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Introducing Domaine Pierre Vincent

Pierre Vincent must count as one of Burgundy's best kept secrets. Whilst his name may not be well known to many, the wines he has been making for the past two decades are nothing short of legendary, their reputation intrinsically linked to him and his skill. After years of working at firstly Domaine de la Vougeraie and more recently Domaine Leflaive, Pierre Vincent has hung up his corporate boots and struck out on his own, buying a small Domaine in Auxey Duresses where he can be completely independent, in charge of his own decisions.

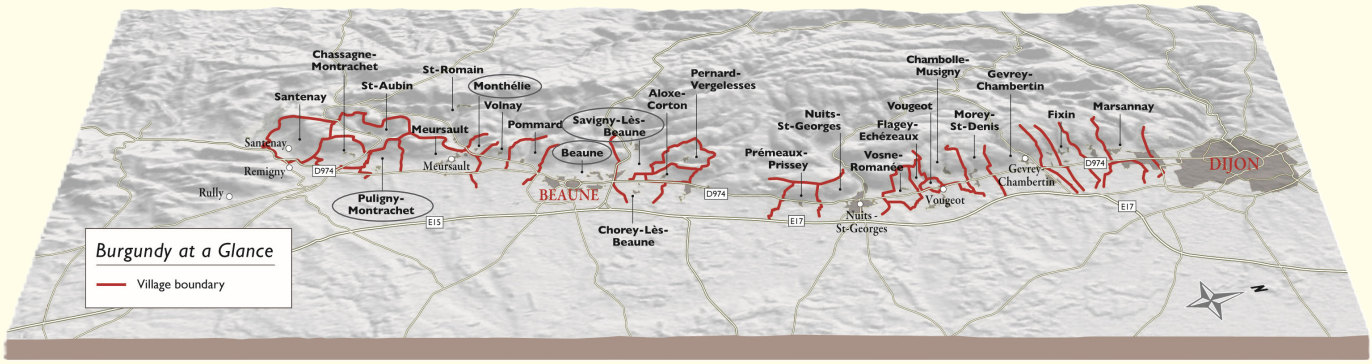
The Domaine consists of seven hectares of very old vines, producing 20 different *cuvées*, with a split of two thirds white wines to one third red. Pierre and backers bought the Domaine in 2023 and whilst they had full control over both the harvest and vinifications, they were not involved in the vineyard prior to their purchase. However, the former owners of the Domaine worked the land well, following organic rules, albeit without being certified, and Pierre is planning on moving towards biodynamics – both Vougeraie and Leflaive are biodynamic and he has seen the positive effects on the vines and their wines.

The wines produced range from Grand Cru Corton Charlemagne right down to regional Bourgognes Blanc and Rouge; their production is traditional and not faddish, with new wood limited to a maximum of 15% on all *cuvées*; inevitably, given the size of the Domaine some *cuvées* are pretty small so where there are four or fewer barrels there will be no new wood at all. All whites are barrel fermented and will remain in barrel for a maximum of a year before being finished in stainless steel to rest with no oxygen ingress. Reds are fermented from a mix of destemmed fruit and some whole bunch, up to a maximum of 30%, with subsequent aging in barrel.

So, what about the wines? My first tasting, in the oppressive mugginess of a stormy July day, was one of overwhelmingly serious wines – like the man, these are not flashy or explosive, nor smothered in technical winemaking, but incredibly poised and focused, charismatic and with phenomenally long finishes. Pierre wants the individual terroirs to sing, and boy, they do just that. I came away with my palate tingling and my brain racing.

Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW, November 2024

"Tasting through the maiden vintage, Pierre Vincent has lost none of his magic touch. It is something preternatural, not something you can be taught. He has a knack for elevating an entire portfolio, irrespective of vineyard status, from regional to Grand Cru. His whites are suffused with beguiling mineralité and tension, articulating with utmost clarity their individual terroirs." **Neal Martin, www.vinous.com**



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The wines

Bourgogne Pinot Noir

From three different plots: 20 *ares* in Les Grand Clous Perrons, Meursault, planted in 1951, 70 *ares* in Corpeau, on the edge of Puligny, planted in 1962 and 20 *ares* in Monpoulains, Volnay, planted in 1972.

Bourgogne Chardonnay

Sourced from two different plots: 7 *ares* in Les Grand Clous Perrons, Meursault, planted in 1951 and 39 *ares* in Corpeau, on the edge of Puligny Montrachet, planted 1962.

Monthélie Les Sous Roches

22 *ares*, planted in 1996 this is an extension of 1er Cru Les Duresses, on a 20% slope with marl limestone and clay, very chalky too and littered with small rocks.

Savigny Lès Beaune 1er Cru Les Vergelesses

At the top of the hill just below the woods on a very steep slope, between Savigny Lès Beaune and Pernand Vergelesses and facing north east towards the hill of Corton. One plot in two parts with marl limestone soils. 45 *ares* were planted in 1989 and 15 *ares* in 1999.

Puligny Montrachet Villages

From two south-east facing plots: 21 *ares* in Les Nosroyes, planted in 1952, just below 1er Cru Clos de la Mouchère and 8 *ares* in Les Levrons, planted 1981, below 1er Cru Les Perrières.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts

From 12 *ares* planted in 1949 on a south east facing slope on limestone soils, close to the boundary with Meursault.

* 1 are = 0.01 hectare / 0.025 acres *

= These wines are exclusive to Private Cellar in the UK

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Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru

LES VERGELESSES

2023

Tirage limité à 3857 bouteilles

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Wines

			Per case in bond
Bourgogne Pinot Noir	2023	6 per case	£216.00

100% destemmed; 15% in new wood, one experimental amphora, with the balance matured in barrels of one to seven years old. Vibrant pale ruby red, not dense with a nose of gorgeously pure Pinot Noir, floral with some grilled creamed notes, fresh, leafy yet ripe, with a lovely saline touch on the palate with a light but present tannin texture, spiced and bright with good depth; not intense but oh so pure, proper Pinot Noir with a long, fruited, leafy finish. Drink 2026 - 2030

Bourgogne Chardonnay	2023	6 per case	£240.00

15% new oak with the balance matured in barrels of one to seven years old. Bright gold with spiced white stone fruit on the nose, *crème pâtissière*, a hint of fresh green leaf and a light citrus note behind, angelica, light butterscotch and some waxy notes. Incredibly focused on the palate, lightly spiced palate with creamed white fruits, rich and intense with great definition and a really long, poised finish. And this just a Bourgogne Blanc! Drink 2026 – 2030+

Monthélie Les Sous Roches	2023	6 per case	£330.00

Pale with a very tight nose of white flowers, some waxy, creamed fruit with a touch of spice but essentially giving very little away at present. Racy and linear on the palate, citrus inflected and so demonstrative compared to the nose; layered white stone fruits, floral, fresh and rich, spiced and really opening up on swirling, going to an incredibly long, spiced finish. Wow! Drink 2026 - 2031

Savigny Lès Beaune 1er Cru Les Vergelesses	2023	6 per case	£468.00

Bright gold with a nose of spiced, musky white fruits with a very distant note of *crème pâtissière*, rich and floral with a hint of marzipan and some lime flowers too. Even more complex on the palate, layered yet linear, very direct with notes of white flowers, white stone fruits, light spice and a long, evolving, rich finish. This is superb. Drink 2027 - 2032

Puligny Montrachet Villages	2023	6 per case	£525.00

Very bright gold with a tight, focused nose, linear, mineral and even stony, with white stone fruit, a hint of nougat, rich and golden, spiced with notes of iodine and white pepper, leading to a substantial palate of mineral and citrus fruit, almost creamed before it pulls back to allow the stony lemony notes to take over, a light grilled touch, racy and zingy with amazing length too. Drink 2027 - 2033+

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts	2023	6 per case	£970.00

Very pale with a tight stony nose layered with iodine and oyster shells, a light nougat note, very lightly creamed but without a scrap of lushness, leaning more to green fruits with a caramel twist. Spectacular on entry, this is all about intensity and focus with white stone fruits, rich and floral, layered, with citrusy acidity masked by the fruit going to a powerful yet elegant finish. This is a real step up even on the Puligny *villages*. Just three barrels (900 bottles) produced in 2023. Drink 2027 - 2034+

These wines are offered per case, in bond, and will be shipped in late Spring 2025

If you would like any more information please don't hesitate to contact us.

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