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USING THIS BROCHURE

Overview

Burgundy is a region defined by terroir, so this brochure is set out accordingly.

Starting with wines from Chablis, the Mâconnais and Beaujolais, we work our way up the Côte d'Or from south to north, from village to village. Some domaines make wines from numerous villages; they are listed in the village that we feel best defines them.

To find a particular domaine, please see the table of contents.

Prices

At the time of print, all listed prices are up-to-date. Please be aware that they are subject to change, and not all are yet available.

In those instances, we have provided guide prices based on an expected six bottle case. Our website will have the most up-to-date information as and when we confirm new wines and their prices.

Should you have any questions, our team is always on hand to advise.

The guide bands are:

<100 | 100+ | 200+ | 400+ | 600+ | 800+ | 1000+

Allocated wines

Some wines are in high demand and as such, will be allocated. We aim to fulfil all clients' requests. In the rare event of demand exceeding the allocation of a specific wine, we prioritise those making a balanced order of wines from across the range.

The wines that will be allocated are marked in this brochure with two asterisks. (**)

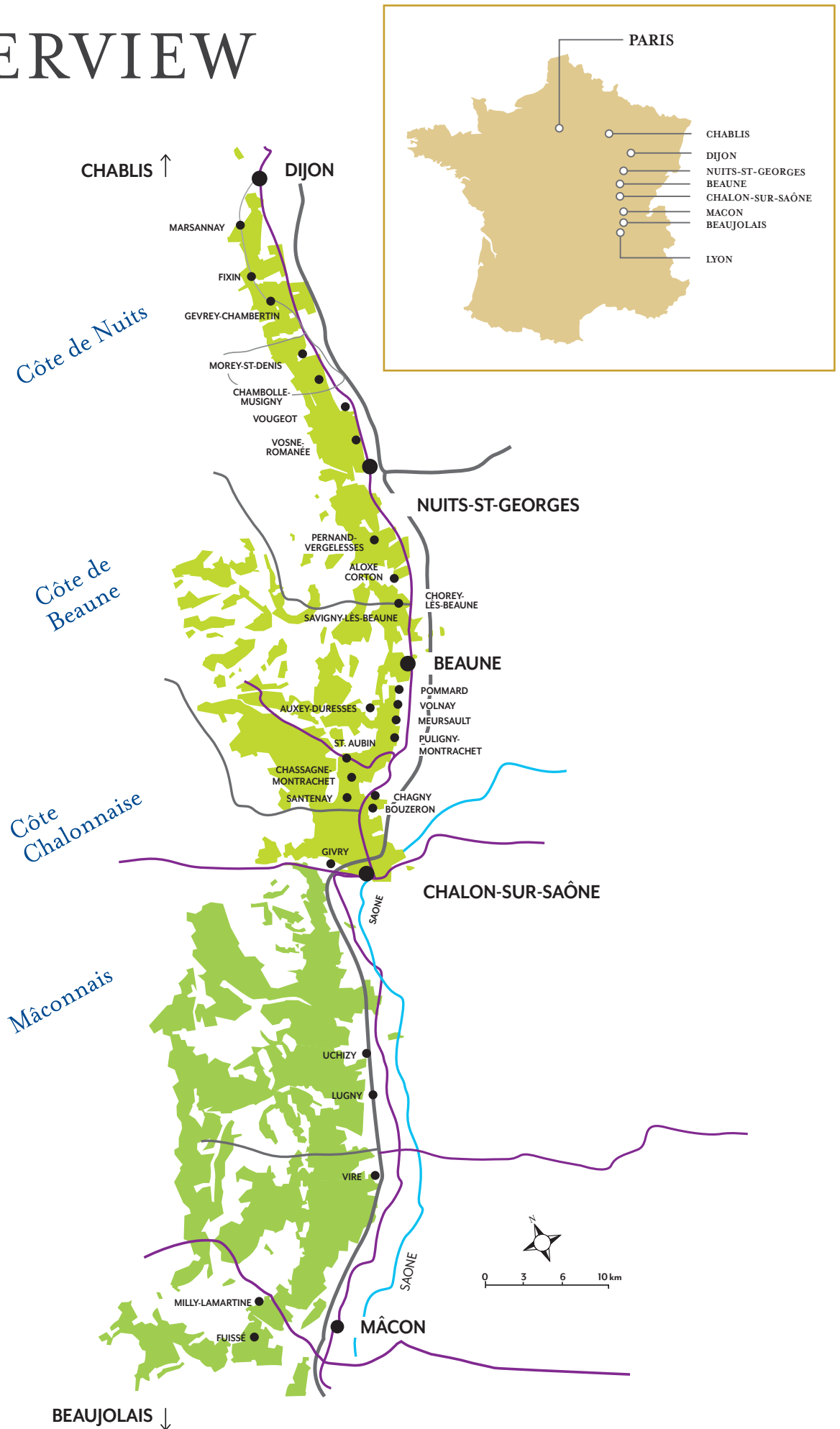
Instagram

Producers increasingly use social media to share what's going on in the vineyard and in the cellar. One growing platform is Instagram. We'd like to help you discover their accounts by indicating their handle, where applicable, next to this symbol.

Bonne lecture!

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OVERVIEW



VINTAGE REPORT



2016: A FROSTED MIRACLE

Overview: On Tuesday 26th April 2016, the winemakers of the Côte d'Or awoke to a beautiful yet terrifying sight. The vineyards were coated in a glistening white sheen.

And as the sun came out, its power was amplified by the frost that coated the buds, burning many to a shrivel. This was the worst frost that the Côte d'Or had seen since 1981.

Winemaker Amélie Berthaut described rushing to one vineyard that typically frosts, and finding it untouched; yet other plots that normally survive were decimated. This was the nature of this frost: cruel and unusual in its punishment.

This will be the narrative that accompanies 2016. A year of frost. It could be far too easy to tar the vintage with this brush.

However, to do so would be a huge mistake. I've spent more than a month in Burgundy this year, visiting every one of our producers (many of them multiple times). I've watched the 2016s develop in barrel, and to say I'm impressed would be an understatement.

The phrase 'miracle vintage' can seem overused. But in 2016 it is apt. I visited the Côte d'Or at the start of July 2016: the sun was shining, the vineyards looked healthy. But looking deeper among the vines, something was missing: nascent grapes. In many vineyards, vines were restricted to one or two bunches per plant - far less than usual.

Not only had vigneronns suffered the frost, wet weather in May and June led to mildew pressure unlike anything they'd seen before, further reducing quantities. Indeed, for many it was this mildew pressure in May and June that led to tiny yields, more so than the more heavily publicised frost.

Fortunately, this was the point that the region's fortunes changed. From around the equinox onwards the weather cleared up, with prolonged periods of warm temperatures and dry weather.

There were a few showers at the end of August, relieving any concern of heat stress and refreshing the vines.

When the growers came to pick, in mid-September, they found those grapes that remained to be in rude health. Vinification and winemaking passed without event, presenting a vintage where the balance of freshness and intensity is the most striking factor.

Given the challenging start, such a superb result can only be seen as a miracle.

THE REDS: THE HIGHEST HEIGHTS

2015 was a vintage where the red wines of the Côte d'Or received almost unprecedented critical acclaim.

But in some areas, and from some producers, 2016 may be even better. The highs are higher, but you'll need to pick carefully.

Amongst the reds, the worst hit communes by frost were Volnay and Pommard, Savigny-Les-Beaune, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Flagey-Echézeaux, Chambolle and Marsannay, with some sectors of Gevrey also affected. Vosne and Morey seem to have survived relatively unscathed. But there seems very little lag in quality between frost-hit vineyards and healthy vineyards. It's more important to pick the right producers, rather than to avoid certain villages.

At this stage, one might ask about other vintages which might compare to 2016.

A few producers offered their thoughts. 2010 came up alongside other ideas, but what was striking was the lack of any consensus. 2016 is a vintage that wows with its balance, to an extent that's rarely been seen before.

Nicolas Potel mentioned 1991, commenting that this too

was frost affected, followed a hugely successful campaign in 1990, and that was slightly overlooked at the time. He added that, of the two vintages, he'd much rather be drinking '91s now.

For me, the 2016 vintage shares the very best qualities of 2014 and 2015, with the verve and energy of the former, and the volume and ripeness of the latter. For reds on the Côte de Nuits and the Côte de Beaune, it is a vintage for Pinot Noir lovers.

THE WHITES: PICK CAREFULLY, AND YOU'LL BE RICHLY REWARDED

The Côte de Beaune fared no better than the Côte de Nuits when it came to frost. Indeed, it was only Puligny-Montrachet that escaped the worst of the weather (with the exception of the grands crus, which, unfortunately, suffered badly). In certain parts of Chassagne, St-Aubin, and Meursault villages, destruction was near total; plenty of cuvées were not made this year.

However, as with the reds, it's not all bad news. It is again a vintage where selecting growers carefully is key: and that's exactly what we've done.

And here, the wines are charming and balanced, showing the perfect mix of weight and texture that can only be found in Chardonnays from Burgundy. Being critical, they perhaps lack the verve and energy of 2014, but have an extra layer of tension and precision compared to 2015. Producers like Olivier Lamy and Laurent Martelet have produced truly outstanding 2016s: wines that you simply won't want to miss.

CHABLIS: BETTER THAN 2014?

In a vintage characterised by happy surprises throughout Burgundy, Chablis still stands out. Here they suffered not only frost and mildew like their southern cousins, but also hail storms in May. Indeed, photographs from the aftermath look apocalyptic, with piles of golf-ball-sized hailstones, and vines stripped of their leaves.

But despite this, 2016 is a stunning vintage in Chablis. Samuel Billaud and Jean-Claude Bessin consider it superior to the much-vaunted 2014 vintage, with the same energy

but another level of complexity and power. While such a view is not uniform, what is certain is that this is an outstanding vintage for Chablis and that these wines remain remarkable value compared to the rest of the region.

With another short crop in 2017, they won't stay this price for long, so stock up while you have the chance.

MÂCON: UNDERESTIMATED AT YOUR PERIL

The Mâcon remains an oasis in Burgundy for those looking for good value wines! In 2016 they have better acidity than the rounder 2015s, and hold a very pure Chardonnay character. For everyday drinking, here's where to look. But don't underestimate these wines: examples from Lafon or Château de Fuissé have huge potential to age, and to develop further complexity.

THE MARKET: REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

Despite tiny quantities produced by many growers, there's good news on the horizon. On the Côte d'Or, 2017 has proved plentiful. For the first time since 2009, estates up and down the Côte have full cellars of excellent wine. And as a result, many prices for the 2016s will remain stable: it will just be fluctuations with the exchange rate that will result in small rises.

However, for 2016 the issue remains: for many communes and many top growers, quantities are considerably reduced. This will only increase pressure on certain wines, and certain producers.

I'm optimistic: there are plenty of outstanding wines to be found, from both likely and less likely sources. Two things are certain: 2016 is a vintage that you'll want to have in your cellar. And to get it there, you'll have to be quick. I encourage you to stock up.

Best wishes,



Robbie Toothill | Buyer

CHABLIS & MÂCON



DOMAINE J.P. ET BENOÎT DROIN CHABLIS

Present in Chablis since at least 1620, nobody understands Chablis better than the Droin family. It was Jean-Paul who put the estate on the map, working with some of the region's finest vineyards, with his son Benoît, the fourteenth generation, now in control. Benoît has upped the quality considerably since taking charge. He uses less new oak than his dad, making Chablis that's crisp, precise, and that shows the differences between each of the vineyards clearly. In other words, Chablis at its very best.

“THESE ARE VERY
CONSISTENT CHABLIS
THAT DELIVER
WHERE IT MATTERS
—IN THE BOTTLE”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2024
£126 per 6 bottles
£21 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons

Blended from five parcels. Delicately floral, with lovely energy to the fruit. It's fleshy, but there's lovely tension and surprising power. Very drinkable.



Drink 2018-2026
£261 per 6 bottles
£43.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot

Really floral and elegant with clear finesse. This is an intellectual, even cerebral wine with glorious depth. Delicious orange blossom on the long finish.



Drink 2018-2024
£126 per 6 bottles
£21 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Vaucoupin

The defining characteristic of Vaucoupin is its steepness: and this is a Chablis with a taut, energetic texture and a generous ripeness to the fruit. A classic Chablis, and one that will be delicious from day one.



Drink 2018-2026
£261 per 6 bottles
£43.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Valmur

The 2016 Valmur clearly shows the quality of the site and the vintage. Delicately aromatic, and ripe yet precise on the palate, it has the concentration and elegance you expect from a producer of Droin's calibre.



Drink 2018-2024
£126 per 6 bottles
£21 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Vosgros

On the eastern bank of the River Serein, the 2016 Vosgros is all about balance. This has a slightly richer character than some of the wines this year, but never sacrificing acidity.



Drink 2019-2029
Sold Out
Sold Out

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

A really classic example of this vineyard, with a touch of reduction and gunflint. Lots of power and intensity, and energy on the palate. Delicious purity to the fruit, and the long finish unfurls beautifully.



Drink 2018-2024
£150 per 6 bottles
£25 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains

There are rich soils in this vineyard. The wine has nice roundness from lees and plenty of finesse. A superb example of a premier cru Chablis.



DOMAINE SAMUEL BILLAUD CHABLIS

Samuel only established his own domaine in 2009, but has come an awfully long way in a short time. He initially made wine in borrowed facilities, but a move to his own premises has seen the quality of his wines improve still further, and Neal Martin's assertion that he belongs in the "top échelon" of producers seems proven. With an expanded portfolio, including some of the appellation's choicest plots (including that patch of Petit Chablis bordering Les Clos), Samuel's future is bright.



Drink 2017-2020
£129 per 6 bottles
£10.75 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne d'Or Chardonnay

Samuel sources a large part of the fruit for this wine from the Mâcon, and the rest locally. It's juicy and pure, with a nice balance of ripeness from the south and texture from the Chablis fruit.



Drink 2019-2028
£153 per 6 bottles
£25.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre

Samuel has two parcels in this premier cru, with both sets of vines over 40 years old. It's a ball of energy on the nose, floral, textured and saline, with such purity. Bright freshness and so much depth, it's textured, long and gorgeously balanced.



Drink 2017-2021
£165 per 12 bottles
£13.75 per bottle

2016 Chablis "Les Grands Terroirs"

This Chablis is juicy yet taut, with a fine seam of acidity running throughout. It's got all the precision you'd hope for from a top Chablis, but with an extra element of concentration. For a wine of this quality, the value here is brilliant.



Drink 2019-2028
£153 per 6 bottles
£25.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaumes

Perhaps the most savoury of Samuel's cuvées, with a clean kick of gunflint. South-facing, there's a generous rounded quality to the pure and precise lemon fruit.



Drink 2019-2026
£126 per 6 bottles
£21 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Les Fourneaux

This vineyard is an amphitheatre, and the sun exposure results in a more open style of Chablis. Quite leesy again, with nice generosity and roundness. It's juicy and drinkable, with great purity and length.



Drink 2020-2030
£300 per 6 bottles
£50 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Blanchots

A very expressive nose, with gentle spice (some ginger and anise) over the pure fruit. Really mineral and pure, with a finessed, silky texture. Unfurls and builds over a long finish.



Drink 2017-2026
£126 per 6 bottles
£21 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Les Butteaux

Les Butteaux is best known for Raveneau's parcels here, and this is a premier cru of the highest order. Taut, precise and long, this is exactly what you'd expect from top Chablis.



Drink 2020-2030
£312 per 6 bottles
£52 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir

Vaudésir is most commonly considered the second best grand cru plot after Les Clos, and it's clear as to why. Samuel has two parcels, one on each side of the vineyard, which bring markedly different characters. There's lovely pure citrus, with floral and saline notes and real power on the palate. It's long, precise and utterly charming.



Drink 2019-2026
£141 per 6 bottles
£23.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu

Lying just south of the grands crus, this excellent vineyard produces one of the more exotic styles of Chablis. Samuel has three tiers of vines - aged 35, 60 and 80 years - giving great complexity to his blend. It's tense and mineral, with a gorgeous texture. Bright orange pith and grapefruit, with lots of juiciness and an arrow-straight finish.



Drink 2020-2030
£312 per 6 bottles
£52 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses

The 2016 Les Preuses is full of power and energy, with pure pithy citrus and mineral drive. This is so impressive: complex and silky with remarkable purity.



Drink 2019-2028
£141 per 6 bottles
£23.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes

From 70 year old vines. This is really tight and precise - quintessential Chablis. So long and mineral and packed with energy.



Drink 2020-2032
£324 per 6 bottles
£54 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

The most highly regarded of the grands crus, this will also require the most patience of Samuel's 2016s. It has a rich texture, with pure greengage and peach and plenty of complexity. It's round and intense to begin with, and then pure and clean on the finish.



DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT CHABLIS

Domaine Long-Depaquit was founded in 1791, and the château, the most impressive in Chablis, has occupied a spot at the heart of the village since the 18th century. Now owned by Albert Bichot, and benefitting from the expertise of Technical Director Alain Serveau and his winemaking team, this is a Chablis domaine that is on the rise to the very top of the appellation. With the pick of their production the monopole Grand Cru La Moutonne, a Chablis that simply has to be tried.



Drink 2018-2023

£117 per 6 bottles

£19.50 per bottle

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins

Affectionately known as “Petite Moutonne”, due to the fact that the vines have the same exposure and soil type as their famous monopole. And this premier cru deserves to be treated like a grand cru. This has terrific freshness and drive, with great elegance and depth of flavour. It’s mineral, intense and so long, with wonderful vivacity. Very impressive.



Drink 2019-2030

£222 per 6 bottles

£37 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

Altogether more powerful and broad or, dare I say, “masculine”. Les Clos feels like it has everything: power, complexity, even some tannin. There’s charming acidity here and real power. Nice extract and length.



Drink 2020-2032

£420 per 6 bottles

£70 per bottle

2016 Chablis Grand Cru La Moutonne

The 2.35 hectare monopole “La Moutonne” is the flagship wine here at Long-Depaquit. It’s packed with ripe fruit, running from lemon to stone fruit, with amazing intensity and wonderful weight and length. It’s so long and powerful, but so finessed.



