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AT LAST, A GENEROUS HARVEST - GREAT WHITES AND SUPERLATIVE REDS

The 2017 Growing Season and Harvest

By a close shave, Burgundy avoided the terrible frost damage which had devastated many vineyards in April 2016. At the same period in 2017, temperatures plummeted, but growers were better prepared. Some lit candles or burners, between the rows. Many came together to organise the burning of bales of straw at the end of vineyard-rows. These actions warmed the air, produced protective smoke, and broadly saved the crop for many growers.

May was warm, bringing an early flowering, which went through well, in spite of some storms. June brought heat spikes at the end of the month. These months were dangerous ones, as there was pressure from mildew, against which top Domaines were able to act with frequent, preventative sprayings. Temperatures fluctuated during July, with rainy periods, which meant that pressure from mildew was always a danger, but fewer treatments proved to be necessary than in 2016.

During the summer it became evident that some vines which had been badly frosted the previous year were compensating, by promising an abundant crop. Conscientious growers therefore thinned the harvest where it was necessary. Others, however, left the fruit on the vines, fearful of possible hail to come. Early August was not as warm as normal, but then hot weather arrived towards the end of the month, with 20mm. of beneficial rain, just before final ripening. Pinot Noir needs sun, but not too much – so these were pretty ideal conditions for a fine harvest.

The vintage began in late August for certain white wines, and in early September for many reds. It was a normal-sized crop of whites, but a generous, or sometimes enormous one, for reds. The picking and sorting took longer than many growers ever remembered. Permitted yields were raised, in recognition of the fine potential quality and volume, and to compensate growers for their frost-losses the previous year. But this highlights the quality-crux of the vintage: big volumes of reds mean that some lack fruit density. Of course, we have borne this carefully in mind, while making our selections.

The 2017 Reds

We have been utterly seduced by the bright, fresh fruity characters and elegant textures of these charming 2017 reds. However, care is needed: due to the size of the crop, not all reds were completely ripe on picking and we encountered some vegetal, leafy aromas, and some wines with low acidity. These wines we have avoided. The best have vibrant, purple colouring, with vivacious, plentiful aromas, and excellent fruitiness, with supple tannins, in fine balance. Many wines will make delicious drinking while youthful, while others – where growers managed yields and extractions with skill – have an excellent future ahead of them.

The 2017 Whites

Some brilliant wines have been made in Chablis, where pressure from powdery and downy mildew was much less than in the previous year. August was quite cold, allowing the grapes to hold onto freshness, while ripening slowly. Balance in the wines is generally more interesting than 2016. There were more grapes than in 2016, but the yield of juice was 25% down on a normal crop. So this is a lovely Chablis vintage.

Further south growers have also produced a normal sized-crop of often piercingly fruity, crisp, long flavoured wines. Our best growers have breathed a sigh of relief, after several vintages of frost or hail, to find their cellars almost full, and with wines of such beautiful quality.

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m - magnums (150cl)
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Domaine Daniel Dampt, Chablis

Chablis had suffered terrible frosts in 2016, when the Daniel Dampt estate lost half its harvest. April 2017 threatened to be just as damageing, with the temperature dropping below zero over 6 nights. Fortunately, they were better prepared, lighting heaters between the vines, resurrecting smudge-

pots, chimneys and candles (the old systems), to produce smoke and heat. Far more was saved, and the flowering and summer proved beneficial for a classic Chablis harvest. The wines show great fruit intensity, with beautiful crispness and balance.

Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2017

12b 162.00

This comes from the oldest parcel of vines on the estate, averaging 60 years old. It is a 1 hectare enclave within 1st Growth Les Vaillons, rich in clay. The wine is pale green-gold, with fresh, citrus aromas. Palate shows richness, fine texture, and fresh, lovely aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2022+).



Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2017

12b 168.00

6m 174.00

Located on the hillside leading up from the village of Milly, this Premier Cru regularly produces a wine of exceptional concentration, with the Domaine's greatest ageing potential. Bright green-gold in colour, this is shy of aroma while youthful, but brimming with promise. Palate is tightly woven, splendidly fruity, complete and long, with mouth-watering freshness (for drinking 2019-2027+).

Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2017

12b 175.00

Fourchaume is to Chablis as Charmes is to Meursault – often the most ebullient, luscious 1st Growth on the block, and the one you can start to enjoy immediately. The nose of this 2017 is open and charming, the palate rich, lively, silkily-textured and long (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Chablis Grand Cru Bougros

Domaine Daniel Dampt & Fils 2017

12b 360.00

Daniel Dampt and his two sons Vincent and Sebastien have been buying the grape-juice for this Grand Cru for 10 years now, and have perfected the wine-making. Only 3-5 year-old oak barrels are used for fermentation and ageing, so there is no suspicion of new-oak aromas here. There was no lees-stirring either – to ensure the purest fruit concentration and freshness. This has been sensationally well-achieved with the 2017, which is rich, harmonious and magnificently long (for drinking 2019-2025+).

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Domaine Christian Moreau, Chablis

Christian Moreau and his son Fabien's estate is concentrated on the right bank of the river Serein, where vines were worse affected by frost in 2017 than across the stream. Christian takes up the story: "From 15 April we had 8 nights of frost out of 10 – the worst since 1991. It had turned mild after a cold December and January, bringing about early bud-break. Normally we light candles from 4am until sunrise,

but in 2017 we had to light from midnight onwards, and ran out of candles, so some production in Les Vaillons was lost. Even though all our Grand Cru Clos had been protected, we ended up with half a normal crop, as many of the baby grapes had been traumatised, so fell off during subsequent weeks. However, for quality, it's a lovely vintage."

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillon Cuvée Guy Moreau

Domaine Christian Moreau 2017

6b 132.00

This comes from a very old plot, planted in 1933, which gave just 10 barrels in 2017, all fermented in oak, of which no barrels were new. "This vineyard, planted by my father, is still in super condition," says Christian. The wine is green golden, with fine, very pretty, ripe aromas. It has splendid concentration of fruit and length, with rich, fresh aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2024+).

3m 138.00

Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir

Domaine Christian Moreau 2017

6b 210.00

This tiny Grand Cru is un-matched for its elegance, fragrance and exceptional harmony. Planted in 1998, the roots of the vines have now penetrated deep into the limestone, bringing impressive complexities. Brilliant green-gold in colour, it has fragrant aromas of pear and white peach. Palate has delicate, rich fruitiness, with no touch of over-maturity, perfectly merging vibrancy with fruit intensity, silky texture and lovely length (for drinking 2019-2027+).

Chablis Grand Cru Valmur

Domaine Christian Moreau 2017

6b 210.00

These vines, planted in 1963, are more than 50 years old, and have given a wine of impressive structure, fruit concentration and power. Aromas are complex and rich, with delightful breadth of flavours and freshness on the finish (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot

Domaine Christian Moreau 2017

3m 222.00

Only one barrel was made, to be bottled entirely into magnums. Very pretty green-gold, with fine aromas and intricate, tense fruitiness, showing lively dryness and persistent aftertaste, this is a superb, rare bottling, for mid-term ageing (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Chablis Grand Cru Clos

Domaine Christian Moreau 2017

6b 222.00

The Domaine owns a magnificent 3 hectare plot of Les Clos, extending all the way up the hill to the trees. Many Chablis-lovers consider this the most classic, greatest Grand Cru of all. Vines are 65 years old in mid-slope, and 55 years old at the top. Colour is very bright, green-gold, aromas are fine and spicy, palate is tense and elegant. This is a wine which calls out for bottle-age, when its already harmonious, long aftertaste will soften and gain superb complexities (for drinking 2022-2030+).

3m 228.00

1j 175.00

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Domaine Patrick Guillot, Mercurey

This Domaine was one of our most exciting discoveries, six vintages back. Patrick Guillot entrusts his wines exclusively to us in the UK, and we're thrilled to have them. 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. These delicious wines represent amazing value.

