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The 2016 Growing Season & Harvest

The first half of the 2016 growing season brought serious challenges. Spring was mild and wet, demanding many treatments by growers to prevent mildew outbreaks. Then, over a 3-day period, including devastating frost on 27th April, many young buds and leaves were destroyed by freezing weather. Damage was particularly severe in the vineyards of Beaune, Savigny, Pernand, Meursault, Chassagne and several Grand Cru whites. There was also considerable damage on the Côte de Nuits including Echézeaux, Chambolle-Musigny, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Clos-Vougeot and parts of Gevrey-Chambertin. The weather after the frost was erratic, and many vineyards took time to recover, resulting in further crop being lost.

Fortunately, towards the end of June, summer arrived, bringing favourable days throughout July and August. Weather conditions were balanced, not too hot or dry, with sufficient rain - which allowed sugars to climb and skins to ripen slowly, while precious freshness was retained. Glorious days, with beneficial, brief periods of rain, lasted through September to the harvest, which generally took place between the 20th and the end of the month. Picking took place in excellent conditions. Astonishingly, after so un-promising a spring, accumulations of colouring matter and tannins in the skins are sometimes above those of 2015, with grapes being so healthy that very few bunches needed eliminating on sorting tables. Many beautiful, impeccably balanced wines have been made, both red and white.

The 2016 Reds

This is not a vintage where high heat in the summer produced powerful, rich wines, but one where vineyard origins show precisely, thanks to the long growing season. A combination of focussed vineyard tending, careful winemaking and – in many cases – small yields has produced reds which have superb fruit intensity, with excellent balance between acidity, tannins, and fruit concentration. Many may be enjoyed while youthful, and there are also great wines for the medium and long term.

The 2016 Whites

2016 is back to a more classic style for Burgundy whites, following on from the richer, more luscious 2015s. Our tastings in Chablis revealed wines with precision, poise, beautiful flavour intensity and freshness. Vineyard site is transparent in these wines, and this is a key feature as one moves further south through the Côte d'Or and into the Côte Chalonnaise. Consistently, the wines have lovely concentration, liveliness and energy. The only issue is one of stocks as so many of our growers harvested considerably less than in a 'normal' year.

The Market, and Availabilities

Everyone had been hopeful of a plentiful harvest in 2016, to compensate for recent years when hail damage, or other adverse weather conditions, reduced the size of crops. The April frost put paid to these hopes. Inevitably, this offer is sprinkled with mentions of frost damage reducing allocations from several of our classic Domaines. We have good news, however...

New talents are emerging in Burgundy, as generations hand over. Our buying team, like truffle hounds, has been exploring for new sources, securing new supplies. Last year, we introduced the wines of Thibaud Clerget (Volnay) for the first time ever, at our January tasting. We subsequently launched the wines of Domaine Chapelle de Blagny (Meursault) in autumn 2017. This year we have no less than three additional names: Domaines Thierry Violot-Guillemard (Pommard) and Henri Magnien (Gevrey-Chambertin) are both brand new to the UK market, and Maison Laroze de Drouhin is the negociant arm of our friends at Domaine Drouhin Laroze. We urge you to look carefully at these thrilling, new listings – as well as our regulars and classics, who will not disappoint.

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Unless otherwise indicated, prices are per case of 12 x 75cl bottles

Key: **b - 12 bottle case (75cl)**
m - case of 6 magnums (150cl)
j - 1 x jeroboam (300cl)
6b - 6 bottle case
1b - 1 bottle case

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£
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Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils, Chablis

Daniel Dampt and his sons Vincent and Sebastien make pure, intense wines, with the classic minerality of Chablis at their core. Oak casks are never used on their First Growths, allowing the individual character of their Chardonnays, grown on the stony hillsides of Chablis, to be crystal-clear.

2016 is a delightful, good quality vintage in Chablis. The wines show the region's typicity and personality, following on from the richer style of the 2015s. This is a year where vineyard transparency is very much

apparent in the wines. But where quality is high, the same can sadly not be said about quantity. Chez Dampt, spring frost and July hail meant that yields were down 50% across the Domaine. "2016 was a year when we had to spend more time than ever in the vines," commented Vincent when we visited in November 2017. The family's vineyard work paid off, as at harvest time, following a warm late summer, grape acidity and ripeness levels were perfectly balanced, giving wines that have precise fruit flavours and crisp, bright finishes.

Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2016

162.00

This comes from a one-hectare enclave of 60-year-old vines within the Premier Cru Vaillons vineyard, where the roots go down deeply into the clay to find reserves of water. Bright, pale lemon-green colour, aromas are fine and fragrant, with notes of fresh lemons. The palate is full and creamily textured, with lovely richness and concentration off-set by a finish that is racy, long-flavoured, and full of vigour (for drinking 2018-2021+).



Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2016

b 168.00

m 174.00

Located on the hillside leading up from the village of Milly, just above the Dampt's home, the Premier Cru Côte de Léchet is a chalky-soiled, east-facing vineyard that benefits from the early morning sun. Year on year, it is this wine that shows the greatest minerality and potential for ageing in the Dampt cellar. Glistening lemon-green, the nose is tightly woven and spicy, with lifted citrus aromas. The palate is powerful, intensely layered and silkily textured, with stony freshness and a pure, long, crisp finish (for drinking 2018-2024+).

Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2016

174.00

This vineyard is on the opposite bank of the River Serein to the two previous wines, where the warmer, south-facing slopes give seductively rounder, sumptuous Chablis styles. This 2016 Fourchaume is immensely attractive, with pristine, fresh, ripe lemon and floral flavours. It is an elegant wine, the finish being lively and long-lingering (for drinking 2018-2022+).

Chablis Grand Cru Bougros

Maison Dampt 2016

360.00

This Grand Cru is from grapes which the family has been buying since the 2008 vintage. And what a beauty the 9th vintage of this wine is! This has been ageing in French oak barrels, which were previously used for an average of five vintages: this meticulous use of old barrels contributes structure and complexity of flavour to the wine, without masking chablisienne verve and freshness. Bright, green-golden, aromas are ripe and expressive, combining notes of spiced lemon and peach. Full and intense, there is superb depth of fruitiness on the palate, underpinned by steely minerality. This is a compelling, rich-yet-classic Chablis style with a satisfying, long finale (for drinking 2018-2024+).

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Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils, Chablis

Christian Moreau comes from a long-established Chablis family, with outstanding vineyard holdings at the heart of some of the finest Grands Crus. With his son Fabien (who is now in charge of day-to-day running of the Domaine), he has set up a cutting-edge, top quality Chablis estate from which we were pioneers in shipping directly with the 2004 vintage. Judicious use is made of stainless steel, aged oak and small proportions of new oak barrels for fermentation and ageing.

Being certified organic, Fabien had to be even more conscientious than usual when faced with a growing

season laced with frost, a damp spring and hail. By early August 2016, the potential harvest was already less than half that of a regular vintage: "then – thankfully! – conditions became warm, summery and settled, drying the grapes and allowing for a steady, even ripening," said Fabien when we saw him in November 2017. "Harvest started on 25th September (3 weeks later than in 2015 and 2017), when we knew that ripeness was perfect, and the grape juice harmonious in all its elements." Experience and passionate attention to detail have allowed Fabien to make a selection of lovely fresh-yet-ripe wines, with each one expressing its origin with great precision.

Chablis

Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils 2016

6b 72.00

Pale green-gold colour with a fine lemony aroma, this was 100% vinified in stainless steel tank, to preserve the wine's pure fruitiness and lip-licking freshness. Palate is open, charming, mineral and finely textured, the finish being bright and zippy. A classic Chablis, for drinking 2018-2020+.

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillon Cuvée Guy Moreau

Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils 2016

6b 121.50

Named for Christian's father, this comes from a 0.8 hectare plot, planted in 1933, which lies at the heart of Premier Cru Vaillon. Due to the small yields, in 2016 the whole cuvée was fermented in oak barrels (of which 15% were new), giving the wine richly attractive, spiced-citrus aromas, and contributing breadth, density and fullness to the palate. Intensely flavoured and with a suave, seductive texture, the length is impressive and bright (for drinking 2018-2023+).

3m 129.00

Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir

Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils 2016

6b 198.00

This rare Grand Cru is un-matched for its elegance, fragrance and exceptional harmony. Planted in 1998, the roots of the vines have penetrated deep into the limestone, bringing marked complexities to this 2016 wine. Aromas are tightly-woven, pure and peach-scented, leading to a racy, expressive, vibrant palate. This is a linear, taut wine, with a fresh, long, finish (for drinking 2018-2025+).

Chablis Grand Cru Valmur

Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils 2016

6b 198.00

In contrast with the Vaudésir (above), the Moreau's Grand Cru Valmur is broader and more opulent. The vines average 50 years in age, the majority of which benefit from a sun-catching, south-east exposure. To complement this, there is a cooler north-west facing parcel, which brings vivacity to the blend. Aromas are attractive, ripe and concentrated, recalling white peach and fresh lemons. Palate is powerfully built and gorgeously perfumed, with a silky texture, and a long-lasting, bright finish (for drinking 2018-2025+).

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£
per
case

Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot

Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils 2016

3m 210.00

Only 1 barrel of Fabien's Blanchot exists in 2016, so our allocation is tiny. Bottled exclusively into magnums (precisely 139 exist), at the time of our visit we were not able to taste this Grand Cru, as it had been bottled, and we did not wish to reduce the number of magnums any further! The family's vines lie at the top of the Blanchot hill, in a single 0.10 hectare plot. The white clay soils (explaining the 'Blanch' part of the name) give a wine that classically has good structure, high levels of minerality, and can be austere in its youth. "It is not as expressive as Vaudésir or Valmur when young, but in power it is close to that of Valmur," explains Fabien. Having loved the Moreau Blanchot in previous vintages, we encourage you not to delay in securing some rare magnums of the 2016 ("for drinking 2019-2025+," says Fabien).



Chablis Grand Cru Clos

Domaine Christian Moreau Père & Fils 2016

6b 210.00

3m 216.00

j 165.00

Christian and Fabien own an extraordinary three hectare parcel of vines in the Clos Grand Cru, which many Chablis-lovers consider to be the greatest Grand Cru of all. Their vines extend from the bottom of the hill almost to the woods at the top, so the wine encompasses many elements of this fascinating terroir. Bright lemon-green colour, aromas are steely and lemony – very fine and precise. In the mouth, this is at once powerful and graceful, with full body, intricate structure, a gorgeously satin-like texture and a finish that is vivacious and full of finesse. A stunning wine, which will reward bottle age (for drinking 2021-2029+).

Domaine Patrick Guillot, Mercurey

This Domaine was one of our most exciting discoveries five vintages back, and many shipments later, we are as thrilled as ever to be offering these wines. Located in Chamirey, a hamlet of Mercurey, Guillot's first harvest was 1988, when he had three hectares in production. He and his wife have slowly doubled the size of the Domaine, where all grapes are hand-

picked, and where the most conscientious attention to all aspects of viticulture and wine-making result in striking successes, both white and red. Fortunately the district escaped frost damage in 2016, so quantities available are normal. These delicious wines represent amazing value.

White



Bouzeron Blanc Les Bouillottes

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2016

92.50

This Bouzeron comes 90% from golden Aligoté grapes (Aligotés Dorés) which give low yields, and distinctly more intense flavours than are usually seen from this grape. 10% of normal Aligoté grapes (tightly pruned) bring freshness, to complete the blend. Green-gold in colour, with crisp, clean aromas, very appetising. The palate shows lively fruit, with a dry finish but no sharpness, and tense, bracing aftertaste. Bottled in September 2017, like the next two whites, this is ready for immediate drinking 2018-2019.

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per
case

Mercrey Blanc Les Saumonts

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2016

120.00

This comes from a south-west facing, sloping vineyard which is rich in white marl, pebbles and clay, on the opposite side of the valley from Guillot's home. The vines are more than 60 years old. The wine was fermented and aged in one new 500-litre tun, and a classic-sized barrel which had seen one prior harvest. Colour is bright, green-gold, with open, fresh, clean aromas, the oak perfectly integrated. Palate is broadly structured, with richly creamy texture and lovely, fresh length. "The perfect white to serve with fish and a sauce", suggests Guillot (for drinking 2018-2022).