HÉRITIERS DU COMTE LAFON

MILLY-LAMARTINE

Owning one of Meursault's most celebrated estates, Dominique Lafon could have been happy with his lot. But in 1999 he bought a few hectares of vineyards in Milly-Lamartine in the Mâconnais, an hour or so to the south, seeking a new challenge. Many of his peers thought he was mad, but Dominique quickly proved them wrong (so much so that many other Côte de Beaune producers have since followed). He's added further land since those early years, and appointed talented winemaker Caroline Gon to manage the estate. They're some of the best wines coming out of the Mâconnais, and some of the best value wines coming out of Burgundy, full stop.

“THESE WINES
COME HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2022

£75 per 6 bottles

£12.50 per bottle

2016 Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine

Coming from a plot that's at extremely high altitude for the Mâconnais, at 400m, this is a wine with excellent energy, tension and balance. This east-facing vineyard has given a wine with beautiful fruit: notes of grapefruit and melon are balanced with salinity and drive.



Drink 2018-2022

£75 per 6 bottles

£12.50 per bottle

2016 Mâcon-Prissé

This Mâcon-Prissé is all about the fruit purity, with peaches and freshly picked apricots supported by notes of iodine and oyster shell. This is brilliant: a bargain at the price.



Drink 2018-2023

Sold Out

£ Sold Out

2016 Mâcon Chardonnay Clos de la Crochette

The Clos de la Crochette were the very first vines planted in the area, no doubt due to the area's propensity to ripen quickly even in the coolest vintages. This is all about up-front fruit, with apricots and nectarines quickly focussed into chiselled, nervy energy. Very, very impressive.



Drink 2018-2023

£93 per 6 bottles

£15.50 per bottle

2016 Mâcon-Bussières, Le Monsard

The tiny Monsard vineyard is something of an insider's tip: the rocks here are very similar to those of Pouilly. This has a lovely lemon oil and ginger character, with a fresh, chalky texture and excellent precision.



Drink 2018-2022

£93 per 6 bottles

£15.50 per bottle

2016 Mâcon-Uchizy Les Maranches

Dominique bought this plot in 2003, consisting of one hectare of young vines, and one hectare of old vines. It's one of the warmest plots in the portfolio but has been keenly managed, creating a wine with a ripe yet precise character. It's already beautifully open, with excellent length.



Drink 2018-2024

£100.50 per 6 bottles

£16.75 per bottle

2016 Saint-Véran

The Saint-Véran appellation surrounds the famed Pouilly-Fuissé. This is leesy and textured, with salinity and hints of wet stones adding precision to the up-front fruit. There's excellent energy on the long, balanced finish.



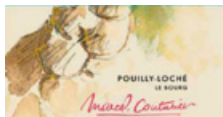
Drink 2018-2024

£100.50 per 6 bottles

£16.75 per bottle

2016 Viré-Clessé

Dominique's Viré-Clessé is made up of numerous plots with vines ageing up to 90 years old, with an average of 60 years old. This has gorgeous aromatics, with notes of yellow plum and greengage supported by spice and a steeliness. Everything is intense here, but in perfect balance. Outstanding.



DOMAINE MARCEL COUTURIER FUISSÉ

Coming from a family of cereal and cattle farmers (although they did own a few vines), Marcel Couturier's future in wine may have seemed distant as a young man. But working with an uncle with a small domaine, he quickly caught the wine bug, and started bottling his own wines in 2005. The results are impressive. Crisp and pure, they show the potential of the Mâconnais for producing wines that can rival their northern neighbours for balance and elegance. And at prices like this, they make the perfect everyday Chardonnays. With a twenty-something son set to join him, Couturier is a domaine on the rise.



Drink 2018-2021

£72 per 6 bottles

£12 per bottle



Drink 2018-2022

£81 per 6 bottles

£13.50 per bottle



Drink 2018-2022

£84 per 6 bottles

£14 per bottle

2016 Pouilly-Loché Vieilles Vignes

Maybe not the best well known of the Mâcon villages, Pouilly-Loché is a gem that you should discover. There's a generosity to the fruit here, but also an energy to the palate. Seek it out.

2016 Pouilly-Fuissé Aux Scelles

Pouilly-Fuissé is arguably the most famous of Mâcon's villages, and the extra level of concentration and texture here shows it off. A benchmark, that does an impression of wines at many times the price.

2016 Pouilly-Fuissé Clos Reysier

The vines here were planted in 1927, and they celebrated their 89th year with a juicy, electric, pure Chardonnay. This is long and very impressive.



CHÂTEAU DE FUISSÉ FUISSÉ

While the Mâconnais has seen an influx of winemakers from the Côte de Beaune in search of new challenges and more (cheaper) land, there are some producers with a considerably longer history in the region. And amongst them, one name stands out: Château de Fuissé. It was bought by the Vincent family in 1862 (just eight years after Lay & Wheeler was founded), and since 2003 it's the fifth generation, Antoine, at the helm. They offer the same intensity as many of their neighbours, but with added complexity and elegance that would not look out of place further north. When their value, history and ageworthiness are considered, they're clearly one of this fast-emerging region's gems.



Drink 2018-2023

£105 per 6 bottles

£17.50 per bottle



Drink 2019-2026

£198 per 6 bottles

£33 per bottle

2016 Pouilly-Fuissé Tête de Cru

The Tête de Cru is the estate's bread and butter, and as one of the region's greatest names this has everything you'd expect from Château de Fuissé. The wine is pure and lacy, with notes of orange blossom and a long, nutty, complex finish.

2016 Pouilly-Fuissé Le Clos

From the walled vineyard that borders the chateau and old winery, the old vines of more than 50 years old create a wine that, for us, is unrivalled in the Mâconnais. There's explosive power and an amazing array of flavours unfurl. This is grand cru.

BEAUJOLAIS AND CÔTE CHALONNAISE



DOMAINE JEAN-CLAUDE LAPALU BEAUJOLAIS

Jean-Claude Lapalu is one of the stars of Beaujolais. He started his domaine in 1985, with a few parcels in Beaujolais-Villages, and it's grown steadily ever since. In 1997 he started to work some of his vineyards organically, and has now been fully certified for around 12 years. These are as good as Gamay gets, with texture, power and ageworthiness in spades. They're some of the best value in our Burgundy range.



Drink 2018-2027



£90 per 6 bottles

£15 per bottle

2016 Côte de Brouilly

The Côte de Brouilly can sometimes be overlooked as a Beaujolais cru, but Jean-Claude Lapalu makes one of the very best wines from here. This is perfectly balanced, with fresh and elegant fruit and a real Pinot Noir character. Were this from the Côte d'Or it would be many times the price.



Drink 2019-2031



£132 per 6 bottles

£22 per bottle

2016 Brouilly Cuvée des Fous

One of Jean-Claude's top cuvées, this is bottled in Bordeaux bottles after a friend in the early 2000s complained he couldn't sell Bordeaux. When the wine flew, the bottle stuck. It's made from vines that were planted in 1900, and is, quite simply, as good as Beaujolais gets.



@domainechanzy

DOMAINE CHANZY BOUZERON

Saved from bankruptcy in 2012, Domaine Chanzy is an estate with renewed ambition, aiming to sit at the top table in Burgundy. Winemaking is overseen by Jean-Baptiste Jessiaume, winner of the Côte de Beaune's Young Winemaker of the Year in 2012. Based in Bouzeron on the Côte Chalonnaise, home of the resurgent Burgundian variety Aligoté, and with important holdings throughout the region, they're an estate to follow.



Drink 2018-2021



£132 per 12 bottles

£11 per bottle

2016 Bouzeron Clos de la Fortune

This 100% Aligoté comes from a single site in the village of Bouzeron, and is arguably the best plot anywhere for growing this sometimes unfairly maligned grape variety. It's fresh and precise, and blind you'd be mistaken for placing it in St Aubin, or Puligny.



Drink 2018-2024



£240 per 12 bottles

£20 per bottle

2016 Mercurey 1er Cru Clos du Roy

The Côte Chalonnaise is a good source of excellent Pinot Noir, and this is one of the juiciest, freshest we've come across. There are notes of flowers and a hint of spice, delivering everything you'd hope for from excellent Pinot Noir.

CÔTE D'OR



@domainelamy

DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY SAINT-AUBIN

Olivier Lamy took over from his father Hubert in 1996, having previously worked at Méo-Camuzet. He's relentlessly revised their production practices since. Now fully organic, with wines widely considered the finest in Saint-Aubin, he continues to seek out the best ways to express terroir. From experimenting with planting densities to low sulphur winemaking, his quest for perfection continues.

“OLIVIER CONTINUES TO REAFFIRM HIS STATUS AS ONE OF THE BEST WINEMAKERS IN THE CÔTE DE BEAUNE”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2020

£144 per 6 bottles

£ £24 per bottle

2016 Santenay 1er Cru Blanc, Clos des Gravières

Politically the last village of the Côte d'Or, Santenay's wines were once held in higher regard, but in Olivier's capable hands they're finding their feet again, punching well above their price points. The 2016 Gravières is cool and fresh, really finessed on the palate with a chalky texture and lots of energy.



Drink 2018-2021

£144 per 6 bottles

£ £24 per bottle

2016 St-Aubin 1er Cru Les Frionnes

Les Frionnes is the vineyard behind Olivier's winery. The 2016 is elegant and long, with lots of citrus and orchard fruit. A lot going on, and lovely tension binding it together.



Drink 2019-2023

£195 per 6 bottles

£ £32.50 per bottle

2016 St-Aubin 1er Cru Clos de la Chatenière

Clos de la Chatenière is a monopole of the estate, a south-facing parcel surrounded by a wall, with vines that were planted in 1964. Lovely structure and energy here. Cool, pure fruit and a long, saline finish.



Drink 2018-2022

£195 per 6 bottles

£ £32.50 per bottle

2016 St-Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly

En Remilly is considered the finest vineyard in St-Aubin by many - it seems to be the continuation of the Montrachet hillside - and this is a blockbuster example. Pure and floral on the nose, with real concentration and mineral chalkiness on the palate. It's long, impressive and very fine indeed.



Drink 2018-2022

£132 per 6 bottles

£ £22 per bottle

2016 Santenay Clos des Hâtes

In the very heart of the village of Santenay, surrounded by premiers crus, a 19th century owner of this vineyard, M. Duvault-Blochot, also owned Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. This is juicy and fresh, with crunchy red fruit and lovely tension. Very suave and pure on the finish.





DOMAINE BERNARD MOREAU ET FILS CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Alex Moreau, and brother Benoît, have quickly lifted the estate from a producer loved by a few cognoscenti to one challenging the region's best in quality and in demand. This ever-increasing renown is thanks to their superb set of Chassagnes, each of which shows off the character of its vineyard (even when they're only a few metres apart). It's no surprise that this has fast become one of the region's most sought-after domaines. And in a vintage where they were decimated by frost, these wines are sure to sell out faster than ever.

“I REVERE ALEX MOREAU AS ONE OF THE BEST WINEMAKERS IN CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2020

100+

2016 Bourgogne Chardonnay

Alex's Bourgogne is always one of the finest we taste. There's lovely pear fruit, and creaminess on the finish with lemons and pith. For Bourgogne this has amazing concentration and length.



Drink 2018-2021

100+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet

Usually the largest cuvée of the domaine, in 2016 they've seen the number of bottles halved. This is saline and linear, with an explosion of fruit on the palate. It's long, clean and mineral: in other words, pitch perfect Chardonnay.



Drink 2019-2023

200+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot

Morgeot was less affected by this year's frost than most of the village. The wine has a rich lemon character, charming acidity, and a gorgeous texture with amazing chalkiness. There's great balance and depth and the finish is fresh and long.



Drink 2019-2023

200+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Maltroie

The vineyard is opposite the winery, and they've got around half a hectare here, planted with vines that vary in age between 20 and 55 years old. There's a richness, tending to tropical but always perfectly judged, with nice spice and beautiful lift. It attacks with ripeness, but the finish is mineral, saline and long. A wine of two halves: complex and delicious.



DOMAINE FONTAINE-GAGNARD CHASSAGNE - MONTRACHET

Run by Céline Fontaine, this estate represents the union, by marriage, of Richard Fontaine and Laurence Gagnard. With holdings in the Côte de Beaune's legendary vineyards of Criots-Bâtard, Bâtard and Le Montrachet itself as well as a lovely spread of Chassagne premiers crus, their winemaking reflects the quality of the terroir. Fontaine-Gagnard is an estate defined by brilliance from top to bottom.

“A CHASSAGNE
DOMAINE THAT
HAS REALLY UPPED
THE ANTE IN
RECENT VINTAGES”
Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2021

£312 per 12 bottles

£26 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet

This benchmark village Chassagne has lovely bright citrus and floral character, with impressive drive and concentration. There's great energy and tension and a zippy finish.



Drink 2019-2022

£225 per 6 bottles

£37.50 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Maltroie

From a site just up the road from the winery, near the heart of the village, this intense premier cru has roundness and breadth, but has kept its energy and freshness. It's powerful with excellent balance and a clean saline character.



Drink 2019-2023

£324 per 6 bottles

£54 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

Caillerets takes its name from the tiny stones that litter the vineyard, and it's one of the village's most highly prized sites. There's wonderful elegance here, lots of stony minerality, gunflint and oyster shell. This will benefit from cellaring. Wonderful tension and texture.



Drink 2020-2024

£372 per 6 bottles

£62 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet, 1er Cru La Romanée

A premier cru that's undoubtedly at the very top of its classification. The nose is tense, mineral and floral. So much drive on the palate, there's that blossom and acacia with oyster shell freshness, wonderful texture and density. Freshness and so much length on the finish. One of Fontaine-Gagnard's real gems.



Drink 2020-2026

£810 per 6 bottles

£135 per bottle

2016 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru **

Widely regarded as one of the finest producers of this tiny grand cru, with just a third of a hectare they don't make much. There's wonderfully balanced tension and power, and the fruit is so expressive and defined. It's quite ripe - think quince and greengage. There's power on the palate, but it's seriously well balanced.



Drink 2020-2026

£810 per 6 bottles

£135 per bottle

2016 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru **

A terroir that's always a touch riper than Le Montrachet itself, this is juicy and powerful, tending towards pineapple. There's gorgeous concentration and depth on the palate, power, drive. Everything.



Drink 2021-2027

£700 per 2 bottles

£350 per bottle

2016 Le Montrachet Grand Cru **

Due to the tiny production, we didn't taste this wine this year.



@jeanmarcpillot

DOMAINE JEAN-MARC PILLOT CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

While surprising today, Chassagne was a village traditionally known for its red wines. Jean-Marc Pillot continues to create wines which hark back to the commune's rich red history, and his Clos St-Jean is one of the finest examples we know. He also crafts whites of definition and complexity that sit squarely between a steely style and fuller examples.



Drink 2018-2021

£180 per 6 bottles

£30 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc

Jean-Marc's village Chassagne has nice tension and concentration. It's fresh and pretty pure with good energy and length.



Drink 2018-2021

£186 per 6 bottles

£31 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet, Les Noyers Brets

A vineyard on the lower slopes, directly below the grands crus. Very floral and elegant on the nose, the palate is straight and arrow-driven. There's a delicious line of acidity and purity to the fruit with a typical Puligny gunflint suggestion.



Not Produced

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chenevottes

Due to the frost, this was not made in 2016.



Drink 2019-2024

£204 per 6 bottles

£34 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

The standout of Jean-Marc's whites, there's concentrated citrus (lime cordial, lemon oil) with a clean chalky character, really nice lift and tension and great length. Very pure and fresh.



Drink 2018-2023

£330 per 6 bottles

£55 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers Clos St-Marc

Clos St-Marc is a single plot within the larger Vergers vineyard. Jean-Marc didn't make any Vergers this year due to the frost, but Clos St-Marc fared slightly better. This is concentrated, textured and very long. It's a shame there's not more.



Drink 2019-2029

£270 per 6 bottles

£45 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 1er Cru Clos St-Jean

Historically known as a village for reds, Chassagne can still be home to some of the Côte de Beaune's Pinot Noir gems. This has lovely juicy dark fruit and cooked raspberry. There's great depth and complexity with some real tension.



@piphwhy

DOMAINE PHILIPPE COLIN CHASSAGNE - MONTRACHET

Treading the line between tradition and modernity from his shiny winery on the outskirts of Chassagne-Montrachet bordering Puligny, Philippe Colin produces outstanding wine on his eleven and a half hectares. Having learned from his father, Michel Colin of the late Domaine Colin-Deléger, Philippe also inherited some of the family land. A quiet and thoughtful man, whose qualities are reflected in his elegant wines, the emphasis here is on subtlety rather than power.

“KEEP AN EYE
ON WINEMAKER
PHILIPPE COLIN”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2020

£144 per 12 bottles

£12 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Chardonnay

Philippe's Bourgogne is taken purely from the Chassagne site this year, as St-Aubin was devastated by hail. There's a nice balance of concentration and freshness, with excellent texture.



Drink 2018-2022

£360 per 12 bottles

£30 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet

Incredibly impressive for village Chassagne, the extract and depth here is remarkable. So much volume, with nice spice and impressive freshness. In a word: awesome.



Drink 2019-2023

£252 per 6 bottles

£42 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Chaumées

Not be confused with another Chassagne premier cru, Les Chaumes, Les Chaumées is situated high up the hill towards St-Aubin, and the paucity of soil here produces tense, linear wines. This 2016 is very cool and fresh - you can feel the altitude in its crystalline elegance.



Drink 2018-2023

£264 per 6 bottles

£44 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chenevottes

Taken from old vines, and the power makes you sit up and take note. An array of citrus (lemon, grapefruit, mandarin) and spice. It's glossy and polished: really impressive.



Drink 2019-2024

£498 per 6 bottles

£83 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles **

Les Demoiselles is just 0.6 hectares in total, the very last few vines before Le Montrachet begins, and (as you might expect) one of the most highly regarded premiers crus in Burgundy. Ripe, powerful, complex and long.



Drink 2020-2026

£696 per 3 bottles

£232 per bottle

2016 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru **

A real baby with a long life ahead of it, but already the power and intensity of this wine is palpable. There's elegance too: white flowers and blossom, and a long beeswax touch on the palate. Complexity and finesse in bucketloads.



DOMAINE PAUL PILLOT CHASSAGNE - MONTRACHET

Thierry Pillot and his sister, Chrystelle (who's married to Arnaud Mortet of Gevrey-Chambertin), have elevated this previously overlooked domaine to one of the stars of Chassagne. Thierry has farmed organically for the past three years. He unashamedly makes wines to suit his own palate: he loves taut wines, with fresh flavours that show their origins. And he hates the flavours of oak. Having lost 70% of the crop in some areas, the Pillot siblings are lending out their unused barrels, rather than let them sit empty this year. With little, and superb, wine made, it's sure to be highly sought-after.



Drink 2018-2021

200+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 'Les Mazures'

Thierry's dad, Paul, started bottling Mazures as a single vineyard wine, and its quality year in year out justifies the decision: Thierry considers it premier cru level. This year's has a spicy nose, with nice ripe citrus too. There's really good balance between the fruit and gingery spice. 60% lost to frost.



Drink 2020-2024

200+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St-Jean

From the vineyard just up the road from the winery, often better celebrated for its red wines, this white is stunning again this year. There's concentrated lemon oil and floral notes, and a long, saline finish. Great precision.



Drink 2019-2023

200+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Grande Montagne

From a small parcel situated by itself up the top of the hill, La Grande Montagne is always one of Thierry's most impressive wines, and 2016 is no exception. It's lifted and elegant, intense and powerful. There's such freshness and length on the palate - it goes on for minutes. Delicious and stunning. This is great.



Drink 2020-2025

200+

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets

Caille is the old French word for stone, so as you'd expect this is an incredibly stony vineyard. It's slightly withdrawn at this stage, but there's impressive, powerful fruit underlying, along with nice acidity. Very reserved, but you can feel the energy.



Drink 2020-2024

200+

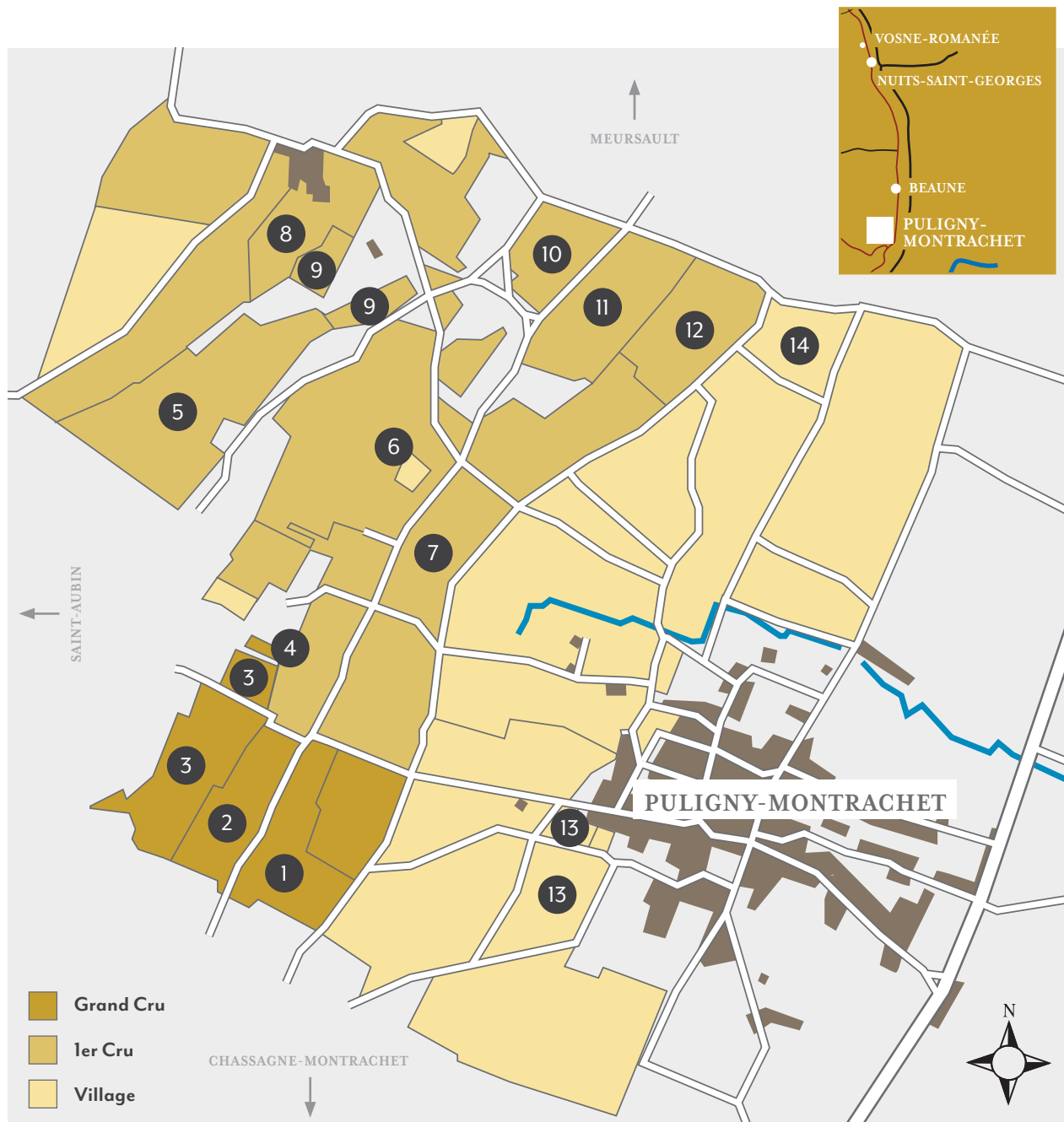
2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Grandes Ruchottes

One of Chassagne's finest vineyards, from south of the village (it's part of the stunning trio alongside La Grande Montagne and La Romanée), the nascent 2016 is already impressive, although still nervy and austere. There's serious drive and texture, which needs time to coax out. Already a long, lemon oil finish.

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

One of the Côte d'Or's three great Chardonnay villages (alongside Chassagne and Meursault) and arguably the greatest, Puligny-Montrachet has long been renowned as the source of some of the world's finest white wines.

The village has a clutch of superb premiers crus and great grands crus, including Le Montrachet itself, nestled in the middle of the slope that rises from east to west. Here, a combination of perfect aspect and complex soils create white Burgundies of chiselled elegance.



KEY VINEYARDS

1	Bâtard-Montrachet	11.13 ha	6	Folatières	17.64 ha	11	Les Combettes	6.76 ha
2	Le Montrachet	7.80 ha	7	Clavaillon/Clavoillon	5.59 ha	12	Les Referts	5.52 ha
3	Chevalier-Montrachet	7.47 ha	8	Hameau de Blagny	4.28 ha	13	Noyer Brét	3.74 ha
4	Cailleret	3.93 ha	9	Truffières	2.48 ha	14	Charmes	5.77 ha
5	Champ Gain	10.70 ha	10	Champ Canet	5.59 ha			



@domainealainchavy

DOMAINE ALAIN CHAVY PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

Alain Chavy and his brother, Jean-Louis, split their father's vineyards in 2003, as is often the case in Burgundy. Alain works a great selection of Puligny vineyards with his son, and his traditionally-styled wines convey some of the best of Puligny-Montrachet's chiselled minerality alongside a fullness of body endowed by the wine's classical élevage. In fact, our first Lay & Wheeler Puligny-Montrachet was made by Alain himself.

“ALAIN’S WINES ARE
CERTAINLY WORTH
INVESTIGATING”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2021
£342 per 12 bottles
£28.50 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet Lieu-Dit Charmes

The plot of Charmes in Puligny borders Charmes in Meursault, so it's a village vineyard next to a premier cru. It's a step up from Alain's village wine and, appropriately enough, utterly charming. A pretty nose leads on to a palate with real depth of flavour. It's already delicious, but has time to grow.



Drink 2018-2022
£456 per 12 bottles
£38 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières

Puligny's largest vineyard, and the pick of Alain's premiers crus. It's riper than Clavoillon, with impressive texture and freshness. So much purity of fruit, bags of tension and length. Delicious; excellent.



Drink 2018-2022
£456 per 12 bottles
£38 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon

Just three producers work this vineyard, with Domaine Leflaive owning the lion's share, and Alain and his brother Jean-Louis each with small holdings. It's in the middle of the slope, below Folatières and next to Pucelles, but with slightly heavier soils. Accordingly, the wine is slightly richer, but the 2016 has lovely reduction, an oyster shell freshness, and tension and energy.



Drink 2020-2026
£1,260 per 6 bottles
£210 per bottle

2016 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

This pinnacle of Alain's production is a single barrel of Chevalier-Montrachet, made on a land-swapping deal with another producer. In 2016 it's intense and powerful, but still brooding at the moment. It's like supercharged Puligny: there's such extract on the palate, lemon oil and flowers. Impressive and so, so long.





@olivierleflaive

MAISON OLIVIER LEFLAIVE FRÈRES PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

Co-manager of Domaine Leflaive from 1982 to 1994, when he left to concentrate on his blossoming negociant business, Olivier Leflaive and now talented winemaker Franck Grux create elegant wines of breeding from a variety of appellations. Olivier is a well-known figure around the village of Puligny, splitting his time between the winery and his restaurant. Quality is on show all the way through the range here: these are masterful Chardonnays.



Drink 2018-2021
£126 per 12 bottles
£10.50 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Blanc Les Sétilles

Les Sétilles continues to be the standard bearer for Bourgogne Blanc. Olivier has upped the oak in 2016, and the wine wears it beautifully. The nose is delicate and floral, but it's the depth and texture on the palate that's so impressive for a wine of this level. It's a wine that will impress on any occasion.



Drink 2020-2026
£204 per 6 bottles
£34 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet

Olivier Leflaive is indelibly associated with Puligny-Montrachet, and this village wine shows exactly why. Blended from 35 parcels across 22 vineyards, there's impressive tension and concentration with wonderfully fresh acidity. Excellent.



Drink 2018-2021
£90 per 6 bottles
£15 per bottle

2016 Montagny 1er Cru

Blended from premier cru vineyards across Montagny, this has the generosity of southern Burgundy with really nice drive and energy. Think ripe Chablis at Chalonaise price.



Drink 2019-2024
£255 per 6 bottles
£42.50 per bottle

2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos Saint-Marc, 'Récolte du Domaine'

Taken from a plot within the premier cru Les Vergers vineyard. There's no new oak, allowing the grapes to sing with bright citrus and spice.



Drink 2018-2021
£102 per 6 bottles
£17 per bottle

2016 Saint-Romain

Saint-Romain is known for its wines' freshness, and this is a textbook example. Seductively floral, with power and mineral drive on the palate, 2016 is another excellent edition.



Drink 2020-2026
£264 per 6 bottles
£44 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet

From the north of Puligny-Montrachet, bordering Meursault, the precision of this Premier Cru sets it apart. The pure fruit balances with smoke and lees character with a very mineral finish.



Drink 2018-2021
£144 per 6 bottles
£24 per bottle

2016 St-Aubin 1er Cru Champlots

St-Aubin's neighbours Puligny and Chassagne may be more famous, but wines like this premier cru demonstrate how seriously the village needs to be taken. The texture is gorgeous: rich, but fresh and balanced.



Drink 2020-2027
£267 per 6 bottles
£44.50 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Truffières

Les Truffières is one of Puligny's higher Premiers Crus, and accordingly this demonstrates the freshness of 2016. Like the 2015, this will need some time in bottle before reaching its potential, but it's shaping up beautifully.



Drink 2019-2024
£183 per 6 bottles
£30.50 per bottle

2016 Meursault Les Vireuils

Showing the character of the vintage, this is less hedonistically exotic than the 2015, but has more precision and freshness. With the texture and length on show here, this is shaping up to be a beautiful Meursault.



Drink 2019-2028
£372 per 6 bottles
£62 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières

Les Folatières is one of the highest-rated premiers crus in all Burgundy, and this wine shows exactly why. It has lovely power and roundness, with an exotic floral character. The breadth and complexity of the finish will have you reaching for another glass.



DOMAINE J.M. BOILLOT POMMARD

Grandson of Etienne Sauzet, one of Burgundy's most famed vigneron, with experience as winemaker at Olivier Leflaive, Jean-Marc is a man of great practice with the talent of someone for whom winemaking runs in his blood. His are wines that wonderfully display terroir. With richness of flavour yet lightness of touch, they are always a delight to open: particularly in the company of charming Jean-Marc himself or his daughter, Lydie, who works alongside him.



Drink 2018-2022

£384 per 12 bottles

£32 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet

From seven parcels, of which five are located in Enseignères, a highly-regarded vineyard that touches the grands crus. It's explosive and energetic for a village Puligny, with such nice purity and drive. Pretty tight on the palate for now, but there's huge potential here.



Drink 2019-2022

£624 per 12 bottles

£52 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts

From the Meursault side of the village, touching Meursault's Charmes, this has the depth of Meursault, without losing that classic Puligny tension. There's a floral lift and finesse with lovely energy and great balance.



Drink 2019-2023

£624 per 12 bottles

£52 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champs Canet

An excellent wine year in, year out here, the Champ Canet vineyard takes its name from an historic owner, M. Canet, and is situated quite high up the slope. It's backward at this stage, but powerful. And there's lovely precision and depth - real nervosité.



Drink 2020-2024

£840 per 12 bottles

£70 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes

Situated just between Referts and Champs Canet, and combining the open generosity of Referts and the taut, mineral nature of Champ Canet, this is a pure, balanced, impressive Puligny. This texture this year is grand cru quality, stony and mineral with real volume. Absolutely gorgeous.



Drink 2020-2024

£840 per 12 bottles

£70 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru La Truffière

A highly regarded site, right up the top of the hill in Puligny, this is amazing in 2016. There's remarkable depth and intensity, with a mouth-filling texture that really impresses.



Drink 2020-2029

200+

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Carelle-sous-la-Chapelle

From a premier cru regarded as elegant even for Volnay, this has silky tannins and delicate fragrance. It's floral with nice concentration and acidity. Violets, spice and savoury touches on the finish.



Drink 2020-2032

200+

2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Jarollières

A well-situated premier cru, bordering Volnay and Les Rugiens Bas, one of Pommard's finest sites. It's dark, with Pommard's ferrous character, but still floral touches suggestive of Volnay. Lovely suave fruit on the palate, with lift and depth of flavour.



DOMAINE COMTESSE BERNARD DE CHERISEY BLAGNY

From a new winery in the hamlet of Blagny in the hills that overlook Meursault and Puligny, owner Laurent crafts wines that balance an inherent richness with the grippy minerality for which the wines of this area are so well known. Laurent is also the rightfully proud owner of what must be the Côte d'Or's largest (and most beautiful) spittoon. Often overlooked in the UK, overseas merchants snap up his wines, most notably the American importer and connoisseur Kermit Lynch.

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FANTASTIC WHITE
BURGUNDIES THAT
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AND BETTER”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2023

£270 per 6 bottles

£45 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Hameau de Blagny

This little known premier cru sits immediately above the more famous Les Truffières and close to the border with Meursault. Some of that village's richness is evident, alongside a nervous purity and clean minerality that is textbook Puligny. This is beautifully textured, with excellent length and depth.



Drink 2018-2023

£270 per 6 bottles

£45 per bottle

2016 Meursault-Blagny 1er Cru La Genelotte

La Genelotte is a monopole of Laurent's, to the north of Blagny itself and high on the hill above Meursault. Incredibly mineral and structured, this is quite lovely. There's explosive, juicy fruit, real drive and a satisfyingly clean finish. It's nervy and young, but very impressive.



DOMAINE MICHEL BOUZEREAU MEURSAULT

Michel Bouzereau is a man of great sway in Burgundy. He's both head of the Bouzereau clan as well as President of the prestigious Burgundy Growers' Union. There is undoubtedly quite a shadow for his son Jean-Baptiste to have stepped into. However, he has been able to tread his own path, combining his father's traditionalist philosophy with a fresher, more vibrant style. The result is expressive wines from his eleven hectares of vines in Meursault and Puligny. Each cuvée is treated individually and sympathetically, leading to wines of great depth and balance.



Drink 2018-2020

£84 per 6 bottles

£14 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Chardonnay

Three quarters of the fruit came from Puligny this year, with the rest from Meursault. There's nice texture and drive, with fresh citrus, crunchy acid and fresh salinity. Lovely balance.



Drink 2019-2022

£192 per 6 bottles

£32 per bottle

2016 Meursault Les Grands Charrons

Lay & Wheeler favourite Le Limozin wasn't made in 2016 - the vineyard was pulled up. But in its place we have this delicious village Meursault. There's good tension and elegance, as well as good concentration. A worthy successor.



Drink 2019-2022

£258 per 6 bottles

£43 per bottle

2016 Meursault 1er Cru Blagny

From 30 year old vines, this is expressive and floral with nice depth and lovely purity. There's a delicious juiciness to the fruit, a fine, stony texture and clean finish.



Drink 2020-2023

£312 per 6 bottles

£52 per bottle

2016 Meursault 1er Cru Les Genevrières

The 2016 Genevrières has a delicate, floral nose, then an immediacy and roundness on the palate, with pink grapefruit and citrus. It's gorgeously pure and mineral, with a delicate fennel character and freshness on the finish.



Drink 2019-2023

£312 per 6 bottles

£52 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Champs-Gains

Very floral and perfumed, with density and quite a sensual texture. Lovely purity to the fruit and the palate has great tension and drive. It's delicate and very Puligny. A precise and long finish.



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DOMAINE BALLOT-MILLOT MEURSAULT

Run by talented young winemaker Charles since 2000, on the estate created by the union of his grandparents, this is a domaine you overlook at your peril. Charles is the 17th generation of the family to live and work in Burgundy, but he doesn't let this history hold his winemaking back. Willing to push the boundaries, he produces wines that have everything in perfect relief: concentration, minerality, acidity and complexity. And he has fun: skis and a pool table are visible from his tasting room, and a handful of dogs run around the domaine.



Drink 2019-2023

200+

2016 Meursault Les Narvaux

One of Meursault's most famous village vineyards. This is a nicely restrained, stony Meursault, with great tension and elegance. There's a real weight of fruit in here, with gentle ginger and saffron notes.



Drink 2019-2024

200+

2016 Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières

Genevrières takes its name from the juniper bushes that traditionally would have grown here, although just one remains. As ever, it's a delicate and floral Meursault, with the old vines giving density and precision to the fruit. Spice touches and hints of pineapple as well as the orchard fruit, enlivened with great acidity.



Drink 2020-2025

200+

2016 Meursault 1er Cru Perrières

The site of a former quarry, the soil in Perrières is very stony, and the wine has a pronounced mineral, even saline, quality. Very, very impressive: there's so much verve and vivacity. Long and intense, with lovely freshness and elegance and purity to the fruit.



DOMAINE PATRICK JAVILLIER MEURSAULT

Patrick Javillier began working in wine in 1974, and now his daughter Marion produces an exceptional range of white Burgundy from Meursault and beyond, with her proud father close by. The esteem in which their estate is held is even more impressive considering their low holdings in premiers and grand crus. But this is indicative of their approach: they ensure every cuvée, from Bourgogne Blanc upwards, fulfils its potential.

“PATRICK OFFERS SOME OUTSTANDING VALUE AT THE “BOTTOM” OF HIS RANGE: A RIPOSTE TO THOSE THAT CLAIM BURGUNDY HAS BECOME UNAFFORDABLE”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2021

£198 per 12 bottles

£16.50 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Blanc Cuvée Oligocène

A Lay & Wheeler favourite every year, and a wine that shows up most Bourgogne Blancs. This comes from vines in the communes of Puligny and Meursault, and has the florality of the former, with the richness of the latter. There's bright acidity, delicate fruit and real elegance.



Drink 2018-2021

£360 per 12 bottles

£30 per bottle

2016 Meursault Les Tillets

From a vineyard high up the slope, with very little soil, which is apparent in its stony minerality. Lots of tension here, with lovely pure citrus and grapefruit, and a thrilling freshness on the finish.



Drink 2018-2021

£210 per 6 bottles

£35 per bottle

2016 Meursault Les Clousots

This cuvée is predominantly taken from the hillside vineyard Les Clous, with a touch of Les Crotots from the bottom of the hill added for intensity. It has a nice blend of energy and tension, with good depth and salinity. It's very pure, with a lively floral element and complexity on the finish.



Drink 2020-2024

£282 per 6 bottles

£47 per bottle

2016 Meursault Tête de Murger

A blend of Les Casses Tâtes with Les Murgers de Monthélie, this is the ripest and most Meursault of Patrick and Marion's wines. But it's still fresh, with nice elegance and balance and cool fruit, and a clean mineral finish.



Drink 2020-2026

£474 per 6 bottles

£79 per bottle

2016 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

From a south-facing site called Les Pougets. Ripe with volume and depth, it's juicy and pure on the palate with a beautiful texture. There's nice tension and length too, very fresh on the finish. Real grand cru quality.



DOMAINE LOUIS BOILLOT CHAMBOLLE - MUSIGNY

Louis Boillot previously worked at Domaine Lucien Boillot with his father and brother in Gevrey, though the family was initially based in Volnay, hence they also have wines from this commune. Louis himself relocated to Chambolle in 2003 where his wife, Ghislaine Barthod, is based, and they now share the same vineyard team. From several notable appellations, Louis crafts wines that are united in their commitment to terroir, their clarity and their depth. He also has an impressive concern further south in Moulin-à-Vent, making some of the most Pinot-like Beaujolais we know.



Drink 2018-2030

200+

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Les Angles

Deeper than in 2015, without losing a mote of expressiveness. Juicy, fresh and balanced, with silky tannins and very good length.



Drink 2019-2035

200+

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Les Brouillards

A Volnay vineyard on the edge of the commune, next door to Pommard, this shows the best of both villages. Pure and expressive, you can't miss a darker quality, that iron oxide - even black quartz - coming through. One for the cellar, but very impressive.



Drink 2019-2035

200+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers

Down over 60% in 2016. Really nice fruit concentration here. Real "wow" power. And a touch of citrus and iron - very mineral and tightly wound. Really delicious.



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DOMAINE MICHEL LAFARGE VOLNAY

Stepping into the Lafarge cellar in central Volnay is an experience, and exactly how one might imagine a Burgundy cellar should be. In this veritable trove of nooks and crannies, blanketed in life-giving mould, are born some of Burgundy's greatest wonders. The wines crafted by Frédéric and his father Michel, now in his 80s, boast an unbeatable ability to age, even for Pinot Noir. Sadly, nature hasn't been kind to Volnay in recent years, and their volumes have suffered.

“MICHEL LAFARGE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST BURGUNDY DOMAINS. PERIOD.”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2020

100+

2016 Bourgogne Aligoté Raisins Dorés

An Aligoté with a difference. This comes from 79 year old vines, harvested when the grapes have turned a golden colour, hence the name. Concentrated and zesty, with real zip. Delightfully pure and impeccably balanced.



Drink 2018-2024

100+

2016 Bourgogne Passetoutgrains 'L'Exception'

Produced in every vintage since the foundation of the domaine, this 50/50 blend of Pinot Noir and Gamay is the perfect introduction to the wines of Domaine Lafarge. The vines are the same age as Michel himself (89, since you ask). Fresh and balanced, with fine, silky tannins. And impressive depth, too.



Drink 2018-2025

200+

2016 Volnay

One of the finest village Volnays, especially in this vintage when Vendanges Sélectionnés wasn't made, so all the fruit from that cuvée is here. This has such purity and density in the fruit. It's mineral and juicy, with delicious concentration and definition of flavour.



Drink 2021-2034

200+

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans **

Only owned by the Lafarge family since 2005, Les Mitans is situated in the middle of the slope, and it's probably from this that it takes its name. It's so, so elegant. Beautifully floral on the nose, with a delightful creamy texture. It's complex and mineral, with so much energy and purity. The fruit is crystalline. And so much energy on the finish. Stunning.



Drink 2021-2036

400+

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Clos des Chênes **

The first vineyard owned by the Lafarge family, and arguably their most famous wine, this is really profound and deep, and just grows in volume! Powerful, but still with great energy and mouth-coating tannins.

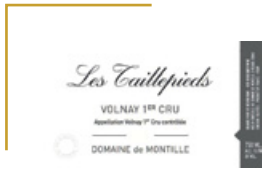


Drink 2021-2036

400+

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Clos du Château des Ducs **

A monopole of the Lafarge family - the 0.57 hectares are entirely under their ownership, and it's been produced as an individual wine since 1985. It's on another level in 2016, it's simply amazing. So much density, purity and elegance. Remarkable, remarkable, remarkable. One of my wines of the vintage.



 @domainedemontille

DOMAINE DE MONTILLE

VOLNAY

Thoughtful, charismatic and hospitable, Etienne de Montille has stewarded the family domaine since taking on the responsibility in 1995. With an enviable selection of vineyards, careful winemaking with the use of whole bunches altered to suit the vintage, and sensitive élevage, it comes as no surprise that this estate continues to rise towards the top table of Burgundy. With a cellar overseen by the talented, affable American Brian Sieve and his own son joining the family business, Etienne is doing all the right things to ensure the wines thrive.



 Drink 2018-2020

 £204 per 12 bottles

 £17 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine de Montille

Juicy and finely balanced, this is a standout entry level white from Domaine de Montille. It's got notes of white flowers, and just a hint of spice adding complexity.



 Drink 2018-2021

 £360 per 12 bottles

 £30 per bottle

2016 Beaune 1er Cru Aigrots Blanc

This premier cru is high up on the hill in Beaune, where the poor soils give the wine real zip and life. There's great extract, with mineral freshness on the finish that makes you reach for another glass.



 Drink 2018-2024

 £468 per 12 bottles

 £39 per bottle

Meursault Sur le Coteau, Domaine de Montille

This village Meursault comes from two separate parcels: one of which is the celebrated Cassettes-Tetes site. This is creamy and mineral, with stone fruit, spice and a leesy texture. Very impressive.



 Drink 2019-2027

 £600 per 12 bottles

 £50 per bottle

2016 Meursault 1er Cru Poruzots Blanc, Domaine De Montille

Poruzots is a premier cru in the heart of the Meursault hillside, and this is a benchmark example. There's notes of lemon oil and orange blossom, as well as candied fruit and hints of fresh spice.



 Drink 2020-2031

 £432 per 6 bottles

 £72 per bottle

2016 Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières

As ever, this is backward at this time, but there's wonderful potential here. There's serious dry extract, and a saline, mineral edge - like stones and citrus oil. It's beautifully fresh, with a chiselled razor-sharp finish. Gorgeous.



 Drink 2020-2026

 £492 per 6 bottles

 £82 per bottle

2016 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Le Cailleret

Le Cailleret is the vineyard that abuts Montrachet on the Puligny side, and de Montille's is one of the greatest from this plot. It balances concentration and freshness, with lemon oil, flowers and spice, then an oyster shell minerality carries the long finish.



 Drink 2018-2026

 £492 per 6 bottles

 £82 per bottle

2016 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

The ripest of Etienne's whites, spilling over into peach and grapefruit, the Corton-Charlemagne still shows restraint and precision. It's worthy of its grand cru status - there's a lot going on in the glass, lovely poise and complexity.



 Drink 2018-2026

 £210 per 12 bottles

 £17.50 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Rouge

With fruit taken from two of the domaine's vineyards in Puligny and Volnay, this is juicy and pure Pinot Noir. Freshness and crunchy fruit on the palate give it elegance and a nice lift.



Drink 2018-2028
 £390 per 12 bottles
 £32.50 per bottle

2016 Beaune 1er Cru Les Sizies

The 2016 Sizies contains a third whole bunches, evidenced by its floral delicacy and freshness. This is very finely balanced, cool and mineral, with crunchy fruit and fine tannins. And long, too. This is impressive.



Drink 2018-2028
 £288 per 6 bottles
 £48 per bottle

2016 Beaune 1er Cru Grèves

Probably the finest Beaune vineyard, in the 19th century it was seen as a Tête de Cuvée, the top level of the Côte's wines. It's darker and more brooding than Les Sizies, concentration perhaps boosted by losing 40% of the crop. The nose is powerful, quite ferrous, but with a nice lift and more elegance than typical.



Drink 2018-2031
 £840 per 12 bottles
 £70 per bottle

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans

From the middle of the slope, Mitans is the perfect wine if you want to get a handle on exactly what Volnay's about. It has a pure, juicy Pinot character, with great elegance.



Drink 2020-2032
 £432 per 6 bottles
 £72 per bottle

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Les Taillepieds

Arguably the vineyard for which the De Montille family are best known, Les Taillepieds produced only one barrel in 2016. Quite closed at this stage, but it is beautifully perfumed and savoury, with lots of potential.



Drink 2020-2031
 £816 per 12 bottles
 £68 per bottle

2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles

If Mitans is the perfect premier cru to discover Volnay, Pézerolles performs the same function for Pommard. There's much more nervosité here, still with pure, elegant fruit and concentration. The finish is long and beautifully balanced.



Drink 2020-2035
 £540 per 6 bottles
 £90 per bottle

2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens-Bas

Les Rugiens-Bas has long been a candidate for elevation to grand cru status, and vintages like 2016 show why. Remarkably irony, with dark, beautiful fruit. The purity is amazing; the depth, length and precision fantastic. There's just so much here. It unfurls in layers.



Drink 2020-2040
 £540 per 6 bottles
 £90 per bottle

2016 Corton Clos du Roi Grand Cru

From 50 year old vines, this has all the elements of a future star: a beautiful tannic structure, length and delicacy. It needs time in the cellar, but this will undoubtedly be great.



Drink 2020-2040
 £642 per 6 bottles
 £107 per bottle

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

De Montille hold just 0.29 hectares of this sprawling grand cru. The 2016 is dark and powerful, but surprisingly fresh and well-balanced. Supple and creamy on the palate, with impressive length and intensity, not to mention depth of flavour.



Drink 2020-2040
 £1170 per 6 bottles
 £195 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts

In 2005 Etienne managed to buy 1.37 hectares of the prized Les Malconsorts vineyard in Vosne. This has a gorgeous nose, with so much spice and pure fruit. There's wonderful energy and depth on the palate, with amazing definition of flavour. Great lift and energy balance the opulence on the finish. Very impressive.



Drink 2020-2050
 £1980 per 6 bottles
 £330 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts, Christiane **

When he purchased his Malconsorts parcel in 2005, Etienne separated the section of the vineyard that forms a small enclave within the grand cru La Tâche, and decided to bottle it separately, naming it after his mother. The 2016 has superb definition, purity and freshness, with intensity and exotic spice. A clear step up from the regular Malconsorts bottling, it's a sensational wine.



COMTE ARMAND POMMARD

With the Clos des Epeneaux in the hands of the Comte Armand since 1826, this estate celebrates a rich and successful history. 2014 was young Beaune native Paul Zinetti's first vintage at the helm of the nine hectare domaine, having joined from Comtes Lafon. Here is a winemaker with a golden touch and high aspirations, not least to see the Epeneaux climat awarded grand cru classification. We look forward to seeing how the wines of Comte Armand develop.

“PAUL ZINETTI IS
WISELY NUDGING THE
ESTATE FORWARD BOTH
IN THE WINERY AND
OUT IN THE VINES”

Neal Martin



Drink 2019-2028

£156 per 6 bottles

£26 per bottle

2016 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

One of the best value wines in the Côte d'Or, this comes from a blend of two vineyards in Auxey, Les Bréterins and Bas des Duresses. One is clay-based and the other chalky, so you have a lovely balance of styles. There's some spicy, concentrated fruit, with fresh floral touches too. Just five barrels made in 2016.



Drink 2020-2030

£324 per 6 bottles

£54 per bottle

2016 Volnay 1er Cru Les Frémiets

Les Frémiets borders Pommard, and this wine has something of the character of both villages. It has beautiful elegance, and cool, very fresh fruit backed up with great intensity and fine tannins. There's density, but it's gorgeously pure with plenty of tension.



Drink 2021-2035

£534 per 6 bottles

£89 per bottle

2016 Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux

The 2016 Clos is an outstanding wine. But unfortunately, there's virtually none of it. It's ferrous and dark, with finely grained tannins and such elegance yet power. This is truly great Pinot Noir.



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DOMAINE CHANSON BEAUNE

Beaune is often overlooked, but Domaine Chanson is the benchmark here, making impressive, ageworthy wines. The domaine's 15th century cellars, situated in the historic centre of Beaune, were bought by Bollinger in 1999 and fully modernised. They're particularly notable for boasting 45 hectares of vines only on premier cru or grand cru organically farmed land, Winemaker Jean-Pierre Confuron is known for his generous use of whole bunch and terroir-driven wines.



Drink 2019-2030



£174 per 6 bottles



£29 per bottle

2016 Beaune Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Marconnets

Juicy, elegant, mineral and tense, the 2016 Clos des Marconnets has a beautiful nose. This vineyard lost some 40% of the crop to frost, but what remains is remarkable, with concentration, focus and a touch of spice on the finish.



Drink 2020-2033



£297 per 6 bottles



£49.50 per bottle

2016 Beaune Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Fèves

The 2016 Fèves is wild and expressive, with beautiful ripeness to the fruit and a savoury, saline finish. There's so much intensity with silky tannins and freshness on the finish: this is a new benchmark for the reds of Beaune.



MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE BEAUNE

One of Burgundy's greatest characters, Nicholas Potel uses his wit, charm and unbeatable connections to gain access to outstanding musts for Maison Roche de Bellene, his negociant business. This allows him to make superlative wines from quite a range of vineyards. Many of the contracts for these grapes and musts are long-standing, dating back to the untimely death of Nicolas' beloved father, Gérard.

“POTEL'S RANGE OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE... AND THE BONUS IS THAT THEY ARE OFTEN WELL PRICED”

Neal Martin



Drink 2018-2023
£54 per 6 bottles
£9 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Another bargain edition from Nicolas, this is pretty and juicy, silky on the palate with impressive depth. Pure and fresh on the finish. Excellent.



Drink 2021-2042
£1350 per 6 bottles
£225 per bottle

2016 Chambertin Grand Cru

A true expression of Chambertin, Nicolas' sources here always come up trumps. It's powerful and opulent, showing bright fruit, spice and mineral freshness. There's just so much complexity here.



Drink 2019-2029
£396 per 6 bottles
£66 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

As you'd expect, this vineyard (which lies up the hill in Vosne) has produced a wine bursting with freshness. The tannins are gorgeous, and the whole effect is beautifully balanced, suave and sophisticated. Long and pure on the finish.



Drink 2019-2035
£1170 per 6 bottles
£195 per bottle

2016 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru

This is really very good, well-worthy of its grand cru status. At once cool and mineral, with power and depth of flavour. This will need to time to show its full complement, but there's amazing potential here.



Drink 2019-2033
£780 per 6 bottles
£130 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts

Malconsorts is the rising star among Vosne's vineyards, and this is a great example of why. Simply beautiful - it's so intense and long. There's so much power, energy and intensity, but it's gorgeously deft and elegant.



Drink 2020-2040
£3000 per 6 bottles
£500 per bottle

2016 Richebourg Grand Cru

Another wine that's all potential at present. The depth and power is evident, with rich dark fruit, lovely tannins and lacy acidity. It's quite explosive: the length and depth of flavour unfurls.



Drink 2019-2033
£300 per 6 bottles
£50 per bottle

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes

Forming something of a plateau, Les Charmes has always produced wines known for roundness and generosity, and that's certainly the case here. Intensity, too. In Nicolas' hands it's elegant and fresh, with pure fruit character. Impressive.



Drink 2020-2040
£3000 per 6 bottles
£500 per bottle

2016 Romanée St.Vivant, Grand Cru

And another baby - it's still very much coming together. But the potential is seriously impressive. Depth and intensity, with fantastic spice on the finish. One for the cellar.



Drink 2019-2040
£1170 per 6 bottles
£195 per bottle

2016 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru

With a touch of Morey wildness with its Chambolle elegance, Bonnes Mares is one of the Côte de Nuits' most in-demand grands crus, and wines like this demonstrate why. It's dark and brooding, with suave acidity and freshness. Opulent fruit and spice complete a superb wine.



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DOMAINE DE BELLENE BEAUNE

In addition to his long-standing negociant business, Nicolas Potel has bought vineyards to form his own domaine. Perhaps the most connected man in Burgundy, he's been fortunate to secure both more famous plots and land in less fashionable appellations, where there is superb value for the quality of the wines. In 2016 he has supplemented this production with some bought-in grapes, from neighbouring growers where he trusts the vigneron. This will be labelled under a new label, Bellene.



Drink 2018-2023

£99 per 6 bottles

£16.50 per bottle

2016 Côte de Nuits-Villages Vieilles Vignes

Nicolas sees his (increasing) holdings in the Côte de Nuits-Villages as the future of his domaine, where prices aren't as high. And his faith was rewarded in 2016, as his crop was unaffected by bad weather. The wine is juicy and pure, with mineral freshness and pleasant grip. There's lots of energy and depth, and a long, pure finish.



Drink 2018-2024

£111 per 6 bottles

£18.50 per bottle

2016 Savigny-Les-Beaune Vieilles Vignes - Bellene

This is a stunning wine every year, and the 2016 (although produced in tiny quantities) is no exception. It's textured, cool and wonderfully fine: a wine that punches well above its weight.



Drink 2019-2026

£150 per 6 bottles

£25 per bottle

2016 Volnay Les Grands Poisots Vieilles Vignes - Bellene

This village vineyard is right on the border with Pommard. This vintage is juicy and elegant, but with impressive tannins, too. It's fresh, clean and very fine.



Drink 2019-2027

£162 per 6 bottles

£27 per bottle

2016 Nuits-Saint-Georges Vieilles Vignes

This is a wine that really shows its pedigree and its origins. Mineral, fresh and stunningly well balanced, it's a wine that challenges every preconception of Nuits as a rustic village.



Drink 2019-2033

£468 per 6 bottles

£78 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots - Bellene

Les Suchots is one of Vosne's greatest vineyards, situated on the line of grands crus. It was also one of the few vineyards to be frosted this year in the commune. But the low yields have produced a textured and very long wine, that is, for me, grand cru in all but name.



CHANDON DE BRIAILLES SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

The de Nicolay family is perhaps best known for their red and white Cortons, but there's more to this domaine than grands crus. Their beautiful house, constructed between 1690 and 1705, has been theirs since 1834. Current incumbent Claude, frequently flanked by her lovely dogs (Joy and Darling!), creates wines of elegance and poise from appellations sometimes known for their more bucolic styles. Farmed biodynamically since 2005, this is a set of wines that punch well above their weight.

“WINES THAT GO DOWN
SO WELL WHERE THEY
SHOULD – ON THE
DINNER TABLE”

Neal Martin



 Drink 2019-2024

 600+

2016 Corton Blanc Grand Cru

Corton Blanc is rarely seen, indeed the de Nicolay family have the only Chardonnay vines planted in the clay-rich Bressandes grand cru, which makes up 90% of the blend here. It's a weighty, richly textured white, with admirable precision and balance. This is a rare treat you should snap up if you have the chance.



 Drink 2018-2027

 200+

2016 Bourgogne Rouge

Coming from the plots of Pernand and Savigny that were so severely frosted that they produced just 1hl/ha, this is the best Bourgogne Rouge you're likely to find anywhere. Hopefully the only time they'll ever make it, it's a wine you'll want to have in your cellar.



 Drink 2020-2036

 600+

2016 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru

Just below the Clos du Roi, the Bressandes makes a dark, intense, deep Corton. The 2016 has lovely tension, with creamy fruit and amazing length. The finish is quite gorgeous, pure and long.



 Drink 2020-2039

 600+

2016 Corton Grand Cru Clos du Roi

Tiny yields come from this stony vineyard at the very heart of the hill, planted with 55 year old vines: it's arguably the best site of the whole appellation. It's so elegant: red from a white terroir. Rose petals and spice, with amazing texture.





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DOMAINE TAWSE GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

This Gevrey-Chambertin domaine was purchased by Canadian Moray Tawse in 2013, and he immediately put his team from Marchand-Tawse in place. Englishman (and Arsenal fan) Mark Fincham essentially runs the estate, seeking to create pure and lifted Pinot Noirs that display Gevrey's varied and impressive terroir.



Drink 2018-2021

£192 per 6 bottles

£32 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vinifié sans Soufre'

Mark Fincham's baby is more serious in 2016 than 2015. There's finely grained tannins, beautiful spice and a slight hint of cured meat on the finish. The perfect bottle to get your first impression of 2016.



Drink 2019-2029

£156 per 6 bottles

£26 per bottle

2016 Beaune 1er Cru Tuvilans

Four barrels produced. This premier cru lies at the bottom of the hill, and has a lovely density to it. There are savoury and peppery notes, then a lovely long sapid finish. This is such a lovely food wine.



Drink 2019-2032

£144 per 6 bottles

£24 per bottle

2016 Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru Les Lavières

The team filled only two barrels from this vineyard, as opposed to his usual 17. There's fantastic concentration and depth, with soft tannins and real purity to the fruit. Fresh and complex, with wonderful precision and length. This is stunning.



Drink 2018-2025

£231 per 6 bottles

£38.50 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin En Pallud

From a village vineyard, bordered on either side by two premiers crus. It's cool, fresh and mineral - beautifully balanced. And with nice acidity and volume. This is pretty serious: there's intensity and wonderful fragrance, and the texture and energy are quite superb.



Drink 2022-2033

£390 per 6 bottles

£65 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Cherbaudes

Probably the richest of Gevrey's premiers crus, situated immediately below the grands crus. A sleeper. Quite closed, but there's real spice and nice freshness here. Lovely purity of fruit still.



Drink 2020-2033

£390 per 6 bottles

£65 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Champeaux

Mark loves this vineyard. Remote and high up the hill, it's one of the Côte de Nuits' most peaceful spots - you can't hear the road, and some parts can't even be reached by tractor. The wine has a wildness too, it's beautifully fragrant and charming, with real elegance. A stunning Gevrey.



Drink 2021-2035

800+

2016 Mazis Chambertin

Tawse's Mazis has become their signature, and this clearly shows why. There's great energy and depth, the old vines giving great concentration. It's wild and exotic, and you can feel it bursting with complexity. Amazing length and freshness on the finish.



Drink 2021-2042

£2400 per 6 bottles

£400 per bottle

2016 Musigny Grand Cru

Due to tiny quantities, this gem isn't tasted.



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MARCHAND-TAWSE NUITS-SAINTS-GEORGES

Quebecois Pascal Marchand first came to Burgundy in 1983, and has since held a wide array of jobs at some of the region's most illustrious names. He founded Marchand-Tawse with Ontario-born businessman, and Burgundy nut, Moray Tawse. They started off as a negociant house, buying in grapes or must from other growers, but now own a considerable number of their own vineyards. And, it's a rare domaine in Burgundy with doors open to the public and an inviting tasting room.



Drink 2019-2027
100+

2016 Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Pascal's is a super serious Bourgogne, brash and impressive. There's lovely volume and texture, with refined spice and good depth of fruit. The length is very impressive - an excellent effort.



Drink 2019-2027
100+

2016 Marsannay

From a single plot. This has lovely rich berry fruit, crunchy and fresh with fine tannins and good length. An impressive showing from this village.



Drink 2020-2033
200+

2016 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes

Lying down the hill from the Clos de la Roche and Clos-St-Denis grands crus, this is one of the most highly regarded premiers crus in Morey. And it's wonderfully expressive of the commune, with wild berries and burnt leaf. Beautiful definition and length.



Drink 2021-2042
600+

2016 Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru

An ethereal and intellectual Pinot Noir, this is just stunning. Lovely pure, juicy fruit and a depth of flavour that's both persistent and elegant, with an understated opulence. A wonderfully long finish completes the package.



Drink 2021-2042
600+

2016 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

This grand cru is defined by its shallow soils, reflected in this wine's intense mineral quality. There's still a weight and concentration too, along with delicately pure fruit.



Drink 2021-2040
600+

2016 Echézeaux Grand Cru

Taken from Les Treux and Les Rouges du Bas. This is a powerful, balanced grand cru with depth, purity and freshness. This is stunning.



DOMAINE JEAN-MARC MILLOT

NUITS - SAINTS - GEORGES

The modest Jean-Marc Millot is a man who lets his wines do the talking, and with wines of this quality he can certainly afford to. After starting the domaine in 1992, he acquired many of his grand cru parcels in 1997. Today, his diligence and gentleness of touch leads to wines which define elegance and finesse. Unassuming yet overwhelmingly charming, here is a perfect example of the wines reflecting the maker (or vice versa!). His energetic daughter Alix now works at the domaine, and challenges her father to make even better wines, already a winning formula.

“A BURGUNDIAN DELIGHT”

Steen Öhman, Winehog



Drink 2018-2024

£132 per 6 bottles

£22 per bottle

2016 Côtes de Nuits-Villages, Les Faulques

This single vineyard Côtes de Nuits-Villages is lovely again this year. Juicy, fresh and easy to love, with nice depth and structure. A long, fresh finish.



Drink 2019-2026

£270 per 6 bottles

£45 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée

Coming from two different sites in Vosne, one bordering Suchots and the other Clos Vougeot. There's nice purity and spice here, the palate silky and very fresh. It manages to be bright and cool, but with impressive length and depth.



Drink 2020-2034

£534 per 6 bottles

£89 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots

Jean-Marc's plot in Suchots is next door to Sébastien Cathiard, and this is silky and sexy with great purity. The finish is long and well defined, and I love the tension.



Drink 2021-2035

£750 per 6 bottles

£125 per bottle

2016 Echézeaux Grand Cru

Jean-Marc's Echézeaux is, in our opinion, the best value Vosne/Flagey grand cru out there. There's impressive intensity and power, but so much finesse and silkiness. And a finely perfumed long finish.



Drink 2020-2033

£780 per 6 bottles

£130 per bottle

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Clos de Vougeot is a huge vineyard, so it matters where you're placed. Jean-Marc's plot is in Grand Maupertui, which borders the Grands-Echézeaux. There's a wonderful balance of tension and power here. It's silky, deep and long.



Drink 2021-2044

£1350 per 3 magnums

£450 per magnum

2016 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru

The 2016 Grands-Echézeaux has some amazing power. It unfurls complexity and intensity, with so much length and depth. The intensity is simply lovely.



DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN NUITS-SAINTS-GEORGES

Owned by Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin is one of Burgundy's fastest improving domaines. With these improvements comes considerable attention and more importantly, critical acclaim. Here is some of the region's most prized terroir. The wines created by the Clos Frantin team, led so ably by Managing Director Albéric and Technical Director Alain, more than live up to the quality of their origins. Say it quietly, but these are one of the smartest buys available today.



Drink 2020-2035

400+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts

Still coming together, but the component parts are impressive. It's spicy and mineral, with wonderfully juicy fruit. The texture is silky, the finish long, and the precision and delineation is impressive. A serious Malconsorts.



Drink 2020-2040

600+

2016 Echézeaux Grand Cru

From the Les Champs Traversins part of this vineyard, high on the hill and noted for a fine expression of Echézeaux. This is silky with a slightly herbal perfume - very elegant. The depth and intensity of flavour is impressive.



Drink 2021-2043

800+

2016 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru

Really big and powerful, but there's nuance and balance here. Wonderful coolness on the fruit and real energy.



Drink 2020-2040

600+

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

A Clos de Vougeot that calls for attention - the juicy dark fruit has real bite and grab. Long, elegant and mineral, this wine is beautifully composed and pure.



Drink 2022-2045

1000+

2016 Chambertin Grand Cru

Powerful, structured yet with impeccable terroir definition, in 2016 this is a wonder to behold. Shows just why Chambertin is so highly prized.



DOMAINE DE L'ARLOT PRÉMEUX-PRISSEY

2016 marks the second vintage that the charming winemaker and Burgundian native Géraldine Godot has worked alone at the domaine, and she's made an impact, creating wines of finesse and delicacy. From their excellent range of vineyards and 18th century cellars, with monopoles including Clos de l'Arlet and Clos des Forêts St-Georges, Domaine de l'Arlet creates the most elegant, refined and classy Nuits-Saint-Georges imaginable.



Drink 2018-2021

£162 per 6 bottles

£27 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-Georges La Gerbotte Blanc

This cuvée uses the fruit from the younger vines in the Clos de l'Arlet premier cru. It's ripe, generous and pretty delicious. It has warmth and intensity, but fresh acidity and nice extract on the finish.



Drink 2019-2023

£318 per 6 bottles

£53 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Clos de l'Arlet Blanc

While Nuits isn't necessarily known for its whites, this is undoubtedly the best produced in the commune: a Chardonnay to rank alongside the region's best. It has lovely balance and power this vintage. A good meaty character and saline purity on the finish. Some exotic fresh ginger and apricot. Generous but delicious.



Not Produced

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Mont des Oiseaux'

Not produced in 2016 due to frost



Drink 2019-2026

£312 per 6 bottles

£52 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Clos des Forêts St-Georges

One of the Côte d'Or's individual vineyards, in that it spans the entirety of the hillside, from bottom to top. Only 40% of potential production this year. The depth on show is lovely, pure fruits and floral notes, with a long delightful finish. The best I've tasted of this cuvée.



Drink 2020-2035

£510 per 6 bottles

£85 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots **

A wine for the cellar. The vineyard's hallmark elegance and depth is on show here, with exotic spice and beautiful length. It needs time, but this will be fantastic.



Drink 2021-2045

£1800 per 6 bottles

£300 per bottle

2016 Romanée-Saint-Vivant Grand Cru **

The domaine has just 0.25 hectares of this revered vineyard, which makes its top cuvée. There's so much purity and definition here. And so much length! Fresh, saline and haunting in its gorgeousness.





DOMAINE GÉRARD JULIEN ET FILS COMBLANCHIEN

The town of Comblanchien is yet to attract more attention for fine wine than for its quarries, but I'm sure that's about to change. And it's thanks to Etienne Julien. We discovered this brilliant young winemaker (his first vintage was 2012) thanks to a tip-off from his friend and fellow rising star Maxime Cheurlin of Domaine Georges Noëllat. We can only recommend you start buying his wines now before word is truly out. Joyful, energetic and vivacious, these Pinot Noirs are a true hedonist's delight.

"A RISING STAR"
Steen Öhman, Winehog



Drink 2018-2022

200+

2016 Côte de Nuits-Villages

Taken from plots in Comblanchien. Amazing purity and freshness here, with a lovely sense of tension. Just so delicious: fresh, pure and saline. Very drinkable.



Drink 2019-2027

200+

2016 Aloxe Corton, 1er Cru 'Les Valozieres'

The buzz around Aloxe - a hitherto overlooked commune - continues to grow, and Etienne demonstrates why here. The fruit is crystalline and fresh, silky on the palate and there's lovely balance. Delicious.



Drink 2020-2031

200+

2016 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru, 'Les Busselots'

"Busselots" means "little bumps", but this premier cru's clay-rich soils make for a rounded and approachable Nuits-Saint-Georges. Pure, cool red fruits, with a crystalline - almost transparent - quality, and lacy acidity. Wonderful depth of flavour here: a superb Nuits-Saint-Georges.



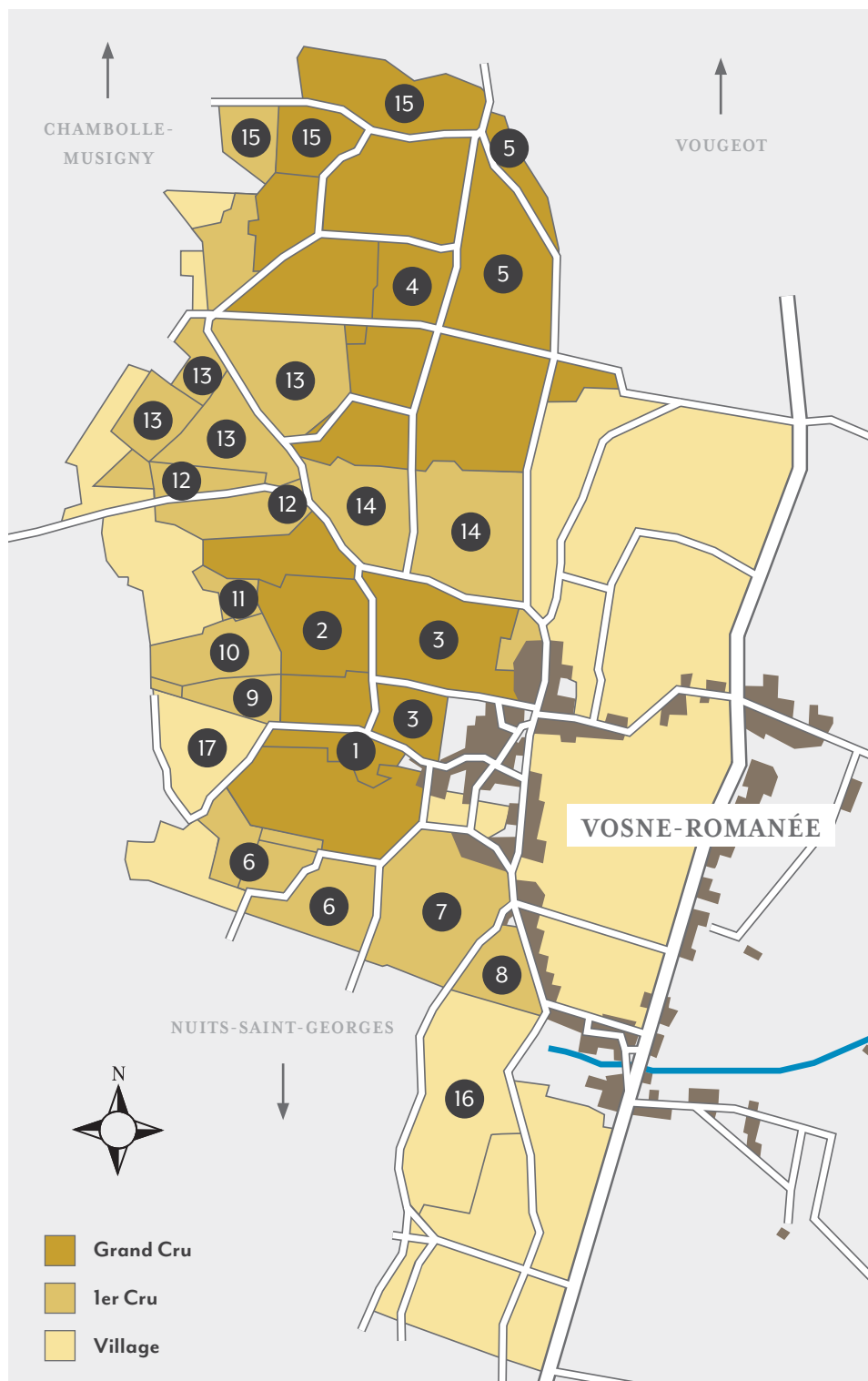
Drink 2020-2034

600+

2016 Echézeaux, Grand Cru

The frosts which hit Echézeaux can be seen in the concentration Etienne has achieved in this cuvée - simply a stunning effort. The fruit is quite lovely, with bags of energy, silky tannins and a pure, fresh finish. This is a highlight.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE



Vosne-Romanée is the beating heart of the Côte de Nuits. It's the source of the world's most sensuous and silky Pinot Noir, and the home of some of Burgundy's most revered domaines. It also has the greatest concentration of prized vineyards, from tiny monopoles to the more sprawling Echézeaux.

The finest vineyards in mid-slope are notable for their thin, poor soils. It's these which are thought to give the wines their thrilling tension and nervosity, which the more generous soil of the village vineyards can't match.

KEY VINEYARDS

1	La Grande Rue	1.65 ha	6	Malconsorts	5.86 ha	12	Aux Brûlées	4.53 ha
2	Richebourg	8.03 ha	7	Les Chaumes	6.46 ha	13	Les Beaux Monts	11.39 ha
3	Romanée-St-Vivant	9.44 ha	8	Clos de Réas	2.12 ha	14	Les Suchots	13.08 ha
4	Echézeaux	37.69 ha	9	Les Reignots	1.62 ha	15	En Orveaux	1.79 ha
5	Grands Echézeaux	9.14 ha	10	Petits Monts	3.67 ha	16	Aux Reas	9.78 ha
			11	Cros Parantoux	1.01 ha	17	Champs Perdrix	4.01 ha



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DOMAINE ARNOUX-LACHAUX VOSNE-ROMANÉE

There are numerous examples of Burgundy domaines where the handover between generations has proven something of an upheaval. Fortunately Arnoux-Lachaux bucks the trend, with father Pascal and son Charles working closely together. With Charles' input, these wines are gaining an additional layer of complexity and texture, a fact reflected in their high standing amongst their winemaking peers.

These wines will be released later in 2018







DOMAINE SYLVAIN CATHIARD

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

Trying to arrange a visit to see Sébastien Cathiard can be tricky: this is a domaine where the wines come first, before any commercial considerations. But this care and attention pays dividends, with his perfectly-kept, airy cellar giving something of an insight into the wines of this much-prized domaine. It became one of Burgundy's most in demand addresses under Sébastien's father, Sylvain, during the 1990s and having taken over in 2010 Sébastien has further raised its reputation.



Drink 2019-2025

100+

2016 Bourgogne Rouge **

From vines in the communes of Vosne and Vougeot, this is silky, fresh and crunchy. Such purity here - simply one of the best Burgognes out there.



Drink 2020-2028

200+

2016 Vosne-Romanée **

As with the 2015, this village Vosne has 50% new oak, but wears it effortlessly. This is suave, spiced and sophisticated. There's excellent density to the cool fruit.



Drink 2020-2028

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny Les Clos de l'Orme **

From the top of the hill in the village, 70% of this was lost to frost. There's elegance and length, bound up with so much tension. Beautifully floral and elegant.



Drink 2020-2032

600+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Thorey **

This premier cru has an enviable exposure, similar to Clos St Jacques in Gevrey. This vintage is mineral and cool, with lovely fruit purity. Wonderful depth on the palate here, that persists and unfurls.



Drink 2021-2036

600+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Aux Murgers **

Aux Murgers is close to the border with Vosne, and has some of that appellation's signature elegance. But Nuits' richness is here too: there's excellent power and depth, and the fruit is beautifully rounded.



Drink 2021-2032

600+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Reignots **

The Reignots vineyard is high on the hill, and I love the cool freshness here. It's so elegant, with amazing depth and length.



Drink 2021-2034

600+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru En Orveaux **

Located above Echézeaux, this is a classically fragrant and pure Vosne. There's depth and sucrosity with lively acidity and silky tannins. Beautifully fresh.



Drink 2021-2040

1000+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts **

Once again, Sébastien's Malconsorts is a wine you'll need to wait for - but it'll be worth it. This is really powerful, with so much energy and complexity. It has everything you could ask.



Drink 2021-2045

1000+

2016 Romanée-St-Vivant Grand Cru **

Wow. This RSV is a triumph. Long, pure, precise and beautifully elegant. The depth and complexity is wondrous, but there'll be so much more to come.



@domainegrivot

DOMAINE JEAN GRIVOT VOSNE - ROMANÉE

Patriarch Jean Grivot passed on the domaine to his son, Etienne, in 1987, who is now passing the torch on to his daughter Mathilde and her brother Hubert. With densely planted old vines, gently tended organically, yields are low and complexity high. As the grapes pass through Etienne and Mathilde's cellar, her lightness of touch builds on the trend of this superb address towards purity and refinement, without losing any of the tell-tale structure.



Drink 2019-2026

£90 per 6 bottles

£15 per bottle

2016 Coteaux Bourguignons

Made from very old vine Gamay from the communes of Flagey and Vosne, the Grivots seem just as excited about this cuvée, which has real family significance, as they do about their grands crus. It's juicy and fresh with a charming floral character and lovely purity. Gamay, but not as you know it.



Drink 2020-2034

£798 per 6 bottles

£133 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

This Beaux Monts belongs on the top table. It's silky, driven and fresh, with beautiful tannins. So cool, elegant and long, with so much complexity.



Drink 2019-2027

£282 per 6 bottles

£47 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée

This is a benchmark Vosne, silky and clean with ripe, juicy acidity. Real vibrancy and elegance.



Drink 2021-2033

£960 per 6 bottles

£160 per bottle

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

The wine for which the domaine is perhaps best known (this, or their Richebourg!), this is elegance vinified. Cool dark cherries and mulberries balance the savoury, spicy notes. There's a fine almond kernel note, wonderful length and purity on the finish.



Drink 2019-2028

£282 per 6 bottles

£47 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-Georges Aux Lavières

From the Vosne side of Nuits, this is always an impressive wine here. Mineral and cool, with some serious density, it shows delicate Vosne elegance, too.



Drink 2021-2035

£1350 per 6 bottles

£225 per bottle

2016 Echézeaux Grand Cru **

From the Vignes Blanches section of the vineyard, noted for its chalky soils. There's real potential here. It hides itself, but there's so much energy and length.



Not Produced

2016 Chambolle-Musigny La Combe d'Orveaux

Not produced in 2016 due to frost.



Drink 2021-2040

£750 per bottle

2016 Richebourg Grand Cru **

Taken from 0.31 hectares of the vineyard, with 50 year old vines. It's always a pleasure to taste this Richebourg. It's absolutely packed with flavour and supple tannins. Enormous but perfectly balanced.



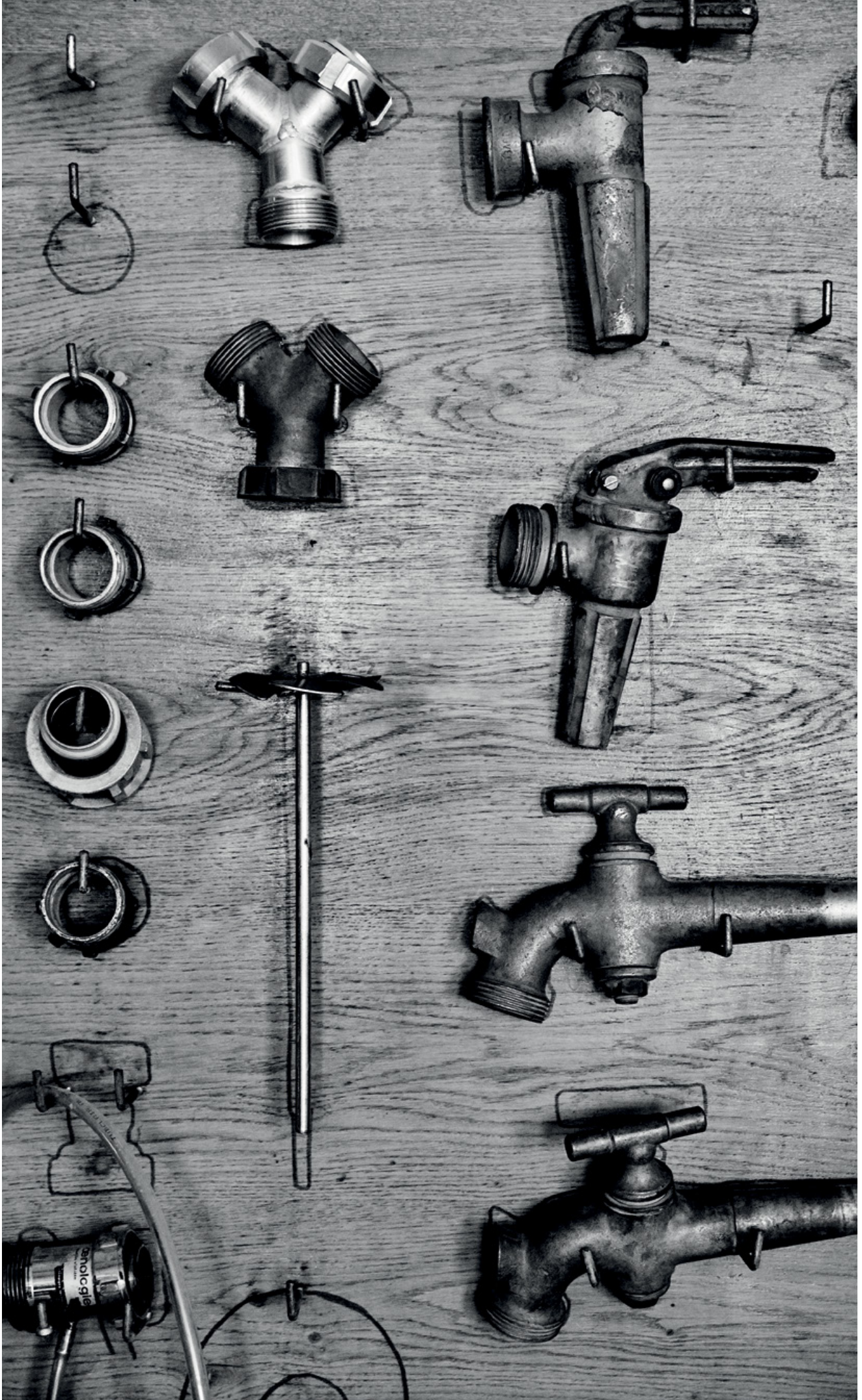
Drink 2020-2032

£576 per 6 bottles

£96 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers

The Grivots' Pruliers is a wonderful example of how Nuits from the south side of the village can clearly show its origins, without being rustic. It's cool and concentrated, with "wow" intensity and freshness. Lovely purity, and the volume grows. It's harvested late and has that richness, but is precise and driven, with a fantastic texture. Possibly the best ever Pruliers.





DOMAINE MICHEL GROS

VOSNE - ROMANÉE

Best known for his monopole Clos des Réas, a vineyard that produces a wine of supreme elegance, this remarkable plot has been in the family since 1860. Michel Gros has been at the head of the family domaine that now bears his name since 1975. A rather more recent addition was his tiny parcel of grand cru Clos de Vougeot, bought by Michel's father for his son's twelfth birthday, although he's adamant he would have preferred a bike!



Drink 2018-2024

100+

2016 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, Fontaine St Martin

These four hectares were fortunately untouched by the frost. It's juicy, fresh and pure with fine tannins and good length. An excellent, and serious, example of the Hautes-Côtes.



Drink 2019-2025

200+

2016 Morey-Saint-Denis 'En la Rue de Vergy'

A village vineyard, but situated just on top of the grand cru Clos du Tart, so enviably situated. Precise berry fruit - mulberry and dark cherry - and lots of energy and depth.



Drink 2019-2025

200+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 'Chaliots'

This single vineyard Nuits comes from the south side of the town, unlike Michel's other village Nuits, and the difference is immediately apparent. There's dark, minerally-driven fruit, and good acidity and drive. A lovely focussed finish.



Drink 2019-2025

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny

Michel tends to have very well placed vines, and this is no exception: it comes from the village plot that touches Musigny. It's open and floral with fresh red fruits. There's nice lift and energy with impressive density.



Drink 2019-2025

200+

2016 Vosne-Romanée

Excellent concentration and density. The fruit is fresh and pure, with a nice balance on the finish. It's suave and easy going, but with good power.



Drink 2019-2025

200+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru

Taken from two vineyards, Murgers and the rarely seen Vignerondes, which are right next to one another, this has an open, juicy - even creamy - palate with lovely tension. Great freshness and purity.



Drink 2021-2030

400+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées

A premier cru neighbouring Richebourg. Expressive and stony with rose petal perfume. It's wild and intense but very pure. Nicely structured with lovely depth and freshness.



Drink 2021-2030

400+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Clos de Réas

A monopole of the estate (and the only premier cru monopole in Vosne), this has been in the hands of the family since 1960. Just voluminous, with serious depth, silky tannins and lacy acidity. Really impressive, the focussed finish racing with spice and energy.



Drink 2021-2034

600+

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Michel has just 10 rows in Clos de Vougeot, situated along the wall bordering Grands-Echézeaux. Gorgeous fruit, very pure and long, crystalline acidity and spice.



DOMAINE FRANÇOIS LAMARCHE

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

Whilst most of us receive toasters or crockery, the second Henri Lamarche was given the La Grande Rue vineyard for his wedding present. It was only elevated to grand cru status in 1992, due to Henri's fear of having to pay extra tax had he applied for the designation in 1936. This is an estate with an amazing set of vineyards, and under the control of cousins Nicole, the winemaker, and Nathalie, who looks after the commercial side, Lamarche are back where they belong, near the top of the Vosne-Romanée tree.



Drink 2019-2023
100+

2016 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

From a parcel in Concoer-et-Courboin, just up the hill from Vosne. Really crunchy, with lovely fruit and such nice tension. This is just so pure and drinkable. And elegant too.



Drink 2020-2034
200+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Cras **

Nicole always shows this after the Vosne premiers crus at the estate, such is its power and intensity. The 2016 is mineral and dark and full of energy. Crystalline, crunchy fruit and a long, pure finish.



Drink 2020-2034
400+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots **

Les Suchots is one of Burgundy's most prized terroirs. This is such a baby now, but there's clear lift and elegance, as well as intensity and purity. Smashing.



Drink 2020-2034
600+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts **

This Malconsorts is opulent, suave and downright sexy. It's finely balanced between tension and generosity, with great depth and freshness. Shows why Malconsorts is so sought-after.



Drink 2021-2042
600+

2016 Echézeaux Grand Cru **

A beautifully balanced expression of Echézeaux, drawn from three plots across the grand cru. In its infancy, but showing so much potential and depth. The purity and elegance is amazing, but don't hurry to drink this.



Drink 2021-2042
600+

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru **

2016's another red fruit vintage, with gorgeous fresh strawberry as well as touches of lilac and acacia. It's gloriously elegant, fresh and mineral. Quite superb.



Drink 2021-2050
1000+

2016 La Grande Rue Grand Cru Monopole **

This monopole in the heart of Vosne is now undoubtedly back where it should be: among the village's very finest wines. It has a simply amazing nose - spiritual or ethereal. It is elegance personified, and with so much depth. Frankly, impossible to spit. Glorious.



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DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET VOSNE - ROMANÉE

The link with Henri Jayer continues to define, if not overshadow, this estate, which makes outstanding wines completely in its own right. Jean-Nicolas Méo took control in 1989, and the wines have rightfully developed a reputation for being polished, opulent and voluptuous, with wonderful intensity to the fruit. With fourteen hectares in some of the most prestigious parts of the Côte de Nuits, Méo-Camuzet also has a thriving negociant business.



Drink 2018-2021

100+

2016 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc Clos Philibert

This year's Philibert is juicy and bright with nice extract. On the riper side, but it's kept fresh by the altitude of the Hautes-Côtes. There's wonderful lift on the clean mineral finish.



Drink 2019-2024

100+

2016 Marsannay, Méo-Camuzet Frère et Sœurs

Marsannay was badly hit by frost, but this doesn't seem to have suffered. There's nice bright fruit and floral notes, clean and very silky on the palate. It's pure and surprisingly long - great value.



Drink 2019-2027

200+

2016 Fixin 1er Cru Clos Du Chapitre, Méo-Camuzet Frère et Sœurs

Fixin, immediately north of Gevrey-Chambertin is certainly a village which doesn't receive the attention it deserves. Indeed, this vineyard is next door to the Clos de la Perrière, which was touted in the 19th century as equal to Chambertin. This is floral and elegant, but the palate has a nice juicy crunch. Richness and ripeness in good balance, with a silky finish.



Drink 2019-2027

200+

2016 Nuits-Saint-Georges

An excellent villages Nuits-Saint-Georges, silky and pure with great length and freshness.



Drink 2019-2035

600+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Chaumes

Just south of La Tâche. This is very suave and silky: wholly Vosne. But intensity and depth of flavour, too, and elegance.



Drink 2020-2042

800+

2016 Corton Les Perrières Grand Cru

From the mid-slope, this is one of the finest of Corton's vineyards, and really impressive this vintage. Stony, savoury, and with an amazing mineral character. It's so long and sapid, you just want another glass.



DOMAINE GEORGES MUGNERET-GIBOURG

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

Tucked away in Vosne-Romanée, sisters Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée are widely regarded by their fellow winemakers as two of Burgundy's biggest stars. They create the purest expressions of Pinot Noir that exist: wines that are elegant and classy with remarkable complexity. Despite their stardom, this down-to-earth pair, located next door to François Lamarche, remain focused on their wines. It is their unrivalled lightness of touch that shines so brightly in these sought-after bottles.



Drink 2018-2025

100+

2016 Bourgogne Rouge **

Due to the extreme frost, there was so little made of this that we didn't taste it.



Drink 2019-2029

200+

2016 Vosne-Romanée **

Really elegant and full of finesse. Simply amazing purity, precise Vosne spice and wonderful length.



Drink 2019-2035

400+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Chaignots **

From the heart of the Vosne side of Nuits, this wine is always beautifully expressive in its youth, a clear marker of the vintage. Really elegant and round, with lovely juicy fruit and fine texture.



Not Produced

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Feusselottes

Not made in 2016 due to frost.



Drink 2021-2045

1000+

2016 Echézeaux Grand Cru **

Drawn from two well-placed spots in Les Rouges du Bas and Quartiers de Nuits. Lovely volume and intensity, with amazing tension and serious depth. This will be a great Echézeaux. It's complex, long, mineral and so pure. Stunning.



Drink 2021-2045

1000+

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru **

For us, this is the very best Clos de Vougeot produced, although production is down by one third this vintage. Silky, juicy and so elegant. There's such definition and precision, it unfurls in layers, one after another. Glorious.



Drink 2021-2045

1000+

2016 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru **

This comes from Ruchottes du Bas, and is a lively, deep, tense Pinot Noir. There's so much energy here, it's surely one of the best wines we tasted this year.



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DOMAINE AURÉLIEN VERDET ARCENANT

Born in 1981, Aurélien owns 5.5 hectares of vineyards which he farms organically. Practicing intelligent, gentle winemaking, this is a young vigneron who spends most of his time in the vineyards. In fact, on Christmas Day he's more likely to be found there. From this hallowed ground, he produces genuinely exciting wines of great purity and personality. These wines are going to become harder and harder to secure, and they sell out faster each year: buy them while you're in the know.



Drink 2018-2024

£93 per 6 bottles

£15.50 per bottle

2016 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Le Prieuré

Aurélien is based up on the Hautes-Côtes, and as you'd expect, his wine from up here is one of the benchmarks. This is so fresh and juicy, with lovely texture and energy and a surprising amount of depth. A wine to buy every year, and a bargain at the price.



Drink 2019-2025

£252 per 6 bottles

£42 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée

Serious for a village wine, there's some power here, but great fruit and elegance that grows on the palate.



Drink 2018-2024

£141 per 6 bottles

£23.50 per bottle

2016 Marsannay Champs Perdrix

A steep vineyard, reaching up to the combe - the kind of terroir that Aurélien has so much joy with. There's lovely coolness and mineral freshness here, good tension and juicy on the palate.



Drink 2019-2030

£345 per 6 bottles

£57.50 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-George 1er Cru Aux Boudots

This prized Nuits vineyard borders the sought-after Vosne Malconsorts, and with Aurélien's considerable talent, produces a wine that shows the best of both communes. More dark and juicy than his Vosne wine, it's still very mineral, serious and long. Wonderful freshness and depth.



Drink 2019-2030

£345 per 6 bottles

£57.50 per bottle

2016 Nuits-St-George 1er Cru Les Damodes

High on the slope and bordering Vosne, again you can feel elements of the two communes. There's a savouriness here in the dark, whole berry fruit and a sweetness on the finish. And it's wonderfully elegant and silky on the palate. The fruit is really impressive.



Drink 2020-2034

£420 per 6 bottles

£70 per bottle

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

From high up on the slope in Vosne-Romanée, this is glorious - even better than 2015. It's incredibly classic, with amazing depth and length. Just mouth-filling, and so elegant. The fruit is juicy, pure and complex. Stunning.



DOMAINE HUDELLOT-NOËLLAT

VOUGEOT

Well-dressed winemaker Charles van Canneyt's sophisticated presence is reflected in the qualities of his wines. He took over from his grandfather, Alain, in 2008, who'd been at the helm for over thirty years. With a winemaking degree from Dijon, and access to some of the top terroir in all of the Côte de Nuits, Charles was well-equipped to continue the estate's predilection towards elegant, fragrant wines. There's a beautiful, silky texture alongside a fine thread of acidity in these gorgeous wines, with proven ageing potential.




 Drink 2018-2024
 100+

2016 Bourgogne Rouge

Elegant but more structured than you'd expect from a simple Bourgogne, this is a winning wine. There are floral notes and very fine tannins on the finish.





 Drink 2019-2024
 200+

2016 Vosne-Romanée

Always a benchmark Vosne-Romanée, the 2016 is silky, fresh and oh-so-drinkable. This is cool yet spicy on the finish, with layers that unfurl one after another.



 Drink 2019-2031
 400+

2016 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Murgers

Les Murgers is one of the finest positioned vineyards in Nuits, in the heart of the hillside on the Vosne-Romanée side of the town.



 Drink 2020-2031
 400+

2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaumonts

Les Beaumonts is one of our favourite Vosne vineyards. Perched on the top of the slope, this has intensity and concentration in spades. If you were to describe a benchmark Vosne-Romanée, this would come very close to the top.



 Drink 2021-2033
 600+

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru **

Hudelot-Noëllat have perfectly placed vines in the Clos de Vougeot, at the base of the château. Indeed, they're probably the most visited in the whole of the Clos! This is a stunning wine, with tension, elegance and depth. A Clos de Vougeot for the ages.



 Drink 2021-2045
 1000+

2016 Romanée-St-Vivant Grand Cru **

Hudelot-Noëllat have half a hectare of this grand cru - a really nice parcel! The 2016 has everything you want from a Vosne grand cru, with silky spice, an elegant texture and a finish that lasts for ages.



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DOMAINE FELETTIG CHAMBOLLE - MUSIGNY

Brother and sister team Gilbert and Christine Felletig have continued the good work of their father, Henri, and now produce excellent value wines from twelve hectares of vines on the Côte de Nuits. With a superb selection of parcels in Chambolle, their commitment to quality is demonstrated equally in their excellent village wine and their well-placed premiers crus.



Drink 2019-2035

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny Clos le Village

As the name suggests, this is situated in the heart of Chambolle-Musigny, a monopole of the domaine that we'd argue is premier cru quality. Volume down 40% this year. There's lovely elegance here, juicy and so fine. It's an intellectual wine, great texture and saline purity. So gorgeous.



Drink 2020-2031

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Carrières

A tiny premier cru, set in a dip that was once a quarry (as the name alludes to). It's a spicy and well-balanced Pinot. There's real density to the fruit, but it's pure and fresh with fine mineral elegance.



Drink 2020-2031

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes

The Les Charmes is a touch more expressive and open at this stage. Once again, it seems trite but this wine is utterly charming.



DOMAINE GHISLAINE BARTHOD CHAMBOLLE - MUSIGNY

Chambolle-Musigny is known for the prettiness, grace and charm of wines from this sought-after commune, and in the hands of Ghislaine Barthod, these wines reach scarcely believable heights of elegance and sensuality. Ghislaine's holdings are spread across the commune, and her ability to define each plot's individual terroir whilst maintaining such a suppleness is a wonder to behold. There's good reason we can scarcely hold onto her classic, classy wines.



Drink 2018-2024

100+

2016 Bourgogne Rouge **

From the Bons Batons vineyard just across the road from Chambolle itself. And it tastes better than most domaines' village Chambolles: elegant and fresh, with fine tannins and lovely coolness. There's delicious whole berry fruit, and it's textured and long.



Drink 2018-2027

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny **

This is a fine, elegant Chambolle, with lovely juice and texture. It's fresh and floral, with a beautifully balanced finish.



Drink 2019-2035

400+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Beaux Bruns **

Down towards the bottom of the hillside, there are still quite a lot of stones in this vineyard. It's cool, mineral and saline. Just stunning. There's density, with wonderful purity and freshness, and amazing length. Absolutely charming.



Drink 2019-2035

400+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Cras **

Ghislaine notes that Cras often makes more linear, driven wines, coming from high up the hill. The 2016 is juicy and pure, with amazing depth and density. The energy is palpable - a breathtaking wine.



DOMAINE STÉPHANE MAGNIEN MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

A tiny domaine with just 4.5ha of vines, Stéphane succeeded his father in 2008 and has been on the up ever since. Minimal new oak and light extractions ensure these wines are expressive and complex, with real finesse. We're sure Stéphane's star is only set to rise.



Drink 2018-2024

100+

2016 Morey Saint-Denis

From 55+ year old vines. This is a serious village Morey, very pure, mineral and long. The fruit quality is very good: pure and precise.



Drink 2020-2030

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Sentiers

The first vineyard you arrive at in Chambolle coming from Morey, and immediately down from Bonnes Mares on the hill. Very floral and elegant. Will need time in the bottle, but the texture and tannins are superb. You can really feel the terroir here, loads of freshness and depth.



Drink 2020-2030

200+

2016 Morey Saint-Denis 1er Cru Faconnières

One of the best terroirs among Morey's premiers crus. This is very floral and crunchy. There's a slight creaminess to the texture, but with nervy acidity and superb purity of those wild fruits. The acidity just dances along. Wonderful length and definition on the finish.



Drink 2020-2033

400+

2016 Clos Saint-Denis

A Clos Saint-Denis of wonderful dynamism and elegance, but with so much structure too, and length. Amazing depth of flavour here, and the persistence is remarkable. It's mineral and wild and simply gorgeous.



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DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

In the words of Neal Martin in *The Wine Advocate*, this is “a domaine that has improved immensely in recent vintages, armed with an impressive array of holdings and fashioning classic, restrained Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs.” We don’t disagree. Eponymous winemaker Romain Taupenot is a delight to taste with, candid and engaging, and his wines are equally delightful. They’re a lesson in the reasons why sensitive handling of great vineyards leads to equally great wines.



Drink 2019-2027
£174 per 6 bottles
£29 per bottle

2016 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

A cuvée that comes from two vineyards, Les Duresses and Grands Champs. From vines planted just after the war, this has gorgeous fruit and a glossy texture. There’s mineral freshness and nice ripe tannins. Overall, very fine and well-balanced.



Drink 2020-2035
£468 per 6 bottles
£78 per bottle

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru La Combe d’Orveau

Quantities were hugely reduced in this vineyard in 2016, but the wine that was made is elegant, charming and persistent. It’s the mineral, saline finish that leaves the best impression here.



Drink 2019-2025
£222 per 6 bottles
£37 per bottle

2016 Chambolle-Musigny

Romain has two parcels of village Chambolle, both high up the hill, giving the wine energy and elegance to complement its richness. Well-defined red fruits and flowers, with volume and freshness on the palate.



Drink 2020-2041
£570 per 6 bottles
£96 per bottle

2016 Corton Rognet Grand Cru

From a plot close to the celebrated Clos de Cortons Faiveley. This is powerful Pinot: ripe and intense, with nice acidity and noble tannins. When it comes together, this will be superb.



Drink 2019-2025
£228 per 6 bottles
£38 per bottle

2016 Morey-Saint-Denis

Very Morey, with its wild, brambly fruits. There’s serious, stony intensity here, and great definition. Yet it’s also got an innate prettiness - there’s charming complexity here.



Drink 2020-2041
£738 per 6 bottles
£123 per bottle

2016 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Romain’s Charmes is supple, suave and glossy. Great concentration and power, allied with fresh mineral character. The texture’s great and a long, charming finish.



Drink 2020-2034
£390 per 6 bottles
£66 per bottle

2016 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru La Riotte

This plot of just over half a hectare is planted with 60+ year old vines. Just as a premier cru should be, this is like Romain’s village Morey, but a level up. There’s more concentration and intensity to that brambly fruit, with great freshness and lift on the finish.



Drink 2020-2042
£798 per 6 bottles
£133 per bottle

2016 Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru

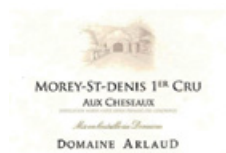
Mazoyères is part of the Charmes vineyard, so this could go into Romain’s Charmes. But he bottles them separately, because he thinks the resulting wines are quite different. While Charmes is sleek, this is like a coiled spring, all energy and tension. Really cool and wild, very perfumed. It has more intellect and depth than its brother. Romain prefers this to the 2015.



Drink 2020-2034
£444 per 6 bottles
£74 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Bel-Air

From the only premier cru that borders Chambertin, this is cool yet concentrated Gevrey-Chambertin. Mineral and precise on the finish, it’s a wine to buy every year.



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DOMAINE ARLAUD MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

With the help of horses Nougat and Oka, Domaine Arlaud has been biodynamic since the 2009 vintage. The estate, founded by Joseph in the years after World War II, is now run by siblings Cyprien, Romain and Béatrice, the latter responsible for the equine employees. Whilst the wines have always been impressive, in recent years they have undoubtedly gained in detail and precision.



Drink 2020-2034
200+

2016 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru, Aux Cheseaux

From right on the border with Gevrey. Ripe and juicy, it seems easy going. But there's lovely purity and structure here, a slight creaminess on the palate. The finish is long and floral. Beautifully put together.



Drink 2021-2042
400+

2016 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

This comes from the very highest point of the Mazoyères section of Charmes, and shows real elegance in Cyprien's talented hands. A beautifully lifted nose, with lots of fruit and power. There's a sweetness to the fruit, loads of energy and a sense of weightlessness. The complexity seems to last an age.



Drink 2021-2044
600+

2016 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

This Clos de la Roche is cool, suave and elegant. Fine-boned, delicate, and a long chiselled finish - like a statue made of fine marble. Simply gorgeous.



DOMAINE DES LAMBRAYS MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

In 1979 Thierry Brouin took the helm of this famous domaine, best known for its namesake vineyard, the Clos de Lambrays which was granted grand cru status under his tenure in 1981. The estate itself was bought by LVMH last year, and Thierry has successfully overseen a smooth transition. Now, he's decided to retire, working to hand over the keys to Boris Champy, who's worked at Louis Latour and Dominus in the US. A highlight of any visit to Domaine des Lambrays is a saunter around the house's gorgeous gardens: grand cru horticulture at its finest.



Drink 2020-2034

£354 per 6 bottles

£54 per bottle

2016 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Les Loups

A cuvée which blends fruit from Clos des Lambrays' young vines and the premier cru Clos Sorbè. There's lovely texture and freshness here. It's really juicy with good depth and length.



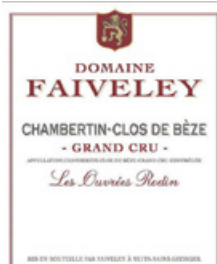
Drink 2021-2050

£990 per 6 bottles

£165 per bottle

2016 Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru

A wonderful expression of the wildness of Morey, with fresh whole bunch fruit cut through with tension and depth. Very cool and easy, with tremendous depth of flavour and exotic spice complexity.



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DOMAINE FAIVELEY NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Founded in 1825 and still under family control, now in the hands of the seventh generation, Erwan, Faiveley is one of Burgundy's largest vineyard owners and remains a consistent purchaser of grand cru grapes. They remain committed to displaying each terroir in its purest form, and this is a set of wines which shows no hint of the behemoth behind it, except their superb quality. Erwan remains present in the vineyard and the cellar, hands-on despite their size. Defined and very fine, they are beautiful expressions of Pinot Noir.



Drink 2019-2026

£198 per 12 bottles

£16.50 per bottle

2016 Mercurey 'La Framboisière'

Juicy, elegant and very, very good value, this wine from the Côte Chalonnaise is a bottle to buy every year.



Drink 2021-2036

£372 per 6 bottles

£62 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

This high premier cru has given a wine that beautifully balances ripeness and freshness. The fruit is cool, juicy and joyful, and there's good power and length on the palate.



Drink 2022-2047

£810 per 6 bottles

£135 per bottle

2016 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Always the coolest of the Chambertin grands crus, the 2016 Latricières is elegantly perfumed and fresh, with lots of energy in its dark fruits and a long, saline finish.



Drink 2022-2047

£1500 per 3 bottles

£500 per bottle

2016 Chambertin-Clos de Beze Grand Cru 'Les Ouvrées Rodin' **

This special cuvée comes from the oldest vines in Faiveley's Clos de Bèze holding, and was first produced in 2011. It's massive and powerful - the fruit quality is simply amazing. It develops in the mouth and leaves an impression of weightless, effortless power. It's so long and complex, even minutes after there's opulent spice unfurling on my tongue.

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Gevrey-Chambertin is a village of two halves. The historic grands crus are in the south, surrounding Chambertin itself which, along with Clos de Bèze, is the village's most prized asset and produces Pinot Noir of unparalleled richness.

But the northern premiers crus, like Le Clos St Jacques, mustn't be overlooked. Some of these might have successfully applied for grand cru status, but their owners elected not to in order to avoid the steeper taxes that would be levied on them.

Here the precipitous slope (and commensurate exposure to the sun), balanced by the cool winds from the top of the valley, creates wines of wonderful depth and complexity which can match or even surpass their neighbours.



KEY VINEYARDS

1	Latricières-Chambertin	7.35 ha	8	Ruchottes	3.30 ha	15	Lavaux-St-Jacques	9.53 ha
2	Mazoyères	18.59 ha	9	Mazis	9.10 ha	16	Clos-St-Jacques	6.70 ha
3	Chambertin	12.90 ha	10	Bel-Air	2.65 ha	17	Les Cazetiers	8.43 ha
4	Charmes	12.24 ha	11	Petite Chapelle	4.00 ha	18	La Combe aux Moines	4.77 ha
5	Clos de Bèze	15.40 ha	12	Cherbaudes	2.98 ha	19	Les Champeaux	6.68 ha
6	Griotte	2.73 ha	13	Poissenots	2.20 ha	20	Les Jeunes Rois	4.32 ha
7	Chapelle	5.49 ha	14	Estournelles-St-Jacques	2.04 ha			



DOMAINE HUMBERT FRÈRES

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Ten years ago, the Humbert brothers swapped roles with Manou moving into the winery and Frédéric into the vineyards, and they haven't looked back since. A larger than life, rugby-playing winemaker, Manou draws out clear definition in his wines. There is noticeable clarity between the brothers' many terroirs in Fixin and Gevrey-Chambertin.



Drink 2018-2024

£156 per 6 bottles

£26 per bottle

2016 Fixin

Fixin is often overlooked, but it's a source of some great value village wines, just like this one. Half the crop was lost to frost this year, and what's left has impressive intensity and concentration allied to its floral notes.



Drink 2019-2025

£240 per 6 bottles

£40 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

A Lay & Wheeler favourite for years, there's good density here, with precise fruit over the long finish.



Drink 2020-2033

£408 per 6 bottles

£68 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Poissenots

From high up the slope, this is a cool, refined and elegant Gevrey. The fruit is juicy and precise, with a fine texture. And a good, fresh finish.



Drink 2020-2034

£468 per 6 bottles

£78 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle

As the slope of grand cru Chapelle-Chambertin levels off, it becomes this well placed premier cru. It's elegant and fresh, stony and driven. There's impressive freshness, minerality and purity, and the energy in the wine drives it along.



Drink 2020-2036

£510 per 6 bottles

£85 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Estournelles-St-Jacques

The estate's standout premier cru. More intense than its brothers, with dark fruit, but still a cool, mineral presence. It's juicy and saline with great power on the finish.



Drink 2020-2041

£630 per 6 bottles

£105 per bottle

2016 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

From the area of Charmes known as Mazoyères, there's sweetness and an intensity to the fruit, then it's pure and silky on the finish. Precise and balanced, but charmingly hedonistic.



DOMAINE DENIS MORDET GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Under tragic circumstances Arnaud Mortet took control of the family domaine in 2006, and has elevated this already well-respected estate to new levels of quality and refinement. For Arnaud, the maxim “it all begins in the vineyard” is more than just a cliché, it’s a way of life. From this unrivalled meticulousness he is able to make wines that impress with their depth of fruit and concentration without being over-extracted. They are beautifully textured with sensitive use of oak.



Drink 2019-2026
200+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 'Mes Cinq Terroirs'

As the name suggests, Arnaud’s Cinq Terroirs comes from five separate parcels in Gevrey, with vines of up to 50 years old giving texture and concentration. The 2016 has gorgeous detailed fruit with fine tannins. There’s so much depth and freshness here.



Drink 2019-2030
600+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Champeaux

The Champeaux vineyard is practically inaccessible, so this plot of 70 to 100 year old vines has to be worked entirely by hand and by horse. I love this cuvée. It’s bright and lively with great length. Wonderful delicate fruit and real energy backing it all up.



Drink 2020-2034
600+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaux-St-Jacques

This wine’s complexity comes from a combination of altitude and cool winds coming down from the Combe de Lavaux and the vineyard’s perfect aspect. It’s so cool and fresh, like mountain air, with crisp fruit and wonderful wildness. Gorgeous depth and purity, and it’s just so drinkable.



Drink 2021-2036
1000+

2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

A lot is said about the importance of position in the large Clos de Vougeot. According to local naysayers, Arnaud’s is the worst plot in the vineyard. Yet, once again, he’s made a superb wine. It’s intense and outgoing, with wonderful purity and freshness.



Drink 2021-2038
1000+

2016 Mazis Chambertin Grand Cru

This is just the third vintage Arnaud has made from this vineyard, with vines around 50 years of age, and right next to Clos de Bèze. There’s fresh, nervy blue fruit. It’s ripe, juicy and exciting.



Drink 2021-2045
1000+

2016 Chambertin Grand Cru **

With just 0.15 hectares there’s not much about, but for the lucky few this wine is stunning. There’s all of this hallowed vineyard’s brooding complexity and vivid freshness. A privilege to taste.



DOMAINE ROSSIGNOL-TRAPET GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

After converting the domaine to become biodynamic in 2004, Nicolas and David are champions of minimal intervention, from vineyard to winery. The estate, founded due to the marriage of the Rossignols of Volnay and the Trapets of Gevrey, has been run by both brothers since 1990. Their wines are elegant, refined, and pure, reflective of their desirable terroir.



Drink 2018-2022



£87 per 6 bottles



£14.50 per bottle

2016 Bourgogne Rouge

Fruit sourced from Gevrey. This is joyful, easy going Pinot, with an underlay of tension. Lovely freshness and crunchy red fruit.



Drink 2019-2025



£162 per 6 bottles



£27 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

From ten different parcels in the village. This is so Gevrey, rounded and juicy, with a touch of liquorice and spice. There's really nice ripeness to the fruit, lovely density, energy and length.



Drink 2020-2026



£192 per 6 bottles



£32 per bottle

2016 Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons

Nicolas and David's vines are at the top of Les Teurons, in the vineyard's sweet spot between Aux Cras and Les Grèves. This is an ethereal Beaune, fresh and suave with wonderful depth and purity.



Drink 2020-2033



£348 per 6 bottles



£58 per bottle

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle

The clay soils of this well-placed parcel produce a wine of depth and roundness. It's quite backward at this stage, but there's serious concentration and intensity. There's power here, but it will need so much time. Very impressive. And very, very long.



Drink 2020-2041



£570 per 6 bottles



£95 per bottle

2016 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Cool and suave wild berry fruit, and so much minerality. Wonderfully balanced, and so much depth. It's so easy to drink. Packed with energy, and so much length on the finish.



Drink 2021-2047



£1020 per 3 magnums



£340 per magnum

2016 Chambertin Grand Cru

This is a remarkable wine in 2016. They made just 4 barrels, in place of 32 in 2017. But the wine that remains is profound, with so much density and concentration. The finish is so long, you could count to twenty. Then to thirty, and flavours continue to unfurl.



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DOMAINE DUROCHÉ GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Quiet and unassuming winemaker Pierre Duroché is undoubtedly one of Burgundy's most exciting young producers, thanks to his classically profiled wines that scream terroir, and that offer marvellous potential for ageing. His wines have now undoubtedly reached the big time (with prices to match), but we believe that they're well within their right. With a new tasting room, they continue to invest in and around the winery.



Drink 2019-2025

200+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 'Aux Etelois'

Just below the grands crus, and Griotte in particular, Aux Etelois is always a particularly elegant Gevrey, particularly in Pierre's talented hands. This has real drive behind its pure, crunchy fruit, and the precision on show is excellent. Such amazing length. Rousseau-esque, and the best village wine on the Côte.



Drink 2020-2031

200+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaut St Jacques

One of Gevrey's premiers crus that's a grand cru in all but name, Pierre made only roughly half of a typical yield in 2016. There's so much minerality, and the fruit is so fresh it could be snow-capped. Transparent and crystalline, but with such elegance and depth. Perfect balance.



Drink 2020-2042

600+

2016 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

One of the best, if not the best, Charmes produced. Depth and complexity, and seamlessly silky and rich on the palate, with fantastic intensity of flavour that goes on and on.



Drink 2020-2042

800+

2016 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Too little produced to taste.



Drink 2021-2045

1000+

2016 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

This is unbelievably good. Brooding, powerful and intense, with ripe fruits leading onto exotic spices. There's so much complexity, it lasts for minutes. So fine and harmonious - I repeat, unbelievable. The best ever here.

GRANDS VINS DE BOURGOGNE



PREMIER CRU - LES ARVELETS

DOMAINE BERTHAUT-GERBET

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DOMAINE BERTHAUT-GERBET FIXIN

Young, charming winemaker Amélie Berthaut's first vintage was 2013, having taken over from her father, and she's been making considerable changes to the domaine over the last few years. In a newly renovated cellar, her work is focussed on creating pure and elegant wines: she's got a self-declared obsession with tannins! She's just picked up some new vineyards from her mother's side of the family: hence the addition of Gerbet to the domaine's name. And Amélie says her father's happy with all the changes too: he gets to spend all his time in the vineyards, out on the tractor.



Drink 2019-2025

100+

2016 Fixin Les Crais

A 1.3 hectare parcel in the heart of the village creates Amélie's most approachable wine. It's beautifully perfumed and elegant, with some brooding spice below the delicateness. Just glorious pure fruit which lasts for minutes and minutes.



Drink 2019-2026

100+

2016 Fixin En Combe Roy

Amélie calls this parcel her 'baby', as she made the decision to bottle it separately in her first year at the estate. The vines are now 70 years old, giving lovely depth to complement the dancing acidity. Stunning saline purity on the finish, which is so long.



Drink 2020-2028

200+

2016 Fixin 1er Cru Arvelets

This tiny-yielding vineyard might produce the best Fixin there is. Serious power here, with a supple texture and a lovely line of fine limestone acidity. Real drive and freshness.



Drink 2020-2028

200+

2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Plantes

Amélie wrings all the potential out of this rarely seen premier cru. In her hands it's delicate and elegant with lovely fresh acidity. The purity of fruit is really impressive and there's beautiful lift on the finish.



Drink 2020-2032

200+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Cazetiers

This steep-sloped vineyard is in the top rank of Gevrey's premiers crus. The nose is hauntingly beautiful, with spice, flowers and hedgerow, leading onto a palate at once silky and stony. There's so much depth and length here, and excellent balance.



DOMAINE BRUNO CLAIR

MARSANNAY

Founded by Bruno's grandfather in the immediate aftermath of World War I, who fell in love with a girl in Marsannay, Bruno's father later expanded the domaine. However, when Bruno took control in 1985, the estate was in chaos. Fortunately, he has since succeeded in creating a well-organised and successful domaine in what is now a celebrated turnaround. His commitment to quality rests on rigorous sorting and a sensible use of new oak, both which contribute to quite refined wines.



 Drink 2018-2023

 200+

2016 Morey St. Denis Blanc En la Rue de Vergy

This vineyard is right on the top of the hill, and the stony plot gives mineral, precise whites. The 2016 has volume and wild, lovely fruit. There's impressive depth here, and nice elegance.



 Drink 2020-2028

 200+

2015 Vosne-Romanée Les Champs Perdrix

The vineyard that continues the hill above La Tâche, the altitude means that this is the last harvested of Bruno's plots. 90 year old vines bring depth with excellent tension and energy. It's so long, and so well balanced.



 Drink 2020-2033

 400+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle

Sitting just under Chapelle-Chambertin, this offers evidence of the slightly heavier soils, with broad red fruit and serious concentration. It's like raspberry oil with a vein of limestone bringing energy into an elegant floral finish.



 Drink 2020-2034

 600+

2016 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

Juicy red fruit and mineral elegance - it makes you salivate. The finish is gorgeous, perfectly balancing the depth of ripe fruit with that saline freshness. It's juicy and very pure. I love this Cazetiers.



 Drink 2021-2045

 1000+

2016 Chambertin Grand Cru Clos de Bèze

Bruno owns an impressive one hectare of the great vineyard, and makes an intense example. The 2016 is opulent, spiced and elegant. It has a true grand cru texture. There's volume without effort, its flavours and complexity just grow on the finish for minutes and minutes.

LATE RELEASES



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DOMAINE DES COMTES LAFON MEURSAULT

Dominique Lafon took control of the family domaine in 1985, and has ensured that its already stellar reputation has been solidified and augmented. A charismatic man, he makes undoubtedly the best wines in Meursault, and arguably some of the best in the entire Côte d'Or, both red and white.



Drink 2018-2025



2015 Meursault Clos de la Barre **

A monopole of Comtes Lafon, this vineyard sits in the heart of the village of Meursault, behind the family's house. The especially stony soil in the vineyard contributes to the wine's pronounced mineral character.



Drink 2019-2030



2015 Meursault-Porusots 1er Cru **

Lying towards the north of Meursault's clutch of premiers crus, Porusots has a slightly leaner quality than vineyards like Charmes or Perrières. Still boasting impressive concentration, location is everything in this vineyard.



Drink 2019-2030



2015 Meursault-Charmes 1er Cru **

One of Meursault's great vineyards, Charmes' wines are generous and approachable, noted for their rich fruit. In Dominique Lafon's hands, these are unquestionably some of the finest wines Meursault can offer.



Drink 2020-2030



2015 Meursault-Perrières 1er Cru **

Perrières has long been held in high regard, in some estimations being placed behind only Le Montrachet itself in the pantheon of Chardonnay vineyards. Its stony soil (it was formerly the site of a quarry) and perfect south-east exposure produces wines of wonderful concentration and power, with clean mineral complexity which can age for decades.



Drink 2020-2032



2015 Montrachet Grand Cru **

Comtes Lafon's holding in Montrachet is the furthest south-eastern corner of this legendary vineyard, on the side of Chassagne. The old vines here are worked biodynamically, wringing magic out of this most special corner of the Côte d'Or.



Drink 2019-2033



2015 Monthelie-Les Duresses 1er Cru **

The village of Monthélie is tucked into a tight valley just west of Volnay. Les Duresses enjoys an enviable eastern aspect and produces perfumed but robust Pinot Noirs.



Drink 2020-2038



2015 Volnay-Santenots-du-Milieu 1er Cru **

A vineyard situated politically in Meursault, but labelled as Volnay when it produces red wines. Santenots du Milieu indicates the finest part of the larger Santenots vineyard, of which Comtes Lafon own nearly half. These are wines of sensational complexity and longevity.



DOMAINE PONSOT MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

One of Burgundy's great characters, Laurent Ponsot's family have owned this domaine since his relative William returned from the Franco-Prussian War in 1872 and settled in Morey. Laurent has now stepped away from the estate, but continuity is the order of the day.



Drink 2018-2023



2015 Cuvée de la Mesange, Saint-Romain **

Saint-Romain is a high village in Burgundy terms, so this south-facing vineyard thrived in 2015. Fresh and pure, this is seriously impressive from an underrated appellation.



Drink 2019-2027



2015 Chambolle-Musigny Cuvée des Cigales **

Laurent has made this cuvée from 0.31 hectares since 2002, and it's a pure if slightly masculine style of Chambolle (thanks no doubt to the presence of a Morey producer at the helm).



Drink 2018-2026



2015 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Clos des Monts Luisants **

White from Morey may be a rarity, but this is probably the best. It comes from a monopole of the domaine and, unusually, is made entirely from Aligoté. It has an expressive nose of ripe apple and flowers, and a creamy, leesy texture. It's a wine that must be tried.



Drink 2020-2032



2015 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes **

The 2015 Les Charmes is refined and pure, with crisp red fruits enlivened by a thrill of acidity. This will undoubtedly benefit from time in the cellar.



Drink 2020-2030



2015 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru **

Ponsot's Corton-Charlemagne might be the ripest and most full-bodied from this famous vineyard. There's tremendous depth of flavour, with orchard and stone fruits competing with floral notes and wet stone freshness.



Drink 2020-2033



2015 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Cuvée des Alouettes **

Typically a leaner style from Morey, with a crisp linear purity to the cherry and wild strawberry fruit.



Drink 2019-2024



2015 Bourgogne Rouge Cuvée du Pinson **

A stunning Bourgogne Rouge, and one whose capacity to age should not be underestimated. This is taken from a plot just below the Route Nationale in Chambolle, and always shows a little of that floral Chambolle character.



Drink 2021-2040



2015 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru **

This grand cru lies immediately below Clos de Bèze, and has a topsoil so thin it borders marginal. In Laurent's hands this shows density and seductive spice. A wine that will mature and delight over the long haul.



Drink 2019-2027



2015 Morey-St-Denis Cuvée des Grives **

Based in Morey, Laurent's village level wine is firmly a benchmark. This is simply stunning in 2015, with all the wildness to the fruit and evocative spice you might expect.



Drink 2021-2040



2015 Griotte-Chambertin Grand Cru **

Pure and supple, Laurent's 2015 Griotte-Chambertin has both delicacy and density. There's black cherry and wild strawberry, with notes of violet and rose. It already seems wonderfully composed and together - a great sign for the future.



Drink 2021-2044



2015 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru Vieilles Vignes **

Wild and evocative on the nose, with plenty of spice too. The tannins in this 2015 suggest there's no hurry to open these bottles, but they will undoubtedly show their pedigree in years to come.



DOMAINE ARMAND ROUSSEAU GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Founded at the turn of the last century as the result of a small inheritance, Armand Rousseau now undoubtedly produces some of the world's most prized wines. With some 14 hectares of vines, of which half is in grands crus, Armand Rousseau has a simple, successful formula. Sensible yields from predominantly old vines, in fantastic locations, with traditional winemaking techniques, and a precision and excellence that one tastes immediately. To try any one of these wines is a delight, if not a privilege.



Drink 2019-2027



POA

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin **

Silky yet with very fine tannins, this is a beautiful, lifted, powerful village Gevrey from Rousseau. With spice on the finish, it's a wine for the long haul.



Drink 2020-2034



POA

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaux-St-Jacques **

Despite the warmth of the vintage, the 2015 Lavaux has maintained its sense of coolness and energy. There's a mineral, saline finish to this complex premier cru.



Drink 2021-2041



POA

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Clos-St-Jacques **

The wine that many people think should be one of Gevrey's grands crus, in the 2015 this outstrips many wines from up and down the Côte d'Or. It's the perfect balance of power, concentration and finely judged acidity. Long, complex and stunning.



Drink 2020-2040



POA

2015 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru Clos des Ruchottes **

The Clos des Ruchottes can sometimes feel a little overlooked compared to Rousseau's other grands crus. But this might just be the wine for those in the know in 2015. It's wild, long and beautifully balanced.



Drink 2021-2045



POA

2015 Chambertin Grand Cru Clos de Bèze **

It's always a toss-up between Chambertin and Clos de Bèze for the wine of the vintage in Rousseau's cellars. In 2015 it's harder than ever to make a decision. This has a truly remarkable volume, with silky tannins and amazing depth.



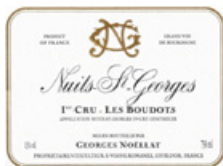
Drink 2021-2045



POA

2015 Chambertin Grand Cru **

There's little else to say about the 2015 Chambertin than wow. This is dark, opulent and brooding, with so much complexity and notes of store cupboard spice and flowers.



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DOMAINE GEORGES NOËLLAT VOSNE-ROMANÉE

After taking over from his grandmother, young winemaker Maxime Cheurlin now crafts some of this famous village's most sought-after wines from his small but well-located parcels of vines. He also enjoys one of the world's most well-located conservatories, right at the foot of Vosne's grands crus. There can hardly be a better experience than savouring a glass following another pleasurable tasting chez Georges Noëllat, perhaps accompanied by the domaine's two massive Bernese Mountain dogs, Feusselottes and Lafite.



Drink 2019-2028



POA

2015 Vosne-Romanée **

Maxime owns four different plots of Vosne for his village cuvée, and this is very long and impressive. It's spiced, with floral notes of fresh violets and incredible depth to the small berried fruits. It's just so sensuous and textured.



Drink 2019-2033



POA

2015 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Boudots **

All of Maxime's wines have an ability to excite multiple senses at once, and this Boudots wows with its wild aromas of cherries, the mineral flavours of crushed rocks and iron oxide, and the sensuous mouthfeel that effortlessly coats the mouth.



Drink 2021-2034



POA

2015 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Chaumes **

Maxime's perfectly located conservatory looks out onto Chaumes: the vines surround the house. And the resulting wine is richer and more intense than most of his other wines, still with an impressive energy and purity of fruit.



Drink 2019-2035



POA

2015 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru, Petits Monts **

Undoubtedly one of Maxime's best cuvées, in 2015 the Petits Monts is stunning. Once again it shows that a cool vineyard in a hot vintage is perfect: particularly when the man making the wines is one of Burgundy's most talented winemakers.



Drink 2020-2042



POA

2015 Echézeaux Grand Cru **

Open and expressive when we tasted, there's Maxime's trademark balance and precision at work here. A treat for anyone lucky enough to get a case.



Drink 2021-2043



POA

2015 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru **

Serious and intense, wild yet elegant, this is as good as Pinot Noir gets. One of the very best wines made in 2015.



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