Whites



Bouzeron Les Bouillottes

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2017

12b 92.50

This comes from a tiny valley at the northern tip of the Côte Chalonnaise, which has always been pre-eminent for its Aligotés (Burgundy's other fine white grape). A price-list in Beaune's Maison des Vins shows that Bouzeron's wines fetched the same price as Chardonnays from Montagny or Pouilly-Fuissé, and more than Saint-Romain, in 1902. In the last 20 years, since the appellation became established, the wines have gone from strength to strength. This has green-golden colour, with fresh, open aromas. It's a beautiful wine, with ample, fresh fruit, and dry finish with the spark of acidity which good Aligoté brings. For owner Guillot, this is his preferred vintage since 2015 (for drinking 2019-2021+).

Mercurey blanc Les Saumonts

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2017

12b 124.00

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, bottled late August 2018. Bright, green-gold in colour, this has ripe, fresh aromas and full-bodied richness. Weight and fruit-intensity are beautifully balanced, with ample freshness on the finish (for drinking 2019-2022).

Mercurey blanc 1er Cru Les Veley

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2017

12b 135.00

"This ripened early," says Patrick Guillot, "wishing to preserve freshness, we rallied the family to harvest on 25th August – my brother, cousin, sister-in-law, and our two daughters." The wine fermented in one new 500 litre tun, with a one-year old 228-litre barrel. This is mid-deep, green-gold in colour, with beautiful ripeness on the nose. It's a rich wine, complete and balanced, with super aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2023).

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Reds

Mercurey Rouge En Boussoy

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2017

12b 114.00

The last five vintages of this wine 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 1st Growth Clos des Montaigu. They are now being cordon-pruned to restrict their yields, so production has dropped, to just 7 barrels in 2017 – of which two were new, two a year old, and the balance 3-years-old. This 2017 shows rich purple colour, with finely complex aromas. Palate has fine fruitiness, good density and gently tannic aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2023).

Mercurey rouge 1er Cru Clos des Montaigu

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2017

12b 135.00

6m 144.00

This is one of Mercurey's greatest terroirs for red wine, and rightly classified a First Growth. The vineyard was carefully replanted over four years between 1996 and 1999, so average age of the vines is now around 20 years. The wine is richly purple-ruby, the nose fresh, ripe and open. Palate has splendidly bright fruit concentration, with fine texture and excellent potential. Tannins are moderate and well-ripened, needing a couple of years to soften (for drinking 2021-2029+).

Mercurey rouge 1er Cru "Les Trois Louves"

Domaine Patrick Guillot 2017

12b 225.00

A plot within Clos des Montaigu was planted in 2001 with Pinot Noir Clone 943. This produces bunches where the grapes hang loose around their stems, giving a wine of exceptional fruit, and the silkiest of tannins. Just 3 barrels were made, fermented in a tiny tank, with Guillot's wife and their two daughters all helping (sometimes with bodies in the vat, to do punching-down and also handing-up buckets, to empty out skins and stems, after fermentation). Chamirey is a tiny hamlet, whose inhabitants were known as stay-at-homes. They never ventured far afield, likes wolves in their dens, hence their nick-name: "Les Loups de Chamirey." In naming this special cuvée Les Trois Louves, Patrick Guillot pays tribute to the 3 she-wolves, without whom this sumptuous wine would not see the light of day. Tiny allocation, which we will share amongst enthusiasts of the family's wines (for drinking 2021-2030+).

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Domaine Claudie Jobard, Demigny

Burgundian vines and wine-making are part of Claudie Jobard's DNA. Her mother Laurence was for many years the highly-regarded 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 Pommard, and 1st Growth Beaune. 2017 is the 7th vintage we have shipped, and her wines have become established, bench-mark favourites with our clients. "We were slightly frosted in Rully in Spring, and caught some hail in July," said Claudie. All her vineyards are now cultivated organically, we learned. The Rully and Bourgogne Milliane offer outstanding value, and both Pommard and Beaune Premier Cru are classic wines, which will repay mid-term keeping.

Whites



Rully blanc Montagne La Folie

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2017

12b 128.00

This comes from a hillside vineyard to Rully's north, lying just below 1st Growth Clos du Chaigne. The land is pebble-rich and quite steep, always one of her first vineyards to ripen.

Chosen barrel by barrel, the secondary fermentation was partially blocked here, to retain precious freshness (this representing about 10% of the Cuvée). The wine was then bottled before the 2018 harvest. Pale, green-golden in colour, it has piercing, lemony fruitiness on the nose. Palate is full-bodied, fresh and clean, with lively length on the finish (for drinking 2019-2021+).

Rully blanc En Villerange

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2017

12b 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, pale lemon-golden, with abundantly ripe, open fruitiness on the nose, this shows richer body than the previous wine. The mid-palate is soft and mouth-coating, the finish well-balanced and fresh (for drinking 2019-2022+).

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Reds

Rully rouge La Chaume

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2017

12b 128.00

This vineyard lies south of Rully, just uphill from the white En Villerange. The exceptional fruit quality of this red Rully may be explained by the Jobards' careful selection of Pinot Noirs chosen for the plantation, now subject to special pruning, to restrict their yields. In colour, this is medium-deep red-purple, with rich, raspberry aromas on the nose. Soft fruitiness and gentle aftertaste are the keynotes here – giving an attractive, great-value wine (for drinking 2019-2021+).

Bourgogne rouge Milliane

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2017

12b 132.00

Named for Claudie's great-grandmother (whose real name was Emilie-Anne) this comes from 60 year-old plot of vines growing in the commune of Pommard. They lie not far from the plane-tree-lined RN 74 opposite the Château de Pommard, where the village's best Bourgognes are made. Like the next wine, this has low tannins, and may be enjoyed while youthful, maybe ahead of the 2016 vintage. Colour is attractive, bright purple, the nose being redolent of classic Pinot Noir fruitiness. Palate shows good attack, with fine balance and gentle farewell (for drinking 2019-2022+).

Pommard Les Vaumuriens

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2017

12b 284.00

The hillside climbs steeply above 1st Growth Les Rugiens to where these Vaumuriens vines lie. Due to altitude and orientation they regularly ripen later than the 1st Growth, but in a fine vintage like 2017, when the weather holds good into the autumn, this vineyard produces one of Pommard's most aromatic, satisfying wines. Colour is impressively purple-ruby, nose is intensely fruity, clean and fresh. Palate is well structured, with good attack, beautiful fruit, light tannins and fine length (for drinking 2020-2025+).

Beaune 1er Cru Les Epenotes

Domaine Claudie Jobard 2017

12b 284.00

"Between 2012 and 2016 we were pulverised by hail or frost here," says Claudie Jobard. Finally, in 2017 the vines gave a normal crop – just 4 barrels. There is one new barrel, one which is a year old, and two which are older. Vines are planted on clay-rich soil, lying below the famous Clos des Mouches. In colour, this is bright, fresh purple, with a nose showing lively fruit intensity. Palate has broad, concentrated, fresh fruitiness, with gentle, fine aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2026+).

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Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair, Santenay

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

Saint-Aubin 2017s are exceptional, this being a classically harmonious white Burgundy vintage in this village. Like the Santenays, these come from some of the best-placed 1st Growths in the village.

Whites

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune blanc

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

12b 128.00

This comes from an area near the little-known 1st Growth called Maranges, to the south of Santenay. "Always very beautiful grapes, and very ripe," says Jean-Baptiste Clair, and the tasting bears him out. The wine is pale lemon in colour, with clean fresh aromas, very appealing. Palate has good fruit and weight, without heaviness. Finish is rich and fresh (for drinking 2019-2020+).

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Frionnes

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

12b 237.00

Here is an outstanding 1st Growth Saint Aubin in the Clair cellar, and we chose it ahead of his Le Sentier du Clou, Champlot and Sous Roche Dumay (which emerge as the exceptional Cuvées, in some vintages). This wine is assembled 1/3 from the Perrières part of the vineyard, where the vines are 70-80 years old, with 2/3 from Les Frionnes itself (average age 25 years). Pale green in colour, this has aromas which are open, fresh and complex. Palate sparkles with lively fruitiness, allied with good body and refreshing, harmonious aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2023).

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

12b 306.00

Jean-Baptiste Clair tells the story: "My father bought this part of the mountain at auction in 1994 – it was thorn-trees, box-bushes, pebbles and scrubland then. But it was a good idea – land was not so expensive then as it is today. It was planted in 1996, the first harvest being 1999". Green-gold in colour, this has complex, tropical fruit aromas, very fresh. Palate is richly built, very fresh and long – a superb wine (for drinking 2019-2024+). Only 4 barrels exist (giving less than 100 cases 12/ bts.), so we urge you to let us know your interest, while our allocation is still healthy.

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

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

12b 306.00

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 dog's teeth, as experienced here. This is one of the village's top Premier Cru sites, lying close to the Montrachet hillside. It is thanks to the plantation of these sites – En Remilly and this one – by the Clair family and other growers, that Saint-Aubin has progressed so much in recent years. It benefits from excellent exposure to the sun, gentle breezes and free-draining soils. Green-golden in colour, this 2017 has superbly fresh aromas and a richly complex, magnificent palate. It seems to bring together the best bits of all the other Premiers Crus – and then the flavours finish with incredible energy (for drinking 2020-2025+).

6m 312.00

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Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes-de-Beaune

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

This is a great value Burgundian Pinot Noir, made from a blend of grapes from two areas – one above Saint-Aubin, the other near the little-known First Growth called Maranges, to the south of Santenay. The vines are really fine Pinots, producing small berries with thick skins – and half the plantings are old vines. Colour is medium-deep, rich purple, the nose being cleanly ripe and fruity. Palate shows attractive fruitiness, with good middle and harmonious farewell (for drinking 2019-2020).

12b 112.00

6m 118.00

Santenay Clos Genêt

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

This is not a First Growth, but represents Santenay's appealing fruitiness, at a reasonable price, with engaging stylishness. The vines lie just uphill from the Clair Domaine, downhill from 1st Growth La Maladière. The colour is medium-deep red-purple, the nose initially showed discreet fruitiness, then opening up in the glass. Palate is very pretty, with dense fruitiness, silky tannins and refreshing lift on the finish (for drinking 2019-2023+).

12b 178.50

6m 184.50

Santenay 1er Cru Clos de la Comme

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

This vineyard touches 1st Growth Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot, which lies just across the commune border to the north. In colour, bright purple-garnet, with violet and other floral aromas on the nose, very fragrant. It embodies the elegance of the vintage, with lively fruitiness, fine texture and well-integrated, gentle tannins (for drinking 2020-2024+).

12b 230.00

Santenay 1er Cru Clos de Tavannes

Domaine Françoise & Denis Clair 2017

This is once again the most richly structured wine in the Clair cellar. Colour is bright, medium-deep ruby-purple, with aromas which are pungent with red and black fruit freshness. The palate is richly built, with impressive fruit concentration, dense middle and ripe tannins in perfect balance (for drinking 2022-2028+).

12b 254.00

6m 265.00

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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 from Chassagne-Montrachet are again stand-outs for reasonably-priced, superb red Burgundy.

Minimal intervention is key to the Blain-Gagnard wine-making style. New oak barrels are always used 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. Jean-Marc Blain describes his vintage: "We did not lees-rouse our wines much, they had enough body already. The vintage resembles 2009 in structure, with the elegance and charm of the 2014s."

Whites



Chassagne-Montrachet blanc

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

30 per cent of this Cuvée comes from 1st Growths Champs Gains and Bois de Chassagne, as in previous years. These grapes are judiciously blended with those coming from village level sites, to produce a wine of outstanding richness, balance and length. Colour is green-gold, aromas clean and flowery, palate lively, medium-bodied, intensely fruity and fresh (for drinking 2019-2024+).

12b 295.00

6m 310.00

Puligny-Montrachet

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

This comes from vines which are nearly 60 years old, situated at the heart of the slope, just beneath 1st 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 from those in Chassagne – blacker, more humus-rich and marly. The grapes are particularly golden, giving superb juice. This 2017 is medium-deep green-gold, with well-ripened, fresh aromas. Palate is supple, with intense fruit and refreshing, lovely aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2023+).

12b 320.00

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Boudriotte

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

This First Growth always requires bottle-age to soften, bloom and show its full complexities; the 2017 will be no exception. The vines now average 60 years of age. Pale gold in colour, this has piercingly floral, intensely fruity aromas. When tasted two months after bottling the palate was sober, yet absolutely classic in its dense fruit, chiselled texture, fine acidity and lovely length. This is a great La Boudriotte (for drinking 2020-2026+).

12b 435.00

6m 450.00

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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

12b 490.00

This vineyard is situated at the heart of the slope, just south of the village. Blain-Gagnard's holdings are in two plots, running from the bottom to the top of the site, giving an intricate wine of great complexity. Partly the soils are white, with many pebbles; then higher up, they are marly, with fossil shells. Colour is pale lemon-gold, aromas are finely fragrant and full of promise. Palate has many levels of flavour, contained within a rich, harmonious structure, where acidity balances ripeness. This is a complete wine, very long (for drinking 2020-2028+).

6m 505.00

Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

6b 745.00

This comes from vines with an average age of 60 years, the oldest being over 100. "It is essential to pick these grapes before they become over-ripe," says Jean Marc. He can rightly be proud of this wine, which is explosively brilliant on both nose and palate. Colour is pale lemon, aromas are lively, rich, magnificent. The palate shows great concentration, freshness and length (for drinking 2019-2027+).

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

6b 745.00

Tasting this alongside the Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet, this is broader, less ebullient, more powerful – and evidently a wine which will require longer bottle-age to deliver on its great promises. Colour is green-gold, aromas are opulent, palate is richly structured, deeply fruity, very long, magnificent (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Le Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

1b 320.00

"Le Montrachet, when it is youthful, is always rather discreet, never explosive", says Jean-Marc Blain. Colour here is lemon-green of medium depth, with aromas which are fresh, open and superbly complex. This is an absolutely gorgeous wine, creamily-textured, plump without heaviness, with great richness and balancing acidity. A velvety wine of outstanding length and potential (for drinking 2023-2030+).

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Reds

Bourgogne Passetoutgrain

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

12b 95.00

This 2/3 Gamay, 1/3 Pinot Noir blend is from vines located at the bottom of the Volnay slope. Usually reserved for Blain family consumption, 2015 was the last vintage that we had the opportunity to offer this delicious, early-drinking wine. The family restricts the yield to 2/3 of the permitted level, to achieve such fruit concentration. Colour is profoundly purple, nose bright, clean and open, palate fresh and lively, with vivacious aftertaste (for drinking as soon as it arrives in 2019, and over the following two years).

Chassagne-Montrachet rouge 1er Cru Clos St Jean

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

12b 295.00

Tasted from barrel in October 2018, this was due to be bottled within weeks. Colour is medium-pale purple-garnet, aromas being rich and meaty. Palate shows bright fruitiness with charming texture and spicy, softly-lingering Pinot aftertaste. An elegant wine (for drinking 2019-2024+).

Chassagne-Montrachet rouge 1er Morgeot

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

12b 305.00

This comes from low-yielding, very old vines, which are reaching the end of their lives, but still give small quantities of vibrantly fruity, densely flavoursome grapes. Colour is luminous purple – not very deep, but typical, for this site. The nose is rich and ripe, the palate structured, with a solid core of intense fruit in the middle, then well-rounded tannins which are in perfect balance (for drinking (for drinking 2021-2028+).

6b 320.00

Volnay 1er Cru Champans

Domaine Blain-Gagnard 2017

12b 398.00

This also comes from very old vines, which had held up well against the 2016 frost. Yield was reduced, however, in 2017 by challenging weather during the flowering. Carefully judged, limited extraction during fermentation – achieved by limiting punching down, and favouring the pumping-over of juice – has resulted in an impressive wine of intense concentration. Colour is impressively deep, with aromas rich and expressive, flavours showing lovely fruit within a medium-rich structure (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain, Chassagne-Montrachet

Marc-Antonin's tiny Domaine goes from strength to strength. After wine studies in Beaune, he worked vintages at Giaconda and Cullen in Australia, and Carrick in New Zealand. He now makes four wines from vineyards previously tended by his late grand-father, Jacques Gