with gorgeous white stone fruit, white flowers, really pretty but with a full load of power behind, spiced with incense too, going to a truly stunning, floral, spiced, fresh finish which goes on and on. Drink 2024 - 2030

Closures and traceability in Burgundy

Closures and traceability are very hot topics in Burgundy as growers strive to bring wines of the very highest quality to the market and, throughout the region, we encountered interesting opinions.

Domaine Matrot have been bottling our Bourgognes under screwcap for many years and we are delighted with the consistency of quality; they use natural cork for their other wines. Meanwhile, Céline Fontaine has switched all of her closures to *Diam* (a form of sterilised agglomerate cork) to avoid any potential variation issues in her wines. Laurent Cognard, at Château de Buxy, uses *Nomacorc* for his earlier drinking bottles – an innovative plant-based cork made from sustainable and renewable sugar-cane materials, in line with his *Terra Vitis* status.

Anne Parent is also trialling *Diam* closures with her Bourgogne Chardonnay, however she is not quite ready to use them for her *grand cru* range as she is not yet convinced that they are suitable for long-term maturation. Instead, both Anne and Pablo Chevrot are working with a new type of natural cork preparation which sterilises the cork without the use of peroxide, each one checked for taint by a sniffing machine which can detect problems way below the threshold of even the most sensitive human nose. These corks are stamped with the letters ND followed by a code which means that any tainted wine can be tracked right back to the original cork and bottling batch, ensuring absolute traceability.

Domaine Michel Niellon have gone one step further, introducing a traceability chip called 'WID Track' into their neck labels, firstly to allow them to monitor the distribution of their wines and improve their logistics and, more importantly, to allow consumers to download reliable information about the vintage, the Domaine and even their own specific bottle through an App. Burgundy is definitely moving in modern and very interesting times.

Domaine Anne Parent

Anne Parent

With some growers, information is hard to come by, every fact or nugget dragged out reluctantly through intense questioning; with others, like Anne Parent, we enjoy a masterclass in everything, from *terroir* to climate, grape varieties to politics, with more than a little winemaking and philosophy thrown in for good measure. We never want to leave! For Domaine Parent, 2018 along with 2017 and 2011, represents only the third 'normal' crop since 2009, the other vintages being hit by a pretty wide canon of natural disasters – hail, frost, heat and mildew. 2018 was complicated, with the picking date the major challenge to ensure sufficient ripeness without over-ripeness, with very gentle handling of the must to avoid pulling out any harsh green notes. Needless to say, Anne Parent has pitched it perfectly, with her wines consistently perfumed and intense from start to finish.

			£ per case in bond
Corton Blanc Grand Cru	2018	6 per case	£550

100% barrel fermented, using barrels from two coopers with wood aged for 36 months, the ageing period decided upon after extensive trials; no lees stirring. Deepish gold with a nose of fabulous greengage fruit, intense spice, racy, some vanilla and white flowers, leading to a palate of sweet white stone fruits, rich and toasty in the background, leafy, long and with wonderful energy and tension. This is fabulous! Drink 2021 - 2028

Bourgogne Pinot Noir	2018	12 per case	£170

Vibrant red black with a nose of sweet black fruit, juicy and leafy with spice and black pepper notes, leading to a palate of sweet red and black fruit, light and juicy, fresh and vibrant, very soft, supple tannins with a refreshing cranberry twist on the end. Mouthwatering and succulent. Drink 2020 - 2024

Pommard La Croix Blanche	2018	12 per case	£485

Just below *premier cru* Epenots, with 10% whole bunch fermentation and less than 40% new oak used. Vibrant, deep red black, limpid, with a sweet, juicily fruited nose, perfumed and spiced, with alluring, tarry red berry fruits with some jammy blackberry notes too. On the palate, deliciously perfumed black fruits, really rich, with notes of grilled brioche and dark chocolate, sweet and lightly spiced, not dense but with a beautifully lifted quality and a delicious mineral backbone. Gorgeous. Drink 2022 - 2028

Pommard 1er Cru Les Chaponnières	2018	6 per case	£400

30% whole bunch fermentation, 50% new oak. Vibrant red black, not dense, with a fabulous nose of hugely alluring black cherry fruit, liquorice, savoury with some spice and a hint of green peppercorns, leading to a palate of sweet, perfumed red and black fruits, rich and intense, toasty and grilled, which starts off gently and builds to a really long damson-fruited finish. Delicious. Drink 2023 - 2029

Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots	2018	6 per case	£475

Sourced from both Petits and Grands Epenots, with 30% whole bunch fermentation and 50% new oak. Red black right to the rim, with a nose of lovely mineral, earthy black fruits, perfumed, with cocoa and toasty grilled notes, black jelly perfume too, really alluring, leading to a fabulous palate which explodes with stunning black fruit, toasty and grilled, savoury and sweet, intense and perfumed, with very ripe tannins behind the fruit and going to a long, grilled, creamy finish. Wow! Drink 2024 - 2031

Domaine Poisot


Rémi Poisot

Rémi Poisot is a direct descendant of Louis Latour, who divided his estate between his two children, one half being the foundations of the current Maison Louis Latour and the other half taking his daughter's name, Poisot. Successive subdivisions in each generation have meant that the estate, which Rémi took over in 2010, is just over two hectares, in five different appellations. With such small vineyard holdings, a difficult vintage for Rémi shows itself very clearly in the cellar, with the missing barrels a stark reminder, something we have seen all too often in the past decade. Not so the 2018s, which repaid Rémi's patience by filling his cellar rather fuller than usual – although there is still room for more, which has long been part of the master plan, subject to finding the right parcels of vines in at least *premier*, if not *grand cru* sites. Harvesting here began on 1st September, with the red grapes, and the Pernand Blanc was harvested on 3rd September. Small quantities of magnums are available for all of these wines.

			£ per case in bond
Pernand Vergelesses en Caradeux Blanc*	2018	6 per case	£120

0.2 hectares, facing east so shaded in the early afternoon which retains freshness in a hot year. Pale gold with a nose of tight, white stone fruits, fresh, herby and creamy, leading to a palate of juicy white stone fruits, spiced and again some herby notes, light caramel, deliciously fresh and poised to a lovely spiced finish. Drink 2021 - 2024

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£495

0.57 hectares; normally 40% new oak, but in 2018 they were taken by surprise by the amount of juice and had to buy more barrels, ending up with 70% new wood. Pale gold with a very tight nose of green stone fruits, lightly grilled and spiced, intense and floral which explodes onto the palate with toasty, sweet green and white stone fruits, perfumed and musky, even a hint of cinnamon behind, really lovely and rich and super-dense, going to a long, fresh, balanced finish. What an ace! Drink 2022 - 2026

Pernand Vergelesses 1er Cru en Caradeux*	2018	12 per case	£295

Deep, intense purple black, with a very primary nose of youthful blackcurrant fruit, with dark chocolate, spice, fresh cassis, some toasty notes too, really striking, leading to a palate of dense black fruits, rich with toasty new wood, a minty cassis note and supple tannins behind, very primary and intense, with so much tasty fruit in the mix. Deliciously appetising. Drink 2022 - 2027

Corton Bressandes Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£350

Impressively deep purple red in colour, with a nose of creamed black fruits, dense, rich and really intense, some raw cacao notes, spiced and juicy, leading to a palate of concentrated rich black fruits, deeply spiced, floral, very mineral too yet generous at same time, with so much going on, layered and with super-ripe tannins behind, going to a smooth, grilled, toasty, floral finish. Wow! Drink 2024 - 2029

Romanée St Vivant Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£1,250

Very deep, vibrant purple red with a nose of crushed red and black fruits, spiced and savoury yet elegant and floral too with some grilled new wood notes behind. On the palate, sappy, crunchy black fruits, rich and intense, layered and mineral with huge volume yet beautifully elegant and refined at the same time, with a wonderfully spiced, long, complex finish. The more the wine is worked in the glass, the more it reveals. Stunning. Drink 2024 - 2035

Domaine Seguin-Manuel


Thibaut Marion

The lot of the grower-*négociant* is getting ever harder as, even in an abundant vintage, fewer growers are prepared to sell their fruit, preferring instead to make and market their own wines. To get around this, Thibaut Marion works with several growers on a long-term basis, paying a premium for their fruit which allows him to manage the vineyards right through the season, including determining the picking date. This also gives him the opportunity to work in a broader range of villages, right across the Côtes de Beaune and Nuits, rather than be restricted to the location of his own vines, which are mostly in the Côte de Beaune.

In 2018 Thibaut started his harvest on 31st August in both Puligny and Savigny, finishing by 8th September. All the fruit comes into his cellars in the centre of Beaune and is fermented and barrel aged there, in myriad tunnels radiating out under the roads – it is somewhat surreal just how far they go!

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or	2018	12 per case	£110

Made with fruit from the Meursault area. Pale gold with lime flowers and fresh lime on the nose, rich and juicy, pretty and alluring, floral and with some candyfloss notes too, leading to a palate of sweet white fruits, full-bodied with floral tones, honeyed but still fresh and with mouth-watering, balancing acidity on the finish. Drink 2020 - 2021

Puligny Montrachet Les Reuchaux (Domaine)	2018	6 per case	£195

A plot of just 20 *ares* at the Meursault end of Puligny. Pale gold with a green glint, with tight white fruits on the nose, some lemon biscuit notes, floral and savoury leading to a less overt palate, although very Chardonnay in style, with pithy citrus notes, candied fruits and a distant mineral touch going to a long, sweet, leafy finish. Drink 2020 - 2023

Beaune Blanc 1er Cru Clos des Mouches (Domaine)	2018	6 per case	£250

At the southern end of Beaune, touching Pommard, Clos des Mouches is one of the largest of the Beaune *premiers crus*. Bright green gold with a nose of gorgeously plump caramelised white stone fruit, floral and leafy with a distant tropical hint. On the palate, fresh, vibrant white stone fruits, intense and creamy, grilled lemons, rich and wonderfully balanced, bright and linear, with an incredibly poised finish. Truly stunning. Drink 2022 - 2025

Savigny-lès-Beaune Vieilles Vignes (Domaine)	2018	12 per case	£195

From the very first vineyards purchased by Thibaut, with 70-year-old vines, planted on gravel. Deep red black, vibrant to the rim, with a nose of savoury black fruits, perfumed, sweet and juicy, leading to a more mineral palate, intense and juicy, smoky, rich and layered, with lots of fruit masking the ripe tannins behind and going to a juicy fresh finish. Drink 2021 - 2025

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Lavières (Domaine)	2018	12 per case	£240

25% whole bunch fermentation here; this had just been filtered when we tasted. Deep red black to the rim with a nose of sweet juicy, jammy black fruit, some caramel and toasty notes too, leading to a palate of dense, ripe, red and black fruits, really alluring, grilled and toasty with substantial ripe tannins behind as well as light acidity, going to a lovely long, satisfying finish. Drink 2022 - 2026

			£ per case in bond
Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts (Domaine)	2018	12 per case	£300

On the southern side of Beaune, 25% whole bunch fermentation here. Paler red, vibrant, with a nose of juicy red and black fruits, intense, leafy and fresh but also toasty and smoky with a savoury note behind, leading to a palate of dense red fruits, some black, ripe yet refreshingly leafy too, spiced with a fine structure behind, going to a long, stylish finish. Very satisfying. Drink 2023 - 2028

Echézeaux Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£695

Just one barrel made, so 100% new wood, more than Thibaut would use normally. Deep red black, with a nose marked by the new oak, some spice and dense red berries, perfumed and sweet. On the palate, intense red fruit, dense, rich and oak-spiced with ripe tannins behind, some acidity too, tarry and fresh, with a long, structured, grilled finish. Drink 2023 - 2029

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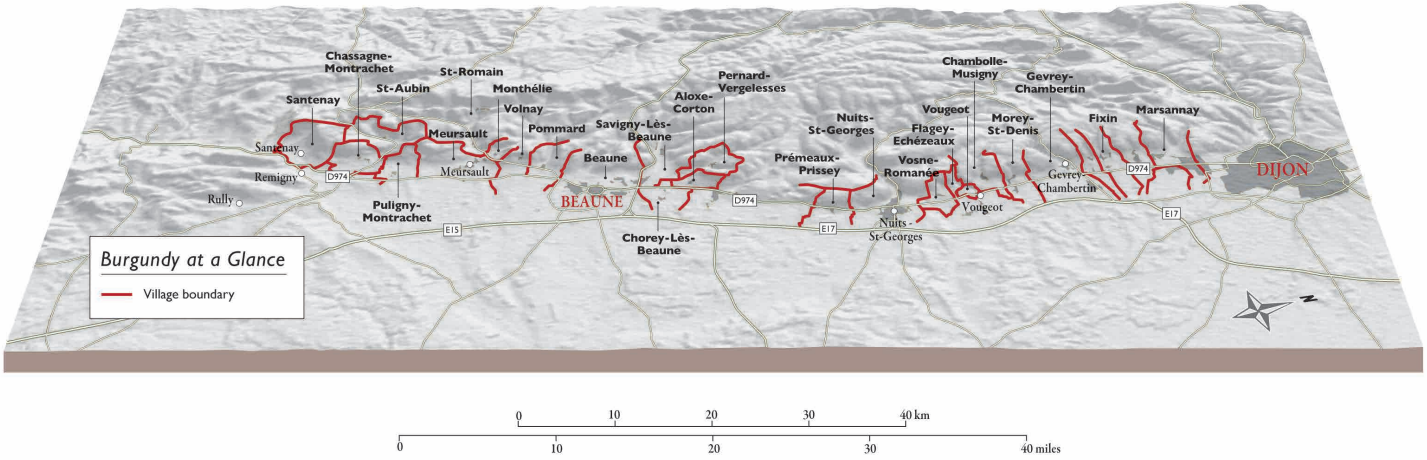

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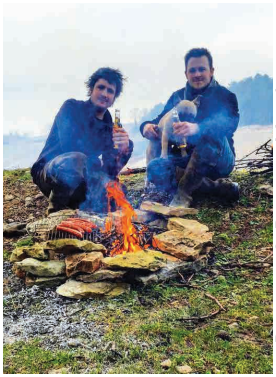
Domaine Jean Vaudoisey


Romain & Baptiste Vaudoisey

So rarely does a new Burgundy Domaine come to our attention, with wines that positively sing from the glass, that half of us wants to shout it from the rooftops and the other half wants to swear you all to secrecy. And so it is with our new discovery: Domaine Jean Vaudoisey.

The Domaine covers just 7.5 hectares, principally in Volnay, Pommard and Meursault, with some regional wines and a small plot of Monthélie too. No weed-killers have been used here for over 10 years and the brothers are following *lutte raisonnée* principles. The vines are old, some up to 70 years plus, although some have had to be replanted, particularly in Meursault and Monthélie where frost and then hail severely weakened the plants in recent years; once harvested, the fruit is all de-stemmed prior to fermentation in concrete tanks and ageing in oak, the wines then remaining undisturbed until racking prior to bottling. The use of new oak is modest, with a maximum of 25% on the *premiers crus*, as the aim is for the vineyards to be heard, and they surely are. Based on what we tasted in December, this is a Domaine to keep a close eye on.

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Rouge	2018	12 per case	£120

Of their 2.75 hectares of Bourgogne Rouge, much is sold as fruit to a *négociant*. Deep red black with a nose of tight red fruits, spiced and herby, leading to a palate of gorgeously dense black fruits, rich and spiced, juicy and youthful, some sappy wood too going to a long finish. Lots of bang for your buck here! Drink 2020 - 2024

Volnay	2018	12 per case	£250

Vibrant deep, dark colour with a gorgeous nose of spicy black fruit, really intense, blackcurrant, some tar and with the volume turned right up! On the palate, juicy, primary black fruit – damson, sloe – with some grilled notes, deeply fruited with supple but substantial tannins behind the perfumed fruit and spice, going to a long, chocolatey, full bodied finish. Drink 2022 - 2027

Pommard	2018	12 per case	£260

Deep dark red with a gorgeous nose of rich black fruits, blackcurrant and some mulberry, sweet fruits, not soured, and savoury too; on the palate, big velvety black fruits, spice, some tar but essentially very primary, rich and intense, huge volume here too, intense, sappy and ripe with lots of ripe tannins and good acidity. Good wine! Drink 2024 - 2029

Volnay 1er Cru Mitans	2018	6 per case	£160

Not quite as dark in colour with a nose of rich, leafy black fruits, spiced and creamed, it comes right out of the glass yet with pretty floral fruit and a note of black jelly too. Fabulous black fruits on the palate, intense and savoury, with some earthy notes and very supple tannins behind, bright and juicy with a long, succulent finish. Wow! Drink 2025 - 2030

Domaine de l'Arlot


Géraldine Godot

Two intense hail storms, both centred on the village of Premeaux to the south of Nuits St Georges, wreaked havoc on the vines of Domaine de l'Arlot on 3rd and 15th July 2018; the upside of the storms was the very welcome arrival of 160mm of rain which accompanied the hail so although there was significant damage, the remaining fruit finally had what it needed to ripen. The final yield averaged 28 hectolitres per hectare, as opposed to the more normal 35+ hl/ha, but the quality is exceptional.

For properties like Arlot, who are organic and biodynamic, hail followed by rain is one of the hardest challenges as rot can set in quickly where there is damaged fruit, but thanks to their impeccable vineyard husbandry, there were no problems here.

			£ per case in bond
Côtes de Nuits Villages Blanc, Au Leurey*	2018	6 per case	£120

Very pale gold with an amazing, exuberant nose of citrus fruits, grilled new wood and marzipan, alluringly fresh and juicy, leading to a palate of delicious white stone fruit, perfumed and poised, yellow plum, with good freshness behind and going to a light, juicy finish with candied fruit notes too. Delicious. Drink 2020 - 2023

Nuits St Georges Blanc, 1er Cru Clos de l'Arlot (Monopole)*	2018	6 per case	£340

From vines planted in 1955 and 1986. Bright gold with a phenomenal nose of intense citrus fruits with hints of marzipan, rich and caramelised, leafy too. On the palate, rich white stone fruits, powerful yet light, again a candied citrus note, creamy, herby and fresh with a deliciously long, bright finish. Amazingly approachable now but will age beautifully. Drink 2021 - 2026

Côte de Nuits Villages Clos du Chapeau	2018	6 per case	£130

Vibrant red with some brick on the rim and a nose of instant red berry fruit, caramel and brioche, herby and leafy, sweet and bright – a lovely contrast between ripe and fresh notes – leading to a sweet, intensely Pinot palate, racy and juicy, with fine density, ripe tannins and a lovely juicy fruit / fresh herb contrast which continues onto the finish. Very vibrant and immediate. Drink 2021 - 2024

Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Mont des Oiseaux	2018	6 per case	£250

From vines planted in 1998 and still considered too young to be included in the Clos de l'Arlot *grand vin*, this is essentially a second wine, although the concept doesn't really exist in Burgundy. Deeper red black to the rim with really intense Pinot Noir notes on the nose, floral and herby with succulent ripe fruit too, less overtly grilled with lovely spice, leading to a palate of juicy, fresh black and red fruits, with substantial smooth tannins behind, floral and lightly creamy and going to a long, floral, bittersweet finish.
Drink 2021 - 2025

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				£ per case in bond
Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Clos des Forêts	bottles	2018	6 per case	£325
St Georges (Monopole)	magnums		3 per case	£330

Deep red black to the rim with a nose of sweet, juicy black fruits, very concentrated, with notes of cedar, vanilla, some brioche, really tight and dense and holding stacks of promise, leading to a massive attack on the palate of rich, dense black and red fruits, perfumed and leafy with lots of contrasts, sweet and intense with substantial tight tannins, going to a really long finish infused with perfumed oriental spice. Drink 2024 - 2030

Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Clos de l'Arlot*	2018	6 per case	£340

The oldest vines here date from 1955. Deep black red, vibrant to the rim with a nose of sweet black and red fruit, some *crème pâtissière*, perfumed yet quite closed too, not giving much away, then leading to a more open palate of delicious strawberry red fruits, herby, fresh and vibrant, floral and ripe with gorgeous intensity and a fresh mineral and saline streak, going to a long, floral finish with super-ripe tannins behind. Drink 2023 - 2029

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots	2018	6 per case	£480

35% whole bunch fermented; deep pink purple right to the rim, vibrant, with a nose of very tight velvety black fruit, a completely different profile to the Nuits wines with no spice or brioche notes. On the palate, fresh herby fruit, much more restrained and very structured with substantial, supple tannins behind, mineral and floral, with very distant grilled and herbal notes but oh so tightly knit at this stage, going to a long, structured finish which will need time to come round. Drink 2025 - 2030

Romanée St Vivant Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£1,750

Adeline Piette called this wine *'la force tranquille'* – the quiet strength. 35% whole bunch fermentation here, with just four barrels made. Really deep and intense colour right to the rim, almost opaque, with a rich, velvety, black fruited nose, tight with distant musky spice, perfumed and floral. On the palate, initial sweet black fruits are quickly overtaken by the substantial structure, with rich, layered tannins, tight but very present, with plenty of juicy spice behind, rich yet tart with a lovely mouth-watering, long, structured finish. This is stunning and will need time. Drink 2025 - 2034

Domaine Lucien Boillot


Pierre Boillot

Pierre Boillot was very happy with his 2018s – despite the hot weather, he felt he had the perfect combination of ripeness, acidity and tannin, with a precision to the wines which is rarely seen; the last time he came close, he believes, was with the 2010 vintage, but even that lacked the perfect ripeness he was seeking. High praise indeed for the vintage, and even more so as Pierre isn't given to effusive declarations about his wines.

Harvest began on 31st August in Volnay, picking fruit that already had the potential to reach 14%, which is so unusual for Pinot Noir; in common with other growers, if Pierre had waited any longer he would have run the risk of unbalanced wines reaching over 15%. His whites display the same levels of ripeness with crisp acidity, with his Puligny Perrières tightly focused and his Pinot Beurot (aka Pinot Gris) a thing of perfumed wonder – a bit left field, given that the vines are interspersed with Pinot Noir vines in Volnay, originally planted to counteract rude tannins, but when made into a stand-alone wine it is so wonderfully expressive.

			£ per case in bond
Pinot Beurot	2018	6 per case	£100

Pinot Gris by another name, from 60-year-old vines in Volnay. Pale gold with a nose of creamy, caramelised white fruits, juicy with a zip of green, leading to a palate of lovely white stone fruit, neither fat nor skinny, some caramel, rich and lean with moderate acidity, exotic with a chalky, musky finish. Not destined for a long life but truly delicious right now! Drink 2020 - 2022

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières	2018	6 per case	£340

Very pale gold with a green glint; very tight, almost forbidding white stone fruit on the nose, restrained and mineral; on vigorous swirling it opens up to reveal rich hazelnut, some clotted cream with herby fruit, leading to a much more relaxed palate with big, soft, supple white fruits, grilled and creamy, sweet and ripe, warm, creamed and fresh with a long, mineral, citrus finish.
Drink 2020 - 2025

Volnay	2018	12 per case	£330

Bright red black with a nose of juicy, fresh red berries, leafy and crunchy too leading to a palate more focused on primary dark fruits with a lovely bitter chocolate twist behind, toasty and grilled and substantial ripe tannins on the finish. Drink 2023 - 2027

Gevrey Chambertin	2018	12 per case	£370

From twelve different parcels, from the Morey side of Gevrey – finesse and elegance – and Brochon – power, colour, structure. Vibrant purple red right to the rim, gorgeously limpid with a nose of fresh, mineral black fruits, tight and slightly savoury, not giving much away just now, leading to a much more open palate, floral and perfumed initially with sweet black fruits behind, almost juicy with a hint of caramel, grilled, but incredibly focused and intense, going to a long, sweet, floral finish. Really alluring.
Drink 2024 - 2028

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			£ per case in bond
Gevrey Chambertin Les Evocelles	2018	12 per case	£450

Vibrant deep red black with a nose of gorgeous rich black fruits, some caramelised notes, grilled, with creamed fruit behind, leading to a palate full of juicy, creamy black fruits, sweet, ripe, intense and rich, with supple tannins, along with some sappy, dark chocolate notes on the long finish. Truly fabulous. Drink 2025 - 2030

Volnay 1er Cru Clos des Angles	2018	12 per case	£490

On the Pommard side of the village, with clay soils. Deep red black right to the rim with a fabulous nose of extracted, sweetly perfumed black fruits, herbal, smoky and caramelised, and a visible step up from the *villages* wine, leading to a palate with sweet black fruit on entry, deliciously concentrated with grilled new wood, sweet and caramelised, primary red and black fruits overlaid by light spice, with ripe tannins, balancing acidity and a long, ripe, brambly finish. Drink 2024 - 2029

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux	2018	12 per case	£565

Next to *grand cru* Mazis Chambertin. Red black right to the rim with a very tight nose of sappy, perfumed black fruits, very sweet with a hint of blackcurrants, leading to a palate of impressive power and intensity, sweet black fruits, grilled and alluring, and with a very present ripe tannic structure behind going to a long, grilled, satisfying finish. Drink 2025 - 2031

Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets	2018	12 per case	£575

On the Meursault side of the village, on poor rock soils. Deep, dark in colour with a more restrained nose of tight black fruits, sweet yet restrained, with notes of camphor, mineral, even tarry, leading to a palate of sweet red and black fruit, again the same mineral and camphor notes, with fine but detectable tannins behind, elegant and intense and much more restrained than the Clos des Angles. This will need more time to open up. Supremely elegant. Drink 2025 - 2030

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Domaine Michel Gros

It is always exciting watching the next generation move into the family Domaine, and this year Michel Gros' son, Pierre, has relinquished his successful financial career in Paris to take over from his father, who claims he is now merely a consultant, although he is clearly very present to show Pierre the ropes. Wine studies done, there is no doubt that, in time, Pierre will be looking to make some changes at the Domaine, even though the wines are always delicious.

2018 held some challenges for Domaine Michel Gros, with hail reducing their Hautes Côtes de Nuits vineyards by half on 15th July. Generally, the older vines coped well with the heat, but Michel explained that 2018 was determined by harvest dates – even delaying by one day made for a completely different style of wine. Here harvest started on 4th September, finishing on the 17th.

Pierre & Michel Gros

			£ per case in bond
Hautes Côtes de Nuits Fontaine St Martin (Monopole)	2018	6 per case	£120

Following the July hail, there was a significant number of damaged berries which had dried within the bunches and which had to be removed, so the Gros used an optical sorting machine for the first time; they are delighted with the results. Rich red black with lovely savoury fruit on the nose, very Pinot Noir, intense with lots of black fruit. Very concentrated on the palate with dense black fruits, particularly blackberry, savoury too with supple tannins and a light bite of acidity, going to a long, finely fruited finish. Drink 2021 - 2024

Nuits St Georges Les Chaliots*	2018	6 per case	£220

Just below *premier cru* Porêts St Georges, with one third new oak. Bright ruby red with a nose of succulent red berry fruit, sweet and ripe, perfumed and fresh, leafy and a warm fruit note too. On the palate, rich caramelised Pinot fruit, intense and jammy yet with bright leafy freshness, a lovely juxtaposition, perfumed and racy and very stylish to a very long, bright finish. Drink 2023 - 2027

Vosne Romanée	2018	6 per case	£300

Vibrant purple black, dense, with a gorgeously velvety nose, sweet and ripe, intense and again a leafy yet super-ripe contrast, black pepper too, leading to a palate of deliciously ripe black fruits, savoury with a *crème brûlée* note, really intense and floral, rich and juicy, sweet and spiced yet crunchy and bright, going to a deliciously alluring finish. Drink 2022 - 2026

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées*	2018	6 per case	£485

Tucked into a corner, virtually touching *grand cru* Richebourg, with 50% new wood. Very dense red black to the rim, very deep in colour with a nose of rich, slightly forbidding dark fruit, intense with black cherry (but not sweet), spice, mulberry, and even blackcurrant, very perfumed, leading to a densely fruited palate of more substantial black fruits, ripe and layered with big tannins behind, grilled, rich and perfumed, with a distant note of violets, going to a long and layered, structured finish which goes on and on. Drink 2024 - 2030

			£ per case in bond
Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Clos de Réas (Monopole)*	2018	6 per case	£540

On the boundary with Nuits St Georges, with massive, pink-veined limestone blocks in the subsoil called *marne saumon de l'Oligocène*; 50% new wood. Very dense and dark right to the rim, unbroken and vibrant, with a nose of perfumed, caramelised red fruits (red berry crumble) overlaid by violets, alluring and complex. On the palate, deliciously intense black fruits, savoury, rich and layered, with substantial tannins and a lovely caramelised *crème brûlée* note, perfumed, long and intense with a very persistent finish. Gorgeous. Drink 2024 - 2031

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru*	2018	6 per case	£750

Just 0.2 hectares in one parcel, usually producing three barrels but only two in 2018. Deep, jewel-like red black with a fabulous Pinot Noir nose with caramelised wood notes, rich and grilled, a touch of *crème brûlée* with such delicious black fruits – cooked blackcurrant, mulberry, some sloe – incredibly alluring and perfumed even though the wood is still marked. Superb on the palate with huge black fruit, grilled and powerful, rounded with lovely smooth ripe tannins behind the extrovert fruit, perfumed and floral too, intense and smoky going to a very long, fresh, floral finish. Such finesse. Drink 2024 - 2031

Domaine Bertrand Machard de Gramont


Axelle Machard de Gramont

Whilst most of Burgundy was luxuriating in the largest harvest for some time, in 2018 the Machard de Gramonts were, once again, facing a particularly small one, hit by the hail storms of 3rd and 15th July which centred on Premeaux. Their Bourgogne Rouge and Nuits Vallerots vineyards took a bashing, almost halving their yields, whilst their Allots vineyard, safe from the hail, suffered from a serious attack of mildew, which took away almost as much again. Certified organic and working to biodynamic principles, this is particularly tough as the best protection against mildew is chemical, with the permitted contact sprays not working as well, not to mention being washed off by rain. There is no whole bunch fermentation here as Bertrand Machard de Gramont feels it harms colour stability.

Machard de Gramont's cellar is legendary amongst the Private Cellar team for its icy temperature – it was sub-zero outside. Bertrand commented on how the extreme cold can shut the wines down, making them seem harder on the palate – but despite the cold they were vibrant and showed beautifully well. New to the fold this year is a tiny plot of Vosne Romanée Les Barreaux, touching Cros-Parantoux and Richebourg, for which we have a micro allocation for customers ordering other wines from the Domaine.

			£ per case in bond
Bourgogne Rouge Les Grands Chaillots	2018	12 per case	£190

4-year-old barrels are used here to avoid marking the wine with new wood. Bright red black with a sweet black cherry note, some spice and cedar notes too, leading to a palate of delicious black cherry fruit, sweetly spiced, really intense, savoury and juicy with a fine tannin bite and a fresh finish. Drink 2021 - 2025

Nuits St Georges Les Terrasses des Vallerots	2018	12 per case	£325

Limpid red black, vibrant with a nose of black fruits and some crunchy notes, floral with a hint of capsicum and some orange zest too; on the palate, delicious red cherry fruit, redcurrants, racy and fresh, spiced black jelly with light fresh tannins behind, perfumed and juicy, really refreshingly crunchy and perfumed on the finish. Drink 2022 - 2026

Nuits St Georges Les Vallerots	2018	12 per case	£385

Just five barrels made here instead of the usual eight, thanks to hail. Bright red black with a nose full of contrasts: dark fruits, spiced and perfumed, black jelly and flowers, lots of spices and layers, so fresh yet so ripe, leading to a palate of sweet, juicy black fruits, ethereal, floral and precise, mineral too, incredibly elegant and balanced with the ripe tannins scarcely noticeable until the very end, with a spiced, floral, long finish. Delicious. Drink 2024 - 2028

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			£ per case in bond
Nuits St Georges Aux Allots	2018	12 per case	£395

On the Vosne side of Nuits, touching *premier cru* Les Vignerondes. Deep purple red with a sweet, floral, black fruited nose, perfumed and spiced, velvety and expressive, savoury too, leading to a palate of dense black fruits, fresh and crunchy, juicy with perfumed black fruits and some sappy spiced notes too, going to a long finish with supple tannins behind. More subtle than their other Nuits wines. Drink 2024 - 2028

Nuits St Georges Les Haut Pruliers	2018	12 per case	£425

Planted in 1965; the usual five barrels made here. Deep red black, with a gorgeous nose of black cherry fruit, sweet and alluring but reined in, with a distant note of mulberry and dark chocolate, a very different profile from the Vallerots. On the palate, dense, intense black fruits, with lovely balance, smoky, perfumed and spiced with the fruit dominating the spice, very focused with a tight mineral note behind the crisp raw cacao. Stunning wine. Drink 2025 - 2029

Vosne Romanée	2018	12 per case	£425

From three parcels of 45-year-old vines, close to Clos de Vougeot and Echézeaux. Vibrant red black with a red berry nose – raspberry, loganberry, mulberry – with notes of dark chocolate and spice behind, rich and alluring, leading to a palate of deliciously velvety fruit, rich and sweet with savoury black fruits underscored by supple tannins and a distant cranberry note, with spice coming out right on the finish. Well done. Drink 2023 - 2027

Vosne Romanée Les Barreaux*	2018	12 per case	£500

0.12 hectares, at the top of the hill above Richebourg and Cros-Parantoux, just one barrel made. Vibrant purple black with a nose of sweet, jammy black fruit, perfumed and primary, rich with some dark chocolate notes too, leading to a palate of dense, perfumed black fruit, much more expressive than the nose, sweet and juicy with fine tannins, a light leafy note but more on mulberry fruit, rich, almost jammy with delicious mineral freshness behind and a long satisfying finish. Drink 2024 - 2029

Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW
& Axelle Machard de Gramont

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet

For Rossignol-Trapet, 2018 bears remarkable similarities to 2009, high praise indeed; the concern was that, with the heat of the summer, overripe flavours could develop in the fruit making for wines which tire easily. Instead, because of the wet winter and brimming water table, the vines didn't suffer from stress during the hot weather and Nicolas and David Rossignol were able to start their harvest relatively early, picking beautifully ripe, balanced fruit. They included a lot of whole bunches, in some cases 100% whole bunch fermentation, because the stems were so ripe and added a zip of freshness to the fruit; there was no *pigeage* (punching down) at all, with just some rack and return to keep the fermentations on track without extracting too much tannin. The result is gorgeously fruity wines, perfumed and balanced with incredibly supple tannins behind – all round a great success.

Biodynamics at Rossignol-Trapet

				£ per case in bond
Gevrey Chambertin Vieilles Vignes	bottles	2018	12 per case	£315
	magnums		6 per case	£350

Very deep red black with a truly wonderful nose of grilled red fruits, caramel too, intense and ripe, lovely and incredibly alluring with notes of violets and purple fruits and a distant savoury touch. On the palate, the sweet, spiced black fruits are very overt, with substantial ripe tannins behind, big and juicy, grilled, spiced, with hints of caramel and a distant floral note. Lovely wine.
Drink 2023 - 2027

Beaune 1er Cru Teurons	2018	6 per case	£185

Teurons is right under a cliff, on very stony soil which warms up well. Vibrant red black to the rim with a nose of juicy, leafy sweet black fruit, floral too, with some light spice and distant raspberry aromas, leading to a palate of delicious sweet black fruit, perfumed and layered and so very pretty, with waxy raspberry coulis notes, a light stalky touch, going to a soft, supple finish with the tannins totally masked by the fruit. It could almost come from the New World, it is so juicy! Drink 2022 - 2026

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle	2018	6 per case	£345

Deep red black to the rim, vibrant, with a nose of savoury red and black fruits – blueberry, damson, mulberry – very alluring and mouth-watering, leading to a palate of deliciously ripe black fruits, perfumed, leafy and fresh, with floral whole bunch perfume, distant spice, much more primary, with layered, ripe tannins behind and going to a deliciously long, weighted and spiced finish.
Drink 2024 - 2030

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Clos Prieur	2018	6 per case	£350

Deep purple black to the rim with a nose of ripe, savoury, spiced black fruits, dense and grilled, less overt than the *villages* Gevrey but rich nonetheless, more classic Pinot Noir, with fewer grilled notes and a fresh leafiness too. On the palate, sweet black fruits (blueberries) and more austere ones (damson and mulberry), spiced and savoury, juicy and intense, lighter in the mid-palate with super-ripe tannins behind, going to a long, sweet finish. Drink 2024 - 2028

				£ per case in bond
Chapelle Chambertin Grand Cru*		2018	6 per case	£590

Deep red black with a nose of gorgeous ripe black fruits, savoury and perfumed, intense and very alluring, leafy and ripe with the trademark whole bunch fermentation notes; going to a truly fabulous palate of intense black fruits, perfumed and floral, savoury, with fresh plum notes, grilled caramel and a wonderfully long, spiced finish. Superb. Drink 2025 - 2034

Latricières Chambertin Grand Cru*		2018	6 per case	£600

On a similar soil to Chambertin but tending more towards elegance. Deep, limpid red black, with a nose of sweet and savoury black fruits, mulberry, leafy and fresh, grilled and deliciously overt, with a hint of whole bunch perfume too, leading to a palate of creamed black fruits, some blueberry, rich with spices, mineral, intense, layered and hugely alluring already with substantial ripe tannins behind and going to a long, strong, violet-perfumed finish. Drink 2025 - 2032

Le Chambertin Grand Cru*	bottles	2018	6 per case	£975
	magnums		3 per case	£1,000

Deep in colour with a dense, phenomenally lifted nose of black fruits, intense and leafy and multi-faceted, really inviting with a savoury, black cherry note, perfumed and floral, leading to a palate of sweet, ripe black fruit on entry, intense and layered with soft acidity and a fine tannic backbone, going to a really spiced, black fruited, long finish. Wow! Drink 2026 - 2035



Seasons at Rossignol-Trapet

Domaine Truchetet

Hail seems to have become the nemesis of Domaine Truchetet, with every year seeing some damage; in 2017 they had 'dry hail', without any rain, and lost around 20% of the crop, however in 2018 there was no such luxury, with two separate hail storms focusing on Premeaux in July taking out between 30% and 80% of the fruit, depending on the location of the vineyard. It was particularly tough as Morgan and Julie Truchetet had only taken over the Domaine from their father in 2018, a real baptism of fire.

The Domaine is moving towards organic certification, having followed organic and some biodynamic practices in recent years and they have begun working their very old Nuits vineyard with a horse to avoid the inevitable damage caused by tractors going between the 100-year-old vines. Out with the old and in with the older!

Julie & Morgan Truchetet

£ per case in bond

Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc La Montagne	2018	12 per case	£150

From limestone-rich soils. Bright green with a nose of ripe, creamed citrus notes, mineral with some distant oak too, alluring, very tight, leading to a wonderfully expressive palate, saline and mineral, with grilled *crème pâtissière* notes, creamy, rich and layered with notes of lemon sherbet on the palate, intense and truly delicious, wonderfully precise and linear with a lovely long finish of racy minerality. Wonderful. Drink 2021 - 2026

Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes Les Chaillots	2018	12 per case	£145

From 60-year-old vines on two different soils – one on clay, on the low slopes, and the other at the top of the slope on flint (*chailles*) and limestone, similar to the Nuits soils. Deep, vibrant red, with deliciously juicy, smoky red berry fruit on the nose, some spice, red flowers, black pepper, perfumed blueberries going to a very lifted, floral fruited palate, sweetly spiced, layered and rich with supple tannins behind going to a mid-length finish for instant gratification. Drink 2020 - 2023

Hautes Côtes de Nuits La Montagne	2018	12 per case	£175

Vibrant red to the rim with a nose of much more concentrated leafy black fruits, perfumed and pretty, mineral and spiced, leading to a deliciously tight, flinty palate, very mineral yet rich too, then fresh, floral, crisp red fruits come through with super-ripe tannins behind, saline and going to a really pretty, ripe, juicy finish. Good wine. Drink 2021 - 2025

Nuits St Georges Vieilles Vignes	2018	12 per case	£375

From a half hectare plot of 100-year-old vines in the *lieux dits* of Charbonnières and Topons, just below *premier cru* Les Forêts. Deep black red to the rim with an inviting nose of floral fruit, very elegant and ethereal, substantial yet refined, leading to more floral black fruits on the palate, rich and tight, incredibly dense and long with huge elegance, a very distant grilled caramel note behind and a lovely herbal twist right on the very end. So much going on here and needing time to fully open up. Drink 2024 - 2028

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Pouilly Fuissé Les Brûlés, Ch. Fuissé	£350	W	12	9
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Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées, Dom. Michel Gros*	£485	R	6	35
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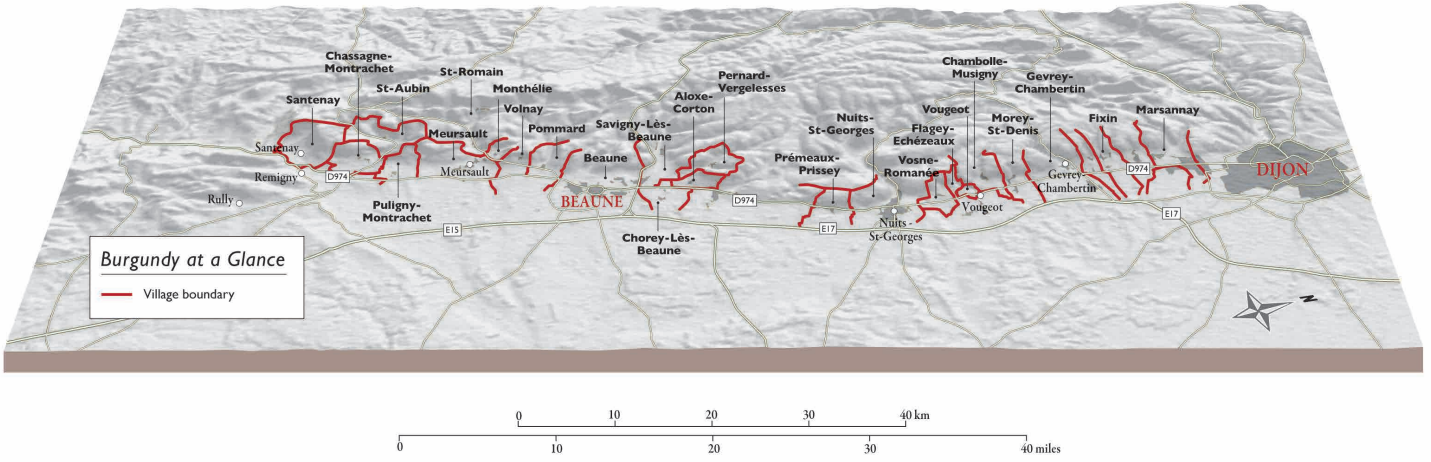

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