Mercrey Blanc 1er Cru Les Veley

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2016

132.00

Only two 500-litre barrels of this were made, one new, one one-year-old. The wine comes from an early-ripening, east-facing site, which is rich in white marlstone. Colour is slightly deeper golden-green than Les Saumonts, the aromas being freshly ripe, open and complex. Palate is impressively structured, with generous fruitiness and harmonious, lively aftertaste (for drinking 2018-2022).

Red

Mercrey Rouge En Boussoy

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2016

114.00

The last four vintages of this wine we have shipped have been snapped up for their deliciousness and value. These Pinots were planted in 1969, in shallow, red soils which are rich in clay and iron-oxides. The vines lie on a mini-plateau, just downhill from First Growth Clos des Montaigus. They are cordon-pruned, to restrict their yields, and in 2016 have given a richly purple wine, with splendid ripe, red fruit aromas. The palate shows remarkable concentration, with harmonious, deliciously fresh, classically Pinot Noir aftertaste (for drinking 2018-2022).

Mercrey Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Montaigu

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2016

b 132.00

m 138.00

This is one of Mercrey's greatest terroirs for red wine, and rightly classified a First Growth. It was aged in 25% new oak, and bottled in December 2017. Colour is rich purple, with bright, complex aromas. Flavours show remarkable richness, with striking attack and mid-palate, and lovely length. Tannins are present but well-judged to ensure impressive, mid-term ageing potential. Highly recommended (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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£
per
case

Domaine Claudie Jobard, Demigny

Burgundian vines and wine-making are part of Claudie Jobard's DNA. Her mother Laurence was for many years head winemaker at Joseph Drouhin, and her family runs a nursery which multiplies vines for replanting top vineyards throughout Burgundy.

Since 2002 Claudie has been making her own wines in Rully, and from 2011 took over responsibility for additional family vineyards, producing superb

Bourgogne rouge, as well as tiny quantities of First Growth Beaune and Pommard. 2016 is the sixth vintage we have shipped, and her wines have become established, bench-mark favourites with our clients. She is thrilled with her 2016 whites, which encapsulate their origins – arguably more so, she feels, than is the case with the sun-drenched 2015s. Both white and red Rullys offer mouth-watering value for money, as does the Bourgogne Milliane.

White



Rully Montagne La Folie

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

128.00

This comes from a hillside vineyard to Rully's north, lying just below First Growth Clos du Chaigne. The land is pebble-rich and quite steep, always one of her first vineyards to ripen. This was vinified in barrels and bottled before the 2017 harvest, to capture its fresh fruitiness. Pale golden in colour, with ample, golden fruit aromas, this has splendidly textured palate, with fresh, clean aftertaste (for drinking 2018-2020+).

Rully En Villerange

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

148.00

This comes from another sloping vineyard, but to Rully's south. It faces south-east, also pebble rich, yet here with more clay. In colour, attractive, medium golden, with ripe apricot, lively aromas. The wine shows admirable depth of fruit on the palate, which is well-sustained all the way to its fine, silky, refreshing aftertaste (for drinking 2018-2021+).

Rully 1er Cru Les Cloux

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

196.50

Premier Cru Les Cloux is an east-facing, very steep vineyard located next to Les Rabourcés. This is one of the village's best sites, where the vines are over 60 years old. Green-gold in colour, it has elegant aromas which are rich and fresh. Palate shows concentrated fruitiness, with tense, silky texture and a mineral, long aftertaste. "We didn't see wines reflecting their origins as well as this in 2015," says Claudie, "now these terroirs speak brightly and clearly." This has superb balance and lovely length (for drinking 2019-2024+).

Red

Rully Rouge La Chaume

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

128.00

This vineyard lies south of Rully, just uphill from En Villerange. The wine is pale red-purple in colour, with very pretty, fine Pinot aromas. Palate starts full, then gentle fruitiness dominates, all the way through to soft, light tannins. An unpretentious, refreshing, supple wine, for youthful drinking (2018-2020+).

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£
per
case

Bourgogne rouge Milliane

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

128.00

Named for Claudie's great-grandmother (whose real name was Emilie-Anne) this comes 100% from 60 year-old vines growing in the commune of Pommard. They lie not far from the plane-tree-lined Route Nationale 74 (where Pommard's best Bourgognes are made), opposite the Château de Pommard. Due to frost-damage, only 6 barrels were made in 2016 (where there had been 10 in 2015). This has very pretty purple-ruby colour, with openly fragrant, seductive Pinot Noir aromas. Palate has harmonious fruitiness, allied to medium-weight body, fresh aftertaste, and gentle tannins. For lovers of Pinot Noir, it is easy to fall for this wine (for drinking 2018-2022+).

Beaune 1er Cru Les Epenotes

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

284.00

This comes from a clay-rich vineyard lying just below the famous Clos des Mouches. Claudie has just 5 rows of vines, touching the commune of Pommard. Only two barrels were made (50 cases), as the April frosts left their mark. Both barrels have been previously used for ageing, so input from young oak is imperceptible. Ruby in colour, this shows refreshing, red fruits aromas, with great intensity and purity on the palate. Beautifully balanced, with the gentlest of tannins and impressive length (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Charmots

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2016

385.00

Most of these vines were planted by Claudie's great-grandfather in 1919, so are nearly 100 years old. They are still in rude health, very few having needed replanting. A special caterpillar tractor cultivates them, aided by horse-power (the use of weed-killers has been stopped). Colour is deep, red-purple, the nose being fragrant and richly perfumed. The palate shows ample structure, with impressively complex, rich aftertaste, and fine tannins. The grape-bunches were so healthy that no de-stemming was needed, so this is a rare example of 100% whole-bunch fermentation. It will develop intricate, soft aftertastes, with outstandingly creamy texture as it ages (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair, Santenay & Saint-Aubin

The late Denis Clair and his talented son Jean-Baptiste have together been making some of Santenay's most fruity, deliciously luscious wines for many vintages. The freshness and intensity of their white Saint-Aubins

are also exceptional. Like the Santenays, these come from some of the best-placed First Growths in the village.

White

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Frionnes

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

228.00

Two thirds of this vineyard was planted 25 years ago, the balance being 70 years old, with the combination now giving impressive fruit intensity. Pale, lemon-gold in colour, the wine has very fresh, openly fragrant aromas. The palate starts softly, then shows lively middle, with deeply-flavoured, rich aftertaste and crisp length (for drinking 2018-2021+).

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per
case

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

295.00

With the next wine, this steep, south-facing vineyard is seen as the commune's most exceptional site. The land is a stone's throw from Grand Cru Chevalier-Montrachet, which lies just over the commune border. Pale green-golden, it has lovely, ripe fruitiness on the nose. Palate is full-bodied and dense, with creamy texture and superb length. "There is always more ripe fruit and richness here" says Jean-Baptiste, and this is complemented by outstanding silkiness and lively finish. A gorgeous wine for early and mid-term enjoyment (for drinking 2018-2023+).

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Murgers des Dents de Chien

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

b 295.00

m 302.00

A 'murger' is a pile of stones that a vigneron creates when clearing a patch of land in order to plant it. This is a strenuous task, made more disagreeable when the stones are as sharp as a dog's teeth, as experienced here. This is one of the village's top Premier Cru sites, lying north of En Remilly, and close to the Le Montrachet hillside. It benefits from excellent exposure to the sun, gentle breezes and free-draining soils. Green-golden in colour, this has shyer aromas than En Remilly, but they are very fine and flinty. The palate shows concentrated fruitiness, with tight, intense flavours and superb length. This will benefit from bottle-age, to develop silky texture and great complexity (for drinking 2019-2024+).

Red



Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

b 112.00

m 118.00

This is a great value Burgundian Pinot Noir, made from a blend of grapes from two areas – one above Saint-Aubin, and another near a little-known First Growth called Maranges, to the south of Santenay. The vines are really fine Pinots, producing small berries with thick skins: the resulting wine is every bit as good as the 2015, which we thought was the best vintage we had ever seen.

Colour is sustained, bright purple, all the way to the rim, with nose being clean and ripely fruity, recalling raspberries. The palate is full-bodied, with excellent, rich middle, and fine length – a thoroughly approachable young red Burgundy, soft and supple, already delicious, and outstanding value (for drinking 2018-2019+).

Santenay Clos Genet

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

b 178.50

m 184.50

This is not a First Growth, but represents Santenay's appealing fruitiness, at a reasonable price, with engaging stylishness. The vines lie downhill beneath First Growth La Maladière. The colour is rich ruby-purple, the nose being broodingly ripe. The palate shows solid fruit with great persistence, bright tannins, and refreshing finish (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Santenay 1er Cru Beaurepaire

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

b 212.00

m 218.00

Beaurepaire is a very steep site, where these 25-year-old vines have given a characterful wine of dense fruitiness and charming length. Colour is rich, red-purple, the nose being complex and open, recalling black cherries. Palate is rich and lively, with gentle, mouth-coating tannins. The wine has powerful character, supple texture and great potential (for drinking 2020-2025+).

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per
case

Santenay 1er Cru Clos des Mouches

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

b 230.00

This vineyard is less than half a hectare in size and is Santenay's smallest First Growth – although little known, it is worth discovering! Purple-ruby of medium depth, it shows roasted cherry aromas of real finesse. Palate is elegant, with rich texture and profoundly concentrated fruitiness. This is a serious wine, which merits bottle-age (for drinking 2021-2027+).

m 236.00

Santenay 1er Cru Clos des Tavannes

Domaine Françoise et Denis Clair 2016

b 265.00

This is once again the most richly structured Santenay in the Clair family cellar. Colour is impressive purple, with aromas being strikingly open and ripely complex. The wine has powerful structure, dense fruitiness, harmonious, gentle tannins and beguiling length – a superb bottle for mid-term ageing (for drinking 2022-2028+).

m 272.00

Domaine Blain-Gagnard, Chassagne-Montrachet

With vineyards on many of Chassagne-Montrachet's greatest, most famous hillsides, Jean-Marc and Claudine Blain's Domaine is one of Burgundy's finest white wine estates. In addition, their reds are stand-outs for reasonably-priced, superb red Burgundy.

skilfully, indeed imperceptibly – being subtly spread amongst the different cuvées so that oakiness is never noticed. White wines are consistently bottled after no more than 11 or 12 months' barrel-ageing, to ensure that maximum freshness is retained. The finished wines have great purity of fruit and accurately evoke their origins.

Minimal intervention is key to the Blain-Gagnard wine-making style. New oak barrels are always used

White



Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

295.00

As in previous years, the high quality of this wine results from a judicious blending of grapes from village level and First Growth plots. "We harvested the 'survivors,'" says Jean-Marc Blain, for frost halved the crop of this 2016. The wine is medium golden in colour, with aromas of floral lemons and almonds. Palate is rich yet restrained – this is not a big, explosive wine, yet one of impressive density, balance and freshness. A lovely wine (for drinking 2018-2022+).

Puligny-Montrachet

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

320.00

This comes from vines which are nearly 60 years old, situated at the heart of the slope, just beneath First Growth Les Pucelles. The vines lie beside a path up which Puligny's cows used to climb (La Rue aux Vaches), on their way to grazing above the woods on the plateau. The soils are quite different to those in Chassagne – blacker, more humus-rich and marly. This is greeny-golden, with lively, vibrant aromas. Palate is full bodied, with attractive core of fruitiness, and a crisp finish, bringing balance, with gentle, refreshing length (for drinking 2018-2023+).

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£
per
case

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Clos Saint Jean

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

425.00

This vineyard has clay-limestone soils giving a style of Chassagne that is more fleshy and generous than the other Blain-Gagnard Premier Crus. Pale silver-gold colour with a beautiful, aromatic, floral nose, the palate of this 2016 is full, complex and richly concentrated. This is a true 'vin de plaisir,' having charm, silky texture, finesse and layers of flavour, the finish being tender and fresh (for drinking 2018-2023+).

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Boudriotte

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

435.00

In contrast with the openly expressive Premier Cru Clos Saint Jean (see above), the Blain's La Boudriotte often takes a year or two in bottle to soften and show its full complexities: this 2016 will be true to form. Colour is lively, green golden, with attractive, delicately spiced lemon aromas. Palate shows intensely concentrated, tightly-knit fruit. This has great, underlying power, lifted by glorious vivacity and freshness (for superb drinking from 2019-2024+).

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Caillerets

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

465.00

This vineyard is situated just south of the village of Chassagne, at the heart of the slope. The Blain's holdings run from the bottom to the top of the plot, giving an intricate wine of great complexity. Partly the soils are white, with many pebbles; higher up, they are marly, with fossil shells. Colour of this 2016 is pale, green-golden, the nose being beautifully aromatic and fine. Palate is broad, with magnificent fruit concentration, held tightly in place by a line of vibrant minerality. With a mouth-coating, creamy texture, the finish is complete and long-flavoured (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

6b 695.00

The Blain family is one of the few in Chassagne to have anticipated a possible frost disaster. They had large candles in store – such as are regularly used in the Chablis vineyards – and were able to install them between the vine rows, from the second day of April's frosts. This allowed them to make 20% of a normal harvest from these 60-year-old vines. Given the small quantity made of this wine, and that it had already been bottled when we visited, we were not able to taste the 2016. Classically, the Blain's Criots is a finely structured, creamy wine of great beauty: the high quality of their other 2016s gives us no reason to doubt that this 2016 will be absolutely true-to-type (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

6b 695.00

Just 15% of a normal harvest here – this rare Bâtard is shimmering green-golden in colour, the nose (tasted from barrel) being opulent, fresh and rich. Palate shows magnificent structure, with a sober core of dense fruitiness, all elements in fine balance, with complex, generous aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Le Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

1b 300.00

As with the Blain family's Criots-Bâtard-Montrchet vineyard, large candles were installed and lit here, during the night of 27th April, which saved one third of the crop (representing less than 150 bottles). "Le Montrachet is never explosive," says Jean-Marc Blain. "It is always rather discreet when it is youthful." This is a sumptuous, brilliant wine which will make thrilling drinking, once it has benefited from 5+ years' bottle-age (for drinking 2022-2030+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Red

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

208.00

Ruby of medium depth, this shows fully-ripened, red berry fruitiness on the nose, with well-sustained personality from start to finish on the palate. It is a lively, harmonious wine, whose gentle tannins need a year or two to soften (for drinking 2019-2023).

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 1er Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

b 295.00

m 306.00

This wine results from assembling, in equal proportions, grapes from two First Growths: Morgeot and Clos Saint Jean. Colour is a strikingly rich purple-ruby, the nose being clean and open, recalling cherries. The palate is medium structured, combining the elegance one expects from Clos Saint Jean with the densely fruity, more powerful character of Morgeot. Tannins are well-balanced; length is impressive (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Volnay 1er Cru Champans

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2016

395.00

This comes from low-yielding, very old vines, which held up well against the frost, producing 3/4 of a normal crop. Colour is impressively deep, with aromas being fine, clean and ripe. Palate shows splendid concentration, with dense fruitiness, good middle and silky, long aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain, Chassagne-Montrachet

Marc-Antonin's tiny Domaine goes from strength to strength. After viticultural studies in Beaune, he worked vintages in Australia and New Zealand. He now makes four wines from vineyards previously tended by his late grandfather, Jacques Gagnard. Marc-Antonin's cellar is colder than that of his parents (Domaine Blain-Gagnard), and his wines often spend three or more extra months in barrel (or assembled in tank), before bottling. When not tending to his vines

or in the cellar, Marc-Antonin can often be seen cycling through the Hautes-Côtes. This is a young man with passion, flare and energy who is one of the most talented, highly regarded members of the emerging generation of Burgundy growers. Given the particularly low production of Marc-Antonin's white wines (thanks to spring frost), we invite you to let us know your wishes as soon as possible.

White



Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc

Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain 2016

325.00

These grapes come from a single village plot names Les Voillenots, which was planted in 1976. The old vine roots penetrate deep down into fissures in the limestone bed-rock, bringing exhilarating character. Just two barrels were made in 2016, where a normal harvest would be seven. Colour is pale, lemon-gold, with aromas showing fresh, ripe fruits, including apricot. This wine is more restrained than the 2015 at a similar stage, and will certainly age magnificently (for drinking 2018-2024+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Marc-Antoine Blain 2016

6b 695.00

This comes entirely from the Chassagne-Montrachet sector of Bâtard-Montrachet, from magnificently-situated vines which lie just across the road from Le Montrachet itself. It is one of the choicest spots for Bâtard-Montrachet, and Marc-Antoine's rows are very close to those of the Hospices de Beaune (where the wine has regularly sold for over £200 per bottle, in recent auctions). Planted in 1983 by his late grandfather, these vines have now reached full maturity – sadly, they have given just one barrel of wine with this 2016 vintage (less than half of a regular harvest). In colour, this is green-golden, with very beautiful aromas. Palate shows superb richness, great harmony, astounding length. This is a great bottle (for drinking 2019-2028+).

Red

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge

Domaine Marc-Antoine Blain 2016

b 214.00

m 228.00

These grapes were harvested from two 40-year-old plots which lie downhill from Chassagne's road to Santenay, 3/5 coming from Les Platières, with the remaining 2/5 from Les Lombardes. Natural yeasts have transformed the sugars, after 4-5 days of cool, pre-fermentation maceration, into a wine of medium-deep, ruby-purple colour, with aromas of black fruits. Lombardes has brought structure, and Platières the fruit concentration. This is a splendid wine, with gentle tannins and lovely potential (for drinking 2019-2025+).



Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 1er Cru Morgeot

Domaine Marc-Antoine Blain 2016

b 304.00

m 318.00

This wine comes from two First Growth plots within Morgeot: Les Brussonnes and Les Boirettes, both planted over 85 years ago. They lie between the Abbaye de Morgeot and the Santenay commune border. These are really fine Pinots giving small bunches with tiny, thick-skinned grapes. Colour is bright, rich purple-ruby, with aromas which are fresh and pretty. Palate shows chewy fruit concentration, with a fine balance between structure, mouth-coating tannins and splendid length (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Olivier Leflaive - Récolte du Domaine, Puligny-Montrachet

We are thrilled to be again offering these gems from Patrick and Olivier Leflaive's 'Récolte du Domaine.' This is their seventh vintage from vineyards they own, which were previously part of Domaine Leflaive.

Since winter 2009/2010 when Olivier and his brother took over these vineyards, there has been uninterrupted continuation of Domaine Leflaive's bio-dynamic vineyard cultivation methods, and this is being scrupulously maintained. With the exception of the Meursault, which was more recently replanted, the vines across the Domaine were planted in the 1950s and 1960s. These old vines give naturally low yields,

and the resulting wines are some of the most concentrated, intense and thrillingly harmonious of all white Burgundies existing. There is a particular grace, depth of flavour, silky texture and astonishing length in this range that makes the heart skip a beat.

Availability of each of the following wines is more limited than ever this year, thanks to the spring frost (consequently, we are not able to offer any Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos Saint Marc in 2016). Please let us know your requirements as soon as possible, to ensure an allocation.

White

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny "Sous le Dos d'Ane"

Olivier Leflaive - Récolte du Domaine 2016

These vines lie in a sun-catching amphitheatre adjoining Meursault 1er cru Les Perrières.

When you climb the slope, you can understand why the vineyard is named "under the donkey's back", as the vines are sheltered to the north by a huge, long hummock of stones and trees which resemble the slumbering animal.

Colour is very pretty green-golden, with lovely, ripe aromas of great elegance. The palate is immediately seductive, showing creamy texture, charming fruit concentration, and exceptional length. Just 20% of new barrels were chosen for this wine's ageing, and their presence is imperceptible, so well have all elements merged together. Flavours finish freshly, with just the right amount of crispness. This will age well, but it may be very hard to resist enjoying it from the moment of shipment (for drinking 2018-2024+).

6b 320.00

3m 330.00

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières

Olivier Leflaive - Récolte du Domaine 2016

Les Folatières is the largest First Growth in Puligny, with several sub-sections. This wine comes from one of the most ideally situated, called "en la Richarde," planted in 1983. It lies on the same contour as the Grand Cru Chevalier-Montrachet, which is just to its south. In colour, this is green-golden, with complex, richly open fragrances. Palate shows perfect balance between fruit concentration, structure, creamy texture and freshness. The finish is memorably silky with a peacock's tail of after-tastes which are totally beguiling (for drinking 2018-2025+).

6b 444.00

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Pucelles

Olivier Leflaive - Récolte du Domaine 2016

This famous Premier Cru lies across a narrow road from Grand Cru Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet. The wine comes from a single plot which was planted in 1958-61, and it encapsulates what is most astonishing and seductive about top First Growth Puligny-Montrachet. In colour, this is bright, green-gold, with the finest imaginable floral and fresh fruit aromas. Flavours dance across the palate on tasting, combining silky texture with fresh complexities and outstanding aftertaste. This is a great wine, of perfect balance and captivating length (for drinking 2019-2028+).

6b 480.00

3m 490.00

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Olivier Leflaive - Récolte du Domaine 2016

3b 675.00

This wine comes entirely from the Puligny-Montrachet side of the Grand Cru, from vines which were planted in 1962 (so are now over 50 years old). The parcel is perfectly positioned in the Bâtard-Montrachet “shoulder” – the plot lying between Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet and the great Le Montrachet. As in Clos-Vougeot, top section Bâtard plots are the best. In colour, this is rich, green-golden, with substantial, fresh fruit and roasted almond aromas. The wine fills the mouth with opulent, caressing fruitiness. It has power and fruit concentration, with the creamiest of textures and luscious length. A gorgeous wine (for drinking 2019-2030+).

Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

Olivier Leflaive - Récolte du Domaine 2016

3b 865.00

These vines were planted over 60 years ago, in 1955, yet are still – in part thanks to bio-dynamic cultivation – full of youthful vigour. Colour is deeper, green-golden than the Bâtard-Montrachet, with aromas which show outstanding floral complexity. Palate is creamy, elegant, complete and long – and totally impossible to spit, so beautiful it was when tasting in November 2017! All elements have merged together to form the personality of this wine: perfect fruit ripeness, balancing acidity, mouth-coating, gentle texture and unforgettable length of flavour (for drinking 2019-2028+).

Etienne Sauzet, Puligny-Montrachet

Subtle changes have been taking place here, as Gérard Boudot's daughter Emilie and her husband Benoît Riffault become evermore involved with work in vineyards, winery and cellar. Benoît grew up on his family's wine Domaine in Sancerre, but his boots today are 100% caked with the soils of Puligny-Montrachet. Etienne Sauzet's wines have been bio-dynamically cultivated since 2008/9, which has resulted in lessened yields, with aromas and flavours which are purer and denser. The wines have undoubtedly gained complexity, harmony and length.

Tasting with Benoît is a masterclass on the vineyards of Puligny. The Domaine's parcels span the appellation, and the subtleties of each vineyard are clearly expressed in each of the wines. They have made a brilliant success of the 2016 vintage. Volumes here are more limited than ever, however, with harvest down by 40% thanks to frost and late spring mildew.

Prices for these wines will be available in mid/late January 2018 – please let us know where your interests lie as soon as you can, so we may let you know availabilities and details, as soon as we have them.

White



Puligny-Montrachet

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

This comes from 12 different plots in a croissant-shaped swathe of vineyards that hugs the village of Puligny-Montrachet. A high proportion of the blend is from the Chassagne-Montrachet side, where the deep soils give broad wines. Three plots are on the pebble-rich Meursault side, and one is from the middle, the vineyard called les Meix, between the Domaine and First Growth Les Pucelles. This brings together the best of “village level” Puligny-Montrachet, and indeed this is text book Puligny at its purest and most vibrant. The wine was entirely barrel fermented, approximately 15% of the oak being new. Green-gold in colour, this has dancing, lifted, citrus-smoky fruit on the nose. Medium bodied on the palate, this combines classic, zippy, lemony, Puligny fruitiness with stony minerality. Structure is taut, the finish being scented, harmonious and fine (for drinking 2018-2025+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru La Garenne

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

Located on a steep hillside just south of the hamlet of Blagny, this stony vineyard is consistently the last to be picked by the Domaine, as extra time is needed to ripen the grapes fully, at 400m altitude. The vines are now more than 30 years old, and the wine has aged 12 months in oak, of which 20% was new. Bright lemon colour, this has intense aromas recalling freshly squeezed citrus fruit, with some spice. Palate is medium bodied, finely textured, racy and vivacious, leading to a long, zippy finish (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Gain

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

Champ Gain is on a continuation of the slope, down from La Garenne (see above). In 2016, we have a very small allocation of this wine, as only 4 barrels were made (equivalent to 1200 bottles). This is pale lemon in colour, with a gloriously aromatic nose: very steely and lime-scented. Palate is broad, sumptuous and creamily textured ("thanks to the higher proportion of clay in the soil here," Benoît tells us). Aftertaste is superb, refreshing, and very long (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Hameau de Blagny

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

The vines here average 65 years of age, resulting in a wine that has more density, breadth and power than is often seen in the wines of this stony-soiled, hillside First Growth. Colour is attractive, pale green-golden, with honeyed lemon aromas, very fine, with a hint of smoke. Palate is full, rich, with lovely concentration of pure, spiced citrus fruit. Finish is tense, fresh and satisfyingly long-flavoured (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

Here the vines grow on stony, well-drained hummocks which filter water away quickly, giving intensely fruity, lively wines. The vineyard was planted in 1987, and we have bought this wine every vintage that it has been produced. It has consistently gained complexity as the roots of the vines have penetrated more deeply. Pale lemon in colour, this has elegant, tightly-knit, floral-lemon aromas. Palate initially has a steely, mineral profile, but this opens out in the mouth, showing great muscle and drive, with beautiful, precise, lemon-lime flavours. This is an harmonious wine, where all elements are perfectly-placed, the finish being crisp and refined (for drinking 2021-2028+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

Champ Canet lies at the north of the appellation, bordering Premier Cru Meursault Les Perrières, just up the hillside from Puligny 1er Cru Combettes (see below). With 1.1 hectares of vines here, this is Sauzet's largest Premier Cru holding, the vines now averaging 60 years of age. Pale lemon colour, aromas have stunning depth, recalling spiced apricots and fragrant lemon peel. The palate is silky and mouth-filling, with thrilling, energetic freshness, beautiful purity of fruit, leading through to a long and complex finish. This will be magnificent, given a little bottle age (drinking from 2020-2026+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

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per
case

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

Les Combettes is always on very tight allocation, with 70% of the production coming from 60-year-old vines, whose small berries give a limited, intensely flavoured production. The vineyard is planted on terraces bordering the commune boundary with Meursault, just south of that appellation's Premier Cru Charmes. In colour, lemon-green; on the nose, discretion, mouth-watering freshness, with thrilling, multi-layered citrusy character. Palate is richly built, with exceptional creamy texture, compact, taut fruitiness, finely-built structure and lively acidity. Aftertaste is magnificently long (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

Sauzet's vines are located on the Puligny-Montrachet side of this Grand Cru, which straddles both Puligny and Chassagne. They lie within the Bâtard "shoulder" – the section of the vineyard between Bienvenues and Le Montrachet, where red marls in the soil contribute intense richness and luscious texture, which few other Bâtards can boast. This 2016 has serious "wow" factor. Brilliant pale lemon in colour, it has a nose which is spectacularly fragrant and fresh. Palate is explosive, with wonderful, tightly-packed fruit, followed by ravishing freshness and great length. This is a very stylish, detailed wine with a brilliant future. It will not fail to thrill (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

Etienne Sauzet 2016

TBC

As in past years, we shall have to allocate this stellar wine very tightly indeed. The soils here are chalkier and more powdery than those in Bâtard-Montrachet, Sauzet's vines being located on white marl terraces, right at the top of the vineyard. Consistently, this wine has more fragrant aromatics and mineral nuances that we see with the Sauzet Bâtard. Colour is green-gold, with striking aromas of great finesse and freshness: scented white peach and apricot notes intermingle with those of spice and smoke. The palate shows astonishing, silky richness, with splendid, full body, exhilarating tension and just the right amount of balancing, fresh acidity. The length of flavour is heavenly. For drinking 2020-2030+.

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Chapelle de Blagny, Meursault

We were the first to introduce the wines from this exciting new Meursault Domaine to the UK with the 2015 vintage, featuring them in our autumn 2017 Burgundy offer. It is with enormous pleasure that we present the Domaine's 2016s wines to you now. From the 12th to 18th centuries, Chapelle de Blagny's vineyards belonged to the Cistercian Abbey of Maizières. In 1811 they were bought by an ancestor of the present owner, Etienne de Brechard. Since then, 5 generations of the family leased out the vineyards to other winegrowers, or quietly tended the vineyards themselves, harvesting the grapes, and selling the wine in barrel to local Burgundian merchants. It was Etienne's father-in-law who turned his focus to Domaine bottled wines; then, starting with the 2014 vintage, Domaine Chapelle de Blagny was established, with Etienne at its helm. The property is

named after a 15th century chapel next to the winery.

The First Growth vineyards of Blagny may be less well-known than Meursault First Growths like Perrières or Charmes, but quality-wise they are up there with the greatest. They lie on high, steep slopes straddling Meursault and Puligny-Montrachet. This is classic white wine land, with clay-limestone marls. Domaine Chapelle de Blagny currently cultivates 6 hectares of vines, concentrated in this zone. The particularity of the Blagny vineyards is that their altitude allows the Chardonnay grapes to come to ripeness slowly, while retaining precious, fresh acidity. The resulting wines combine complexity with immaculate balance, great length, and precious crispness.

White

Meursault 1er Cru Les Ravelles

Domaine Chapelle de Blagny 2016

6b 235.00

This is a tiny vineyard of only 1.2 hectares, and probably Meursault's best kept secret, among its First Growths. It lies at the top of the slope, abutting Premier Cru Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault vines. In colour, this is pale, golden-green, with intensely lovely, open aromas. Palate shows splendid freshness, with plump middle fruit, long-lasting aftertaste and enviable vivacity (for drinking 2018-2023+).



Meursault 1er Cru Blagny

Domaine Chapelle de Blagny 2016

6b 265.00

This wine is an assemblage of equal parts of two First Growths: La Pièce sous le Bois, planted with older vines, and Sous Blagny. "There is often 7 days difference between our grapes reaching ripeness, and those from land lower down the hillsides. Thanks to climate warming, we can harvest ripe grapes each year, while retaining their freshness," explains Etienne. In colour, this is pale golden, with citrus and white peach aromas. Palate is medium-weight and fleshily-textured, with abundant, fresh fruitiness and silky aftertaste – a lovely wine (for drinking 2018-2024+).

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny La Pièce Sous Le Bois

Domaine Chapelle de Blagny 2016

6b 295.00

This wine comes from 60-year old vines and shows exceptional concentration. Limpid, pale green-golden colour is like a magnet to invite exploration of the aromas: pears and white peaches, with spritely freshness. Palate is richly built, with superb fruitiness, great length and vivacious aftertaste. Production is tiny from these old vines: please let us know your wishes as soon as possible (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Roulot, Meursault

Jean-Marc Roulot produces some of Meursault's most thrilling, perfectly balanced wines. Picking the grapes at the moment when ripeness has been achieved yet natural acidity is still vital is one of his prime objectives. In the winery, Jean-Marc has exemplary lightness of touch: his aim is to allow the characters of the individual vineyard sites to shine through transparently in his wines. No estate we know handles the use of new oak barrels more astutely: the wines rarely spend more than a year in

wood, with rousing of the lees being done sparingly.

Spring frost had a significant impact here in 2016, with production down by 65% across the Domaine. This is a painful fact of nature, as Jean-Marc has made a selection of gorgeous wines this vintage. Prices and full details of our offer will be available in late January 2018 – please contact us if you would be interested in receiving these.

Domaine Agnès Paquet, Meulosey

Driving into the perched hillside village of Meulosey in the Hautes Côtes behind Pommard, you can immediately understand why this beautiful, elevated spot can give wines that have such clarity and freshness. It is here that Agnès Paquet, a young

proprietor and wine-maker, created her domaine in 2000. She started with a vineyard in Auxey-Duresses inherited from her grandparents, and we are delighted again to offer both red and white versions from those vines.

White



Auxey-Duresses Blanc

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2016

The soils where these 90-year-old vines grow are rich in limestone, giving intense fruit and liveliness to this wine. It fermented in oak barrels (of which 15% were new), matured in them until end July 2017, then rested in tank until bottling in November. With very pretty, pale golden colour, this has rich aromas which are fresh and clean. Palate has a lovely combination of dense fruit with balancing acidity. Tenderly textured, it has real harmony and fine length – as well as being superb value (for drinking 2018-2022+).

b 188.00
m 205.00

Red

Auxey-Duresses Rouge

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2016

A high limestone content in the soil gives this red Auxey vitality and delicate perfume. The grapes were in excellent health, so 25% of whole bunches, without de-stemming, were included in the fermentation. Ageing then took place in barrels (of which 15% were new), until late September 2017, when all casks were assembled (for harmonising) into tank, before bottling at the end of November. Purple-red of medium depth, whole bunch fermentation has brought richly fruity, intricate aromas to both nose and palate, with very pure fruit, good length, gentle tannins and spicy aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2025+).

b 188.00
m 205.00

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Yvon Clerget, Volnay

2015 was the first vintage of the highly talented young wine-maker Thibaud Clerget, who completed his studies at Beaune's Lycée Viticole in 2012. He then did vintages with Pinot specialists in both New Zealand and Oregon, along with two vintages on the Côte de Nuits, before starting to run the family Domaine, from 1st January 2015. He is the 28th generation of the Clerget family, which has been owning vineyards and making wine in and around Pommard and Volnay since AD 1268!

If you have not recently come across bottles from the Domaine, which carries his father Yvon Clerget's name, this is because from 2010 Yvon decided to sell his grapes, rather than making and bottling his

own wine. Since Thibaud took on the family responsibilities, all grapes are held back for the Domaine to vinify, raise and bottle. Last year, we were thrilled to be the first to discover and ship his wines to the UK market. Indeed, showing his wines at our London Burgundy tasting in January 2017 marked the international re-launch of this incredibly ancient Domaine.

Thibaud made a brilliant success of his first vintage, as many clients agreed, and the wines sold out rapidly. We are delighted now to be offering his second vintage – these 2016s – which is just as enthralling as the first, and which we again most warmly recommend.

Red

Volnay

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

299.00

This comes from two plots – Ez Echards and Petit Gamets – which lie downhill from Les Champans. Normally Thibaud would make about 24 barrels of this wine, but in 2016 he made just 7, due to the April frost. The grapes were 100% de-stemmed, and the wine has seen no new oak. Colour is deep purple, with rich, fresh cherry aromas. This is a beautifully fruity Volnay, full of freshness, gently tannic, well balanced (for drinking 2018-2025+).

Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

6b 197.50

The wine comes principally from Les Santenots du Milieu, with some grapes also from the vineyard's lower section. It is ageing in 20% new barrels, which its lively fruitiness is easily absorbing. In colour, deep purple-ruby, this has complex, rich aromas. The palate shows impressive structure, with dense fruitiness, engaging length, and harmonious, soft aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2028+).

Volnay 1er Cru Carelle Sous La Chapelle

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

6b 197.50

Only half a normal crop was produced, but of superb quality. Colour is rich purple, with pungent aromas of black fruits, very delicate and fine. Palate has less plumpness than Santenots, but greater intensity, with a freshness and length which mark it out for complex, great beauty in the future (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Volnay 1er Cru Clos du Verseuil (Monopole)

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

6b 249.00

This vineyard is a monopole, solely owned by Thibaud Clerget's family. It lies on steeply-sloped land between Taillepieds and Bousse d'Or, in one of the village's sweetest, First Growth spots. The rows of vines unusually run from north to south, which meant that in 2016 the waves of frosty air coming from the valley passed over, not between the rows. There was no frost damage here, so we have a normal crop, which has been judiciously ageing in just 20% new oak. Colour is richly purple; aromas are glorious – black fruits, very expressive. This is a great wine, with sumptuous structure, gentle, rich tannins, superb aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2035+).

3m 265.00

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Volnay 1er Cru En Champans

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

3m 265.00

Medium-deep purple, with intensely fine, delicate perfume. The palate is vivacious and sumptuous, with gentle tannins, great length, and wrap-around aftertastes which really linger. Only one barrel was made, which will be bottled solely into magnums. We will have to allocate with the greatest care, for demand is sure to outstrip the tiny production (for drinking 2020-2035+).

Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

6b 260.00

3m 270.00

This comes from a vineyard where the vines have an average age of 45-50 years, some being over 70. They give tiny grapes which are juice-light, but rich in perfume and flavour. Just five barrels were made, of which one is new, the others older. Medium-deep purple-ruby, with exceptionally fine, black fruits aromas, this has amazing concentration, with creamy texture and outstanding length. It has the undoubted potential to show Volnay's greatest complexity, finesse and elegance (for drinking 2020-2035+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

6b 295.00

3m 306.00

This comes entirely from a vineyard which is more than 50 years old, situated in Les Rugiens Bas, which is widely acknowledged to be the best section. 30% of whole bunches were carefully selected on the sorting table, to form part of the fermenting vat, and the wine has been aging in 1/3 new barrels. It has beautiful purple, medium-deep colour. Nose is complex and meaty, with a touch of wood-smoke. Palate has solid, broad structure and dense fruitiness, with great concentration. Tannins are present, without bitterness, with freshness and finesse combining at the finish. "My object is to make a Rugiens which is not hard" said Thibaud, and he has certainly succeeded here. This is clearly one of the greatest wines in the cellar (for drinking 2020-2040+).

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2016

6b 550.00

The vines lie in the Grand Maupertuis section, at the top of Clos Vougeot, over the wall from Grands Echézeaux. Three barrels were made (of which two were new). Colour is very deep and rich, with complex, brooding aromas, recalling black fruits. Palate has magnificent structure, with attack, follow-through and finish all superb. The wine's personality rises to a climax while being tasted, the aftertaste being exceptionally long and fresh (for drinking 2022-2040+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley, Volnay

With Thomas Bouley's arrival to help his father Jean-Marc, this Domaine has rocketed into a rarefied quality zone occupied by Volnay's greatest estates. The wines here get better and better each year, as Thomas gains more experience and understands even more deeply the nuances of the vineyards and wines with which he is working. The estate has several parcels of old vines, and some superbly placed First Growths. We find beautiful, glinting ruby-red colours (nothing violet or black), carefully judged extractions, intelligent inclusion of whole cluster bunches, and judicious, minimal use of new oak barrels.

2016 was a challenging season for Thomas, with the April frost dramatically taking its toll in many of his plots (he made no Beaune 1er Cru Les Reversées, for example). As a result, volumes of many of the following wines are tinier than ever. Quality here is stunning, however, following on from the also-excellent 2015s. We came away from our tasting with Thomas thrilled and exhilarated by his 2016s, which have exceptional energy, freshness and brightness, coupled with beautiful ripeness. Lovers of classic Volnay and Pommard who do not yet know Thomas' wines can do no better than make selections from the following, but we encourage you to do so quickly, as availability is seriously limited.

Red



Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

These vines grow on land above Volnay, between the village and the hills. Planted in iron-rich, pebbly red soils, they consistently give a Hautes Côtes de Beaune of surprising fruit intensity and finesse: in our eyes, this is a 'mini Volnay'. Colour of this 2016 is bright purple-ruby of medium depth, the nose being open, fresh and sweet-smelling with red berry, Pinot Noir fruitiness. This is medium bodied, fleshy and lively, with bright, pure fruit and a satisfyingly fresh aftertaste (for drinking 2018-2022+).

210.00

Pommard

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

Les Vaumuriens is the vineyard making up 85% of this cuvée. The vines grow on white soil on a high, sometimes wind-battered slope, giving a style of Pommard that is linear, richly concentrated and very precisely structured. Colour is ruby-purple of medium depth, the nose being taut, fragrant and meaty. Palate is well-structured and full bodied, showing dense, spicy, dark berry fruitiness. Very fine tannins will ensure that this wine will keep well; it finishes straight, long and fresh (for drinking 2020-2030+).

6b 180.00

Volnay Clos de la Cave

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

These vines grow on steeply sloping land, directly uphill from the Bouley winery, at the top of the village. Soils are rich in small stones, ensuring good drainage. 50% whole cluster bunches went into the vat during fermentation, and have contributed to its engaging, gentle texture and exceptionally scented fruit core. Mid ruby colour, aromas are open, with attractive floral fruitiness. Palate is full, with silky mouth-feel and fine, harmonious length (for drinking 2019-2028+).

6b 199.00

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per
case

Volnay 1er Cru Les Carelles

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

6b 320.00

This is Thomas Bouley's favourite plot: "I love this vineyard. Its gentle slope, and the way it is favourably exposed (facing south-east) to hasten ripening. The soil is unusually red." In turn, it is hard not to love this 2016 wine: in colour, medium, purple-ruby, with tightly-woven, sweet red cherry aromatics. The palate is full-bodied, sumptuously rich with generous middle and well-concentrated, spicy flavours. This has all the parameters of a great wine: density, elegant texture, marked-but-ripe tannins, superb length (for drinking 2020-2032+).

Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

6b 340.00

Many people believe that Caillerets is the best terroir in Volnay. Although these vines are still quite young (12-13 years old) they have given a wine of striking finesse and beauty. The bunches were totally de-stemmed prior to fermentation. This has medium deep, ruby-purple colour, with very fine red cherry and dried rose petal fragrance. Palate is full, succulent, pure, perfumed, with delicate, fine tannins and refreshing length. This wine is to Volnay what Amoureuises is to Chambolle – gracefully poised, showing perfect harmony (for drinking 2020-2032+).

Volnay 1er Cru Clos des Chênes

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

6b 340.00

Set high in the hillside to the south of Volnay, this First Growth consistently gives one of the longest-lived wines of the commune. In this instance, the wine comes from two plots, one being 45, and one 55 years old. Colour is medium deep ruby, the nose being very pure and perfumed. Palate is supple, densely fruity without heaviness, and totally harmonious. This is an expressive, magnificent 2016 with fine, intricate structure and a silky, long-flavoured finish (for drinking 2023-2040+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Fremiers

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

6b 340.00

This First Growth vineyard lies in a protected, sweet spot, growing on red soil below Les Rugiens Bas. The vines are 40 years-old, and their yield has naturally diminished with the years – a factor that was exacerbated by the frost in 2016, where production was just 9 hectolitres per hectare (the law would allow four times this). What a wine this is! Colour is mid ruby, aromas being outstandingly focussed, showing fresh raspberry, violet, sweet Christmas spice. This is sumptuous, complex, with powerful fruit, rich texture, ripe tannins and caressing, superbly long aftertaste (for drinking 2022-2036+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2016

6b 455.00

This wine comes from two plots, one being 24, one 60 years old. Thomas Bouley tells us that the vines are planted on a concave hummock which adjoins the village, and is the most northerly section of Les Rugiens Haut. Soils are very thin, often no more than 10cm covering the mother rock, into which the vines roots penetrate for moisture. Unusually for Thomas' Rugiens, 30% whole cluster bunches went into the vat during fermentation: 2008 and 2016 are the only vintages of this wine that Thomas has not totally destemmed: "the stems, seeds and skins were perfect in 2016 – like in 2008," says Thomas. "I had a gut feeling that a percentage of whole clusters would be beneficial, adding complexity of aroma and texture to this wine." The 2016 is rich in both colour and nose, with a palate which shows juicy, expansive, generous fruitiness, crystalline freshness, mineral underlay and harmonious, gently tannic aftertaste. This is a great wine which has a beautiful future ahead of it (for drinking 2023-2040+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

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per
case

*INTRODUCING: Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard, Pommard

This estate is a little-known jewel, making wine in Pommard for 5 generations, farming organically since 1999, with 6.5 hectares now being cultivated. "I want to keep my terroirs healthy," says Thierry. "No yeasting, no reverse osmosis, not too many technical interventions and not too much wood, so as not to alter the taste of the wine. I love the delicacy and the elegance, the distinctive Pinot, and above all, the fun!"

Thierry's wife Estelle and son Joannès (named after a

great-great-grandfather) are at his side at all moments of the vineyard year, which includes cultivating micro-organisms to vivify his composts. He declares he only treats with copper-sulphate solution, low doses of copper and cactus juice. "You mustn't put rubbish on the vines," he says. The result: "Only caviar goes into my vats, that's my secret," says Thierry. It is time for this joyful family estate to come out from the shadows, and it is our privilege, and delight, to introduce their wines.

Red

Bourgogne "Cuvée Maisons-Dieu"

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2016

175.00

This was bottled in July 2017, and now shows purple-ruby colour of medium depth, with fragrantly spicy Pinot aromas. Palate is fresh and open, with pretty fruitiness, lasting well in the mouth (for drinking 2018-2019+).

Pommard "En Brescul"

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2016

6b 180.00

Rich, bright purple in colour, with clean, open aromas, this shows medium-full body, charming fruitiness and a gentle finish. The yield was just 5 barrels, instead of a normal 12, or more – but low yield has given real intensity. "Our object is to make the finest wines possible," says Joannès, and they have achieved that from this stony hillside vineyard (for drinking 2019-2024+).

Beaune 1er Cru "Clos des Mouches" Rouge

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2016

6b 228.00

Medium-deep, purple-ruby in colour, with warm, well-ripened, spiced red berry aromas of great charm. Palate shows broad fruitiness, rich body with length and muscle. It finishes freshly, with its fruit accompanying the gentle tannins, all the way to the end (for drinking 2019-2028+).

Pommard 1er Cru "La Platière"

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2016

6b 240.00

This is one of Pommard's lesser-known First Growths, but is south-facing and well-situated, above Les Arvelets. Colour is rich, red-purple of medium depth, aromas are complex, clean and fine. Palate starts full-bodied, with rich middle, well-rounded tannins and impressive, supple length (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Pommard 1er Cru "Les Epenots"

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2016

6b 335.00

Our allocation here is tiny, as only 3.5 barrels were made, compared to a more normal 7. Colour is deep, purple-ruby, aromas are fine, open and engaging. This has beautiful fruit, with finesse and harmony. In the past, Pommards were often heavy and aggressive wines. By contrast, this wine has remarkable finesse, and is also built to last, with solid qualities, its own character, silky texture and outstanding length. A wine of superb potential (for drinking 2021-2032+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

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case

Domaine Seguin-Manuel, Beaune

The independent Domaine and merchant house of Seguin-Manuel was founded in 1824, however its links with Burgundy vineyards date back as far as 1720. Some years ago, the business was bought by Thibaut Marion, from an old Beaune family. We first tasted his wines when they were ageing in Savigny, in a 14th century vat-house with splendid, vaulted cellars which had been built by the monks of the Abbey of Cîteaux. On the outside wall could be seen one of the Latin inscriptions for which Savigny is famous: "If my memory serves me right, there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a guest, pre-

sent and future thirst, the quality of the wines and any other reason you like – 1772."

Now Marion has expanded the estate to 8.5 hectares, fine-tuned the wine-making, and moved to Beaune. 2016 is the seventh vintage where we have selected from this Domaine, this year choosing 6 wines: Thibaut's noticeable drive for increased quality and focus has clearly brought results. Thanks to a recent vineyard acquisition, we are thrilled to offer two exceptional Côte de Nuits wines, which we warmly commend to you.

Red

Givry 1er Cru Crémillons

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2016

Givry on the Côte Chalonnaise was not affected by April frosts, so yields here were normal. The grapes for this wine came from the hamlet of Poncey, in the southern part of the appellation. In colour, this is rich, purple-ruby with very clean, fresh Pinot aromas. Palate shows impressive fruit intensity and fine capacity for ageing, thanks to its balanced structure, acidity and tannins. This is an harmonious, fine wine for early and mid-term enjoyment (for drinking 2018-2022+).

b 175.00

m 195.00



Savigny-Lès-Beaune Vieilles Vignes

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2016

The grapes from First Growth Les Lavières have been assembled with others from the family's substantial Savigny vineyard holdings, to make this single cuvée from old vines this year (as frost played havoc with many plots). Colour is medium-deep, purple-ruby, with aromas being richly fruity and open, recalling roasted red cherries. This has body, freshness and splendid fruit concentration. The finish is vibrant and fine (for drinking 2019-2026+).

b 195.00

m 215.00

Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2016

Cultivated organically, this comes from a stony, low-yielding, family-owned sector of this First Growth, high up on the hillside. In colour, medium red-purple, on the nose it is intense and clean, recalling black fruits. Palate shows good structure, rich fruit concentration, a plump, luscious middle-palate and fresh length. A sweetness of strawberries imbues the aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2028+).

340.00

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

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per
case

Vosne-Romanée Aux Communes

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2016

6b 395.00

This is the fourth vintage that Thibaut Marion has owned Vosne-Romanée vines – a rare and precious addition to this cellar. He has fine-tuned the wine-making as he has got to know the vineyard better, and in 2016 more than 20% whole bunches were added to the fermentation vat, as grape health and ripeness were both so excellent. Colour is ruby-purple of medium depth, the nose being floral, open, fine and complex. This is an impressive mouthful, with rich fruitiness, broad structure, admirable freshness and splendid length (for drinking 2020-2028+).

3m 415.00

Corton-Rognet Grand Cru

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2016

6b 475.00

A new discovery this vintage, this Grand Cru from the famous hill of Corton has been ageing in a single barrel of tight-grained new oak, whose staves had been weathered in the open air for 3 years – having done many trials of different types of barrel for his Grands Crus, Thibaut believes this to be the best way of achieving perfect integration of oak influence in the final wine. And this is most certainly the case with this delicious 2016. Deep purple-ruby in colour, aromas are well-ripened, intensely complex and finely perfumed: violets and dark fruit. Palate shows rich structure, concentrated fruit, vivacious tannins and magnificent length. This has great potential for the future (for drinking 2021-2035+).

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2016

6b 625.00

This Grand Cru is in lieu of the (frosted) Echézeaux which we have previously selected here, and is a superb example of the vintage. The colour is ruby-purple of medium depth, the nose shows strikingly fine aromas, holding great promise. The palate is plump and mouth-coating, with beautiful, creamy texture, elegant tannins, and ravishing length (for drinking 2020-2032+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

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per
case

Domaine Decelle-Villa, Nuits-Saint-Georges

We are delighted to present our third vintage selection from Domaine Decelle-Villa, which is making remarkable wines from their own six hectares of Burgundy vineyards, with sometimes grapes sourced from other growers. They were established in 2010, in a restored 1880 winery – now immaculate – with underground cellars in Nuits-Saint-Georges. This is the brain-child of two wine-lovers from outside Burgundy: Olivier Decelle (Domaine Mas Amiel) and Pierre-Jean Villa (Condrieu). They engaged talented wine-maker Jean Lupatelli, who brought 15 years of Burgundian wine-making experience to the adven-

ture. What is Jean's philosophy? we asked. He replied: "Pick with our own team. Be very careful on the picking dates, and delicate on the extractions. Let the wines run by gravity into barrels – where there will be a maximum of 40-50% new oak for the famous appellations, and 30% for village level wines." We are offering a wider, deeper range than last year, because productions of several 2016 wines were reduced by frost damage, so allocations are very slim. Do not hesitate to try the unfamiliar: these wines are of outstanding quality!

Red

Chorey-Lès-Beaune

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

229.00

This has attractive, medium-deep purple colour, with strikingly clean, fresh aromas. Palate is richly structured, with good roundness, solid texture and fresh aftertaste. Just 3 barrels were made, where a normal harvest would be 15, and we recommend speedy action to acquire some of this (for drinking 2018-2023+).

Savigny-Lès-Beaune

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

229.00

Savigny was one of the most severely affected by the April frosts, and a normal production of 25 barrels, from several named sites, was reduced to 3 barrels, with all sites having been vinified together. The result is stunningly charming, and very concentrated. Colour is vibrant, purple-ruby, aromas are ripe, fresh and open - incredibly positive impressions fully live up to expectations on the palate. A full-bodied start leads into ample fruitiness, balanced, gentle tannins and a vibrant finish (for drinking 2018-2024+).

Marsannay Les Longeroies

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

235.00

Located to the north of the Côte de Nuits, this single vineyard Marsannay is paler red-purple than the Chorey and Savigny, but aromas are more complex, including tobacco and ripe, fresh plum. Palate shows intense fruitiness, with all elements – structure, soft tannins, silky texture, fine finish – in lovely balance (for drinking 2018-2024+).

Côte de Nuits Villages

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

250.00

It is astonishing how careful wine-making can conjure delicious quality from little-known sites. This wine comes from villages which lie between the Côte de Nuits and the Côte de Beaune: Comblanchien, where the organically-farmed plot is named La Berchère, and Corgoloin where the vineyard is named Aux Cloux Virey. In colour, this is rich, ruby-purple, the nose being attractively fragrant. The palate is medium-bodied, with impressively dense fruit, excellent middle and follow-through, with rich, well-judged tannins. This is a splendid wine, and a terrific, surprise discovery from an appellation we rarely list - highly recommended, and great value (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

348.50

Purple-ruby of medium depth, with a nose of elegant, fine fruitiness. This vineyard gave half a normal crop in 2016, and this shows on the palate, which starts richly, showing beautiful concentration. The wine has impressive structure with harmonious, complex finish – very promising (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Chambolle-Musigny

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

495.00

This wine is made from vines which are approximately 45 years old, with roots now going down deeply into the limestone. Only one barrel exists, and our allocation is small. Colour is lively, red-purple, the nose being prettily fragrant and fresh. Palate shows bouncy fruit, with lovely texture, gentle tannins, and attractive, silken length (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Busselots

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2016

545.00

These vines form a well-drained, south-facing plot on the Vosne-Romanée side of the village, where a small valley leads up towards the hills. The vineyard is steeply-sloped, facing due south, with many pebbles. In a cool year, breezes down the valley can slow the ripening process, but the beautiful 2016 summer brought these grapes to perfect ripeness. Colour is medium-deep, ruby purple, with nose showing discreet, gently spiced dark fruit. First impressions on the palate are impressive, with intense flavours and rich structure. Tannins are perfectly judged, freshness is present on the finish, the aftertaste is lovely (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Domaine Faiveley, Nuits-Saint-Georges

Our shipments from this superb source of great Burgundies date back nearly 30 years (to the 1989 vintage). Erwan Faiveley has recently been joined by his sister Eve, and this remains very much a family business, going from strength to strength. Their superb 125 hectare Domaine includes 13 different Grands Crus and 25 Premiers Crus.

In the last 10 years, carefully orchestrated changes have been taking place here, with work in the vineyards and wine-making becoming more closely integrated. They invested in gentler means of trans-

porting grapes from sorting tables to vats, up-graded their temperature control systems, installed a state-of-the-art, new hydraulic press, and also fine-tuned their barrel buying – all to great effect. Wine-maker Jérôme Flous has now been here for a decade, having previously worked as technical consultant for many top Domaines. Since the 2013, 2014 and 2015 vintages we have noticed the wines gaining in richness, fruit density, complexity and ageing potential, and this trend is confirmed with these magnificent 2016s.

This offer of Faiveley 2016s is valid until Friday 26th January 2018

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

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per
case

White



Mercurey Blanc Clos Rochette

Domaine Faiveley 2016

152.50

Faiveley has a superb estate on the Côte Chalonnaise, and a separate, newly renovated winery in Mercurey to handle all the fruit as near to the vineyards as possible. They are sole proprietor of this vineyard, which is regularly their best white from the district. It is two-thirds vinified in stainless steel tank, with the balance in oak barrels. This has very bright, pale lemon-gold colour; nose is open, ripe and attractive, recalling spiced lemons and fresh apricots. The palate combines freshness, vibrancy and energy with the fullness, creamy texture and intense fruit that we classically love in Clos Rochette. This is a wonderfully harmonious wine - brilliant value (for drinking 2018-2021+).

Puligny 1er Cru Champ Gain

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 276.00

This is one of the best-placed First Growths in Puligny-Montrachet, lying between Garenne and Folatières, in mid-slope. Faiveley was able to purchase this plot in 2013, having been buying the grapes for several years. Pale, green-golden in colour, it has ripe apricot and spicy aromas of beguiling charm. Palate is rich, lively, full-bodied, creamily textured – with glorious, sumptuous length (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 358.00

Meursault-Charmes is a large First Growth, with big variations in slope, soil and sub-soil. It is widely-recognised that the wines from Charmes-dessus – whence this wine comes – are normally superior to those from lower down, in Charmes-dessous. Picked at perfect ripeness, this has retained essential, balancing acidity. Pale, green-golden in colour, it shows very clean fruitiness, with complex bouquet. Palate is fully ripe, with concentrated, stony flavours, silky texture, and outstandingly long aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Red

Mercurey Rouge La Framboisière

Domaine Faiveley 2016

b 178.50

m 188.50

As with the Mercurey Clos Rochette (see above) this vineyard is a Faiveley monopole; its shallow, clay-limestone soils give a style of Mercurey that regularly captures our attention for its vibrancy, bright fruit and finesse. In colour, this is mid ruby-purple, the nose showing ripe, floral-raspberry character – immensely pretty. Palate has lively fruitiness, fine texture and gentle tannins (for drinking 2018-2022+).

Mercurey Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Myglands

Domaine Faiveley 2016

b 205.00

m 215.00

Contrasting with Faiveley's more immediately charming La Framboisière (see above), their First Growth Clos des Myglands regularly gives wines of impressive structure, rich depth of flavour, with excellent potential for ageing. Medium purple-ruby in colour, the wine shows spicy, blueberry and red berry aromas of great intensity. Palate is full-bodied, with fleshy, mouth-filling texture, well knit, fine tannins, great follow-through and elegant length. This is superb value (for drinking 2018-2030+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Beaune 1er Cru Clos de l'Ecu

Domaine Faiveley 2016

332.00

Wine-maker Jérôme Flous believes that several of the Faiveley Côte de Beaune 2016 reds are better than their 2015s – and here is one outstanding example. It is a little-seen First Growth Beaune, recently acquired by Faiveley, and one of the Domaine's rising stars. It is always one of their first plots to ripen, as the vines face due south. Very deep in colour, this has rich, black fruits aromas, with well-structured, voluminous palate. Fruitiness is fresh and concentrated, texture well-rounded, tannins and acidity in perfect balance (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Damodes

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 275.00

3m 280.00

This is one of the village's most desirable vineyards, where the land runs up to neighbouring Vosne-Romanée. The Pinot plants are particularly fine here, giving small bunches of thick-skinned grapes. Deeply purple in colour, this has superb aromas, very complex and fresh. Palate has everything in place: structure, fruit density, and rich, yet gentle, tannins. Texture is texture and seductive, the aftertaste being satisfyingly long-lasting (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Chaignots

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 285.00

These vines are in a perfectly-situated, mid-slope plot, and, like Les Damodes, also on the elegant side of the commune, leading to Vosne-Romanée. It is always one of the most structured, complex Nuits-Saint-Georges we know. 25% whole bunches went into the vat for the making of this wine, bringing spiciness and mouth-coating, textured length of flavour. This is a fully-rounded, complete wine, where all elements are poised to come together in spectacularly complex, smooth maturity (for drinking 2022-2035+).



Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 348.00

3m 353.00

Les Cazetiers is a perfectly positioned First Growth, which adjoins the equally iconic Premier Cru Clos Saint-Jacques. Both dominate a superb Gevrey-Chambertin hillside above the village, which just missed out on being classified Grand Cru, in the 1930s. Faiveley is now the largest owner in Les Cazetiers, and this is again one of their most thrilling wines. Ruby-purple colour is of medium depth, with aromas leaping powerfully from the glass. This is a richly built wine, with intermingling layers of dense fruit and mouth-coating tannins, finishing powerfully with fresh overtone and impressive length (for drinking 2022-2038+).

Echézeaux En Orveaux Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 690.00

This vineyard lies in a fast-draining sector of Echézeaux called En Orveaux, where the sun strikes powerfully. The vines often used to suffer from water stress, giving slightly dry wines, with unyielding tannins. A new approach has been in place since 2008: in the vineyard, soils have been covered in mulch, to limit evaporation; in the winery, extraction has been fine-tuned. Purple-ruby of medium depth, with richly ripe, floral aromas, this shows admirable structure, with succulent fruit, fine tannins and intricate, fresh aftertaste. This is an alluring wine of great finesse, for medium-term ageing (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 690.00

This was one of Faiveley's most thrilling wines in 2015, and the same is true of this 2016. Colour is purple-ruby of medium depth, with aromas which are expansive, fine and rich. Palate is powerful, sumptuously textured, creamy, fresh and long – a spectacular wine (for drinking 2020-2035+).

Corton Clos des Cortons-Faiveley Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 690.00

3m 695.00

The Faiveley family has owned this monopole Clos – where the vines straddle the plots known as Le Rognet and Le Corton - since 1874. They regularly produce here one of the grandest, long-lived, most complex Cortons in existence. Recent, small adjustments in the wine-making have resulted in softer tannins, without loss of potential longevity. Fresh purple in colour, this wine's nose is fragrant with roasted black fruitiness. Palate is substantially built, with intense fruit density, well-rounded tannins in admirable balance, significant freshness and impressive aftertaste. A superb wine, for medium and long-term ageing (for drinking 2022-2040+).

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 775.00

Faiveley is the largest owner in Latricières-Chambertin (with over 1.2 hectares in production), and consistently makes one of the very greatest examples. The wine was outstanding in 2015, and sold out rapidly; it is again amazing in 2016. Colour is purple-ruby of medium depth, with aromas presently restrained, but showing great promise. Palate has remarkable fruit intensity, with creamy texture, fully-integrated, gentle tannins and outstanding length. One of the greatest bottles of the vintage from this Domaine, with a brilliant future (for drinking 2022-2040+).



Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 875.00

Faiveley owns vines in the best section of this Grand Cru – Les Mazis Hauts – which, for many people, is the most thrilling and complex of those which adjoin Le Chambertin and Chambertin Clos de Bèze. Colour is vibrant, purple-ruby, with aromas of tightly-knit black fruits and spiciness. Palate is broadly structured, with terrific fruit and flavour intensity. Tannins and acidity are merging smoothly together, leading into a curling, smooth aftertaste of the greatest charm and persistence (for drinking 2024-2045+).

Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2016

6b 1135.00

Domaine Faiveley is a major owner in Chambertin Clos de Bèze, possessing 1.3 hectares - a significant proportion of the total 15.4 hectares. Colour is purple-ruby of medium depth. As we expect from Clos de Bèze – which rarely struts its stuff while youthful – this wine's nose is presently discreet, but clear, black fruits and spicy aromas emerge as the glass is swirled. The palate is a marvel of rich fruitiness, mouth-filling structure, and creamy texture. Lovely tannins are present, without harshness of any sort. This is one of the grandest wines imaginable, with a very great future head of it. It will make stupendous drinking for those who can cellar it 10, 15, 20 or 25 years (for drinking 2024-2045+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg, Vosne-Romanée

A carefully thought-through approach, with many tiny attentions to detail, account for the exquisite results here. Gentle, non-interventionist methods are key at this Domaine. Only native yeasts are used, and wine movement is achieved by the use of compressed nitrogen or gravity, instead of mechanical pumping, whenever possible. Neither fining nor filtration are practised, which may account for the bounce, texture, raciness and splendid length of the wines.

Marie-Christine Mugneret talks about the vintage: “It is more complex than the 2015, which was all about seduction. The 2016 is more classically Burgundy.”

We are fortunate to have access here to all the estate’s greatest wines, including the rare Nuits-Saint-Georges Vieilles Vignes, which comes solely to us, in the UK market. “London is magic,” says her sister Marie-Andrée Mugneret, and the family is happy to know that we aim to deliver their bottles directly into the homes of UK-based amateurs who will open and share them.

Prices for these wines will be available in mid/late January 2018 – with volumes down across this Domaine, please let us know where your interests lie as soon as you can, so we may let you know availabilities and details, as soon as we have them.

Red

Bourgogne Rouge

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

TBC

Just three barrels were made. The wine is deeply coloured, with beautiful Pinot Noir aromas. Palate shows well-judged balance between fruit concentration and structure, with soft tannins and fine length (for drinking 2018-2020+).

Vosne-Romanée

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

TBC

The grapes for this village Vosne-Romanée come mainly from two vineyards that lie directly in front of the Domaine: La Colombière and Les Champs Goudins, with 20% of the production coming from other plots: La Croix Blanche and Les Chalandins. The wine has been ageing in small oak barrels, of which about 25% were new. This has deep, ruby-purple colour, with fragrant, rich and open aromas. Of medium-bodied structure, this shows harmonious fruit, fine freshness, gentle tannins – a lovely wine (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges Vieilles Vignes

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

TBC

Just two barrels of this wine exist in 2016, one of which being new. These old vines are more than 60 years of age. They are located in a tiny plot called Au Bas de Combe: the last vineyard of the Nuits appellation before arriving at Vosne-Romanée’s Premier Cru Les Combes. Rich, purple-red in colour, this shows fine, open aromas. Palate is full-bodied and fresh, with very pretty fruit and fine length (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Chaignots

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

TBC

From the northern slopes of Nuits-Saint-Georges, where the hillside runs towards Vosne-Romanée’s greatest plots, this steeply-sloped vineyard produces outstanding wines. Prior to 2004, the vines were rented out to a share-cropper, who kept half the production in payment. Now the family cultivates the whole plot, and has been able to bring about cultivation improvements. The wine has become one of our favourites in the cellar, and it never disappoints. Colour is beautiful, deep purple-ruby, with exceptionally complex, ripe aromas. This is a great wine, with dense fruitiness, gentle tannins, balancing freshness and lovely length (for drinking 2021-2030+). Production was down by 40%, due to the 27th April frost, which wiped out the family’s Chambolle-Musigny Les Feusselottes (so we cannot offer any of that in 2016).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case



Echézeaux Grand Cru

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

This is a judicious assemblage of two sectors of the Echézeaux vineyard: Les Quartiers de Nuits, which lies just over the wall from Clos-Vougeot, and Les Rouges du Bas, higher on the hillside. The first plot has vines whose average age is 50 years, the second, more than 60 years. Sadly, 60% of a normal production was lost to frost damage. Very deeply coloured, this has classic aromas of great complexity and beauty. The wine is gorgeous, showing creamy texture, ripe red and black fruit character, with an admirable, fresh lift to finish (for drinking 2021-2035+).

TBC

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

The historic Clos Vougeot vineyard extends over 52 hectares, being split between more than 80 owners. The Mugneret-Gibourg rows of vines are perfectly positioned in the most desirable section – the top part – in one block, near the château. They dependably give one of the Grand Cru's greatest, most perfectly harmonious, complex examples. This has admirable depth of purple-ruby colour, with freshly appealing aromas. Palate has impressive structure, with remarkable concentration, combined with finesse. The finish is fresh and very long, showing magnificent potential. This is a very great wine, for the medium and long term (for drinking 2022-2040+).

TBC

Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2016

This comes partly from vines which are nearly 60 years old, and partly from a plot which was re-planted in 2000. The family used to exclude the fruit from the younger plot from this wine, until, in 2012, Marie-Andrée stated: "this is the right moment to bring the two elements together: the younger vines bring new life and vivacious energy to the blend." The 2016's colour is medium-deep, ruby-purple, the nose being perfumed, open and fresh. Silken harmony, with very pure fruitiness and impressive length characterise this wine, which also has splendid energy on the finish (for drinking 2021-2032+).

TBC

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier, Chambolle-Musigny

Mugnier's wines are now greatly admired and loved. He tells us we were his first export customer. Indeed, we have been shipping his outstanding Premier and Grand Cru Chambolle-Musigny wines for over 30 years. His vineyard holdings in these appellations are minuscule, however, so there is always great difficulty sharing the allocations. Nuits-Saint-Georges Clos de la Maréchale has been owned solely by his family for generations, but the vineyard was for many years let out for cultivation elsewhere. In 2004, he succeeded in claiming it back. He built a new winery beside his home, and the wine has gone from strength to strength ever since. "I like the reliable consistency of the Clos de la Maréchale," says Mugnier. "Musigny is great,

Amoureuses is exciting, but Maréchale is my favourite vineyard." With Clos de la Maréchale being nearly 10 hectares in size, allocations are usually not so tight, however only 60% of a normal crop was produced in 2016.

On wine-making, Mugnier explains: "All my wines are made in exactly the same way – fermentation, use of wood, time in barrel. Any difference must come from the place, the age of vines, the location: each wine must be the expression of something that comes from nature." He adds: "I like to be not more than two hand-shakes away from the people who drink my wines."

Red

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Clos de la Maréchale

Domaine Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier 2016

Very deep, purple-ruby, this has characterful, sweet cherry, meaty aromas. Colour is beautiful, deep purple, with a marvellously concentrated, fresh palate. It is richly-structured, with impressive fruit intensity, luscious texture, gentle length of tannins, fine freshness. This is a superb wine, combining power with delicacy, for medium term ageing (for drinking 2020-2035+).

6b 360.00
3m 365.00

Domaine Georges Roumier, Chambolle-Musigny

Having joined the family Domaine back in 1981, Christophe Roumier is one of the most thoughtful, widely-travelled, conscientious wine-makers of his generation. Over the years, his Domaine has become one of the most brightly shining lights on the Côte d'Or. The Roumier style has richer structure than is found at some other growers in Chambolle. These are sturdy wines of character, but when mature they become strikingly luscious, with supple fruitiness, and seductive texture. Demand regularly exceeds the limited supply.

Chambolle-Musigny was sadly one of the most-affected villages when spring frost hit in 2016. "In Chambolle we had frost from the bottom of the hillside right to the top," Christophe recounts: "it was like winter again, in late April!" With volumes down, our job will be harder than ever when allocating these precious wines to customers. Prices and full details of our offer will be available in late January 2018 – please contact us if you would be interested in receiving them.

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£
per
case

Domaine des Lambrays, Morey-Saint-Denis

The Clos des Lambrays dates from 1365, the Domaine now being housed in beautiful old buildings in the heart of Morey-Saint-Denis. The main vineyard covers 8 hectares of a single Grand Cru. Although not quite a monopole (a vineyard in single hands) this is a very large holding of Grand Cru for Burgundy, and allows the estate to eliminate young vine production, or anything unripe or caught by the rain, from its top bottlings.

Vineyard and wine-making have been the responsibility of Thierry Brouin here for many years. However, as retirement for Thierry looms, he has been joined by Boris Champy, who we believe will carry the flame with great skill (his training included long stints with the Jean-Pierre Moueix family, in Bordeaux and at Dominus in Napa, before moving to make wine in Burgundy).

With these wines, a gentle winemaking approach and meticulous attention to detail allows vineyard character and grape quality to shine through. It is customary for a high percentage of the grape bunches to be put into the vats whole, with stalks attached. Wines made this way are usually paler in colour than those which are de-stemmed (as some colouring matter attaches itself to the stems). There are striking benefits, in particular two signature characteristics of Clos des Lambrays: the silkiest of textures, with great aromatic complexity.

Good news from here is that while frost damage affected neighbouring Chambolle and Gevrey, Morey was spared, so the Domaine harvested a decent crop in this superb 2016 vintage.

Red

Morey-Saint-Denis

Domaine des Lambrays 2016

There is, we believe, no finer example of village level Morey-Saint-Denis than this beautiful wine. It embodies the purity, freshness and silky texture which are achievable from Pinot Noir, on the Côte de Nuits. In colour, this is purple-ruby of medium depth, with fresh, openly spicy aromas. Palate shows splendid fruit, with richness, balance and charming finish (for drinking 2020-2028+).

6b 240.00

6b 245.00

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Loups

Domaine des Lambrays 2016

Lambrays' First Growth Les Loups is a blend of grapes sourced from three Premier Cru parcels: Clos Sorbé, Riottes and Le Village. 50% of these went into the vat as whole clusters; the wine is now ageing in 1/3 new barrels. Mid ruby-purple colour, the nose is wonderfully perfumed, recalling red berries and sweet spices. This is a supple, concentrated, finely textured mouthful, with ample flesh, a beautiful core of fruit, and an elegant, silken, refreshing finish. This promises much for the future (for drinking 2023-2031+).

6b 365.00



Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru

Domaine des Lambrays 2016

85% whole bunches were included in the fermentation vats here, the wine now ageing in 50% new barrels, with 25% each in barrels which have contained one or two previous vintages. In colour, this is rich, ruby-purple, very bright. The nose is superb, showing great finesse. Palate is a judicious melding between structure, fruit intensity, creamy texture and well-rounded tannins. There is an iron fist within the velvet glove, and this has the power to age and enrich its complexities over two or more decades. An absolutely charming wine, and a classic Clos des Lambrays (for drinking 2021-2040+).

6b 915.00

6b 920.00

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per
case

*INTRODUCING: Domaine Henri Magnien, Gevrey-Chambertin

This small estate has extraordinary vineyard holdings on the Côte Saint-Jacques, which is that sector of Gevrey-Chambertin First Growths which narrowly missed classification as Grands Crus in the 1930s. Clients with long memories will recall that we shipped wines from this estate in the mid-1980s. Today, Henri Magnien's 30-year-old grandson Charles has taken over the reins of the estate, bringing it back up to the level which made his grandfather's wines pre-eminent.

The estate has preserved and propagated a special

"Pinot Noir Magnien" (about which, see below). Working closely with his cooper, Charles Magnien has developed his own, lightly-fired but long-time toasted oak barrels, with the object of eliminating the vanilla or coffee aromas which may come with heavier toasting. "I search to produce fine wine, not tannic wine – wine you can drink young, and keep if you want," says Charles. It is a great pleasure to re-introduce the Domaine's wines, from a sector of Gevrey where we have long wished to extend our offerings. This is a new star in the Gevrey firmament, which we warmly recommend.

Red

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Domaine Henri Magnien 2016

6b 198.00

This comes from 8 different plots of 40 to 100-year old vines. Many are planted with the Pinot Noir Magnien, whose existence dates from 1850, yielding grapes with thick skins, giving little juice. Colour is pretty, medium deep purple, aromas being open, lively and pungent. Palate is richly built with dense fleshiness, balanced tannins, fresh lift on the finish and a lovely aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2028+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Champeaux

Domaine Henri Magnien 2016

6b 340.00

This First Growth forms a broad swathe of vineyard at the heart of the hillside to the north of Les Cazetiers, marching up to the commune border with neighbouring Brochon. 60% of the plot is planted with broad-shouldered bunches of Pinot Noir Magnien, with its thick skins. On average, the vines here average a respectable 31 years of age. This wine was aged for just under 12 months in 50% new, and 50% one-year-old, lightly toasted barrels. Colour is engaging, mid-deep ruby-purple, the nose being fresh and lovely. Palate is broad, with lively concentration, supple middle, soft tannins and luscious length. This richly harmonious wine will be very easy to enjoy (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Estournelles Saint Jacques

Domaine Henri Magnien 2016

6b 355.00

This vineyard is high on the hillside, facing due south. It gives a powerful wine which is full of energy. In colour this is deep purple-ruby, with aromas of black fruits, fresh and ripe. Palate shows vivacious structure and intense fruitiness, with impressively rich yet gentle tannins. "You need to put these Estournelles bottles into the cellar, and forget them," says Charles – with which we fully agree (for drinking 2021-2035+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

Domaine Henri Magnien 2016

6b 380.00

The Magnien family is particularly proud of this 1.5 hectare holding in Les Cazetiers. They own rows on all four of the different soil types which are to be found here, from their home at the foot of the vineyard, all the way to the top, where the wood begins. Colour is rich, purple-ruby, with aromas which are fine, fresh, open and meaty. Palate combines powerful structure with multi-layered flavours and elegant, creamy texture. This is a very great wine, with freshness, perfectly balanced tannins and superb length (for drinking 2020-2040+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Henri Magnien 2016

6b 675.00

Domaine Henri Magnien is the only owner with plots in both sectors of this Grand Cru: Ruchottes du Dessus (white oolite subsoil), and Ruchottes du Bas (Prémeaux limestone) – which surely accounts for the extraordinary richness, complexity, harmony and finesse of this wine. The average age of the vines – 45-50 years – no doubt also plays its significant part. The wine has been ageing in 100% new oak, but you would not guess this, so perfectly are all elements merging together. Colour is vibrant purple-ruby, aromas are fragrant, complex and beautiful. Palate is full-fruited, velvety-textured, impressively structured, lively and very long (for drinking 2020-2040+). Only 2-3 barrels of Ruchottes-Chambertin Henri Magnien are made each year, so our allocation is limited (as is true with the others wines also). Please let us know your wishes quickly, so we may do our best to share bottles as fairly as possible.

*INTRODUCING: Maison Laroze de Drouhin, Gevrey-Chambertin

We are delighted to introduce the wines of Laroze de Drouhin to our En Primeur selections. This name may sound familiar as it is the negociant arm of Domaine Drouhin-Laroze (see page 38), set up in 2008 at the initiative of Caroline Drouhin. This has enabled the family to supplement their supply of grapes, increasing their selection of wines and appellations. As Caroline explains: “we do not own these plots, but manage and work the vineyards with the

owners, hand-harvesting ourselves, and making the wines with the same attention to detail as we do the wines of our own Domaine.” Caroline and her brother – head winemaker - Nicolas have found it fascinating to work with new terroirs: the fruits of this 2016 harvest are a delight. It is with great pleasure that we offer their two Laroze de Drouhin reds to you now.

Red

Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Maison Laroze de Drouhin 2016

128.50

“These grapes come solely from the Côte de Nuits, mainly from land under the Chambolle-Musigny and Morey-Saint-Denis vineyards,” says Caroline. Colour is deep, rich purple, with aromas being pure Pinot Noir, fresh and open. Palate is rich and round, without heaviness. Tannins are light and fresh, finishing balanced and gentle (for drinking 2018-2021+).

Fixin

Maison Laroze de Drouhin 2016

244.00

Slightly paler in colour than the Bourgogne, this nevertheless impresses massively with its open, complex, ripe-Pinot fragrance. Intense, black fruit flavours are apparent on the palate, with gentle tannins and lovely length. Nicolas Drouhin explains his winemaking objective: “to achieve delicate wines with round tannins” – which has been admirably achieved with this excellent bottle (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze, Gevrey-Chambertin

This long-established Domaine has magnificent vineyard-holdings in some of the greatest Grands Crus of the Côte de Nuits. Their Bonnes Mares is regularly outstanding, as are Chapelle-Chambertin, Latricières-Chambertin, Clos-Vougeot and the Chambertin Clos de Bèze. And the Musigny is amazing (though our allocation is minuscule). The barrels age in perfect conditions of humidity and temperature in underground, two-storied cellars which date back to construction after Waterloo, around 1825.

Many subtle improvements were introduced here as Philippe Drouhin took over from his father Bernard. Now we are witnessing another generational change, as Philippe and his wife Christine encourage their well-qualified children Nicolas and Caroline to take over the reins. Tasting with them in winter 2017, it cannot be more evident that this Domaine continues to build upon its reputation as being one of the top names on the Côte de Nuits.

Red



Gevrey-Chambertin

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

The Domaine owns 4 hectares of village Gevrey in 6 parcels, from which they regularly make one of the most impressive examples of the appellation. This is purple-ruby of medium depth, with cleanly fruity, attractive nose. The palate shows rich, bright fruitiness, lively middle, good balance and charming, fresh finish (for drinking 2019-2026+).

b 325.00

m 365.00

Morey-Saint-Denis

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

This comes from a vineyard called Très Girard, near Morey's restaurant of the same name. It has been ageing in oak barrels, half of which were new. Deep ruby-purple, the nose is wonderfully attractive, recalling sweet red berries and gentle spice. Palate is full, fleshy and layered with crunchy fruit flavours. Structure is well defined, the finish being long-flavoured, fresh and full of finesse (for drinking 2019-2023+).

325.00

Gevrey-Chambertin En Champs

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

The "En Champs" vineyard lies downhill from First Growth Les Champeaux on the sloping land which leads north from Gevrey to neighbouring Brochon. The Domaine has vinified the grapes separately from its village Gevrey-Chambertin cuvée, to produce a wine of striking, purple-ruby colour, concentrated black fruit aromas, and superb, full-bodied fruitiness. This is harmonious, fresh and long, in perfect balance, showing great poise and charm (for drinking 2020-2028+).

375.00

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£
per
case

Chambolle-Musigny

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

6b 245.00

More than 80% of this exceptional, village level Chambolle comes from the Premier Cru Les Baudes, which lies just across the Route des Grands Crus from Bonnes Mares. The balance is from a vineyard called Les Véroilles, uphill of Bonnes-Mares, which is not a First Growth, but is superbly placed, producing perfumed, elegant wine. Colour is medium purple-ruby, the nose being fragrant, the palate harmonious, concentrated, fresh and long (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Au Closeau

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

6b 245.00

3m 265.00

This tiny Premier Cru is situated just downhill from Mazis-Chambertin. Drouhin-Laroze is the only Domaine to make a wine specifically from this appellation, hence it is very rarely seen. The soil is quite deep and rich in clay, and the vines need careful management to restrict and concentrate their yield. In 2016, the grapes were so healthy that 40% whole bunches were retained for the fermentation. Colour is deep and rich, aromas extremely pretty. Palate shows bright, fruity attack, with rich middle and lovely, mouth-coating aftertaste. We think this is the best Au Closeau we have ever seen in this cellar, and highly recommended it (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Clos Prieur

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

6b 245.00

This Premier Cru lies south of Au Closeau, and also neighbours Grand Cru Mazis-Chambertin, which is just across the Route des Grands Crus. Of medium-deep, rich purple, it shows fine perfume, with splendid spiciness. Palate has immediate charm, with intense fruitiness, mouth-filling, fine tannins, and gentle aftertaste. Excellent potential (for drinking 2022-2030+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaut-Saint-Jacques

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

6b 250.00

This vineyard is one of the highest Premiers Crus of the commune, and always one of the last to be harvested. The soils are thin and pebble-rich, giving wines of intense fruit, which can be dense when youthful, even initially a bit austere - but they mature superbly. This has medium-deep purple-ruby colour, with fragrant, bright fruitiness on the nose. Palate shows fresh, impressive fruit concentration, medium structure, fine tannins, without harshness. No hurry to open this (for drinking 2022-2032+).

Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

6b 450.00

Chapelle-Chambertin lies directly downhill from Chambertin Clos de Bèze, but it is quite different in character. Fragrant when youthful, it is never a super powerful wine but rather one that has delicacy, grace and finesse. Colour here is deep and impressive, aromas spicy and fine. This wine fermented with 25% whole clusters of grapes, and this certainly has brought aromatic complexity, with splendid length of flavour. Structure and harmony are very promising, for medium-term ageing (for drinking 2020-2032+).

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

6b 450.00

Latricières-Chambertin lies directly south of Le Chambertin, and produces one of the longest-living wines in all Burgundy. This 2016 was vinified with 40% whole bunches, and is one of the best Latricières-Chambertin we have ever seen in this cellar. Colour is medium deep, aromas are concentrated and superb. The palate starts round and luscious, and this is well-sustained in mid-taste, and all the way to the end. It is a beautiful, fully complete wine, with seductive texture and a great future (for drinking 2023-2040+).

Please note these wines are offered in bond UK (for delivery during 2018)

£
per
case



Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

Drouhin-Laroze owns an impressive 1.5 hectares of Bonnes-Mares, and the wine from it is consistently superb. In 2016, 25% of the grapes went into the fermentation vat as whole bunches, contributing aromatic complexity, intricacy of structure and silkiness of texture. Colour is medium-deep, purple-ruby, with aromas which are clean and fine, though presently restrained. Palate is richly harmonious, with superb freshness, gentle tannins, and great length. An outstanding bottle, and one of the greatest in the cellar (for drinking 2023-2040+).

6b 550.00

3m 570.00

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

The Domaine's Clos Vougeot holdings are superbly situated high up in the Clos, behind the château, with another large parcel in mid-slope, just over the wall from Grands-Echézeaux. Old vines contribute to ensuring the concentration and length of flavour of this superb wine. Very deep in colour, it has aromas which are already ripely expressive. The wine is powerfully structured, with striking fruit intensity, well-matched with freshness and fine tannins. A magnificent bottle for the medium to long term (for drinking 2022-2040+).

6b 525.00

Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

The Domaine owns nearly 1.5 hectares here: an enviable vineyard-holding, with vines partly dating back to 1949. In 2016, 25% whole bunches were used in the fermentation vats, to bring added layers of complexity and creamy texture. The wine has been ageing 80% in new barrels. Colour is deep, rich purple, with aromas which are densely fruity, open and fine. This is fresher and more precise than our memories of the 2015 at the same stage. Palate shows splendid fruit, rich texture and magnificent length. A gorgeous wine, for the medium and very long term (for drinking 2023-2045+).

6b 600.00

3m 620.00

Musigny Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2016

The vines here lie high up in the Musigny Grand Cru, close to rows belonging to Comte Georges de Vogüé, Domaine Leroy and Joseph Drouhin. Only one barrel was made in 2016, but the wine is of astonishingly beautiful quality. Colour is medium-deep purple, aromas amazingly scented, with dark fruit character, fully ripened yet still fresh. Palate is rich and complete, with all elements in perfect balance, with exceptionally silky, extra-long finish (for drinking 2022-2040+).

1b 280.00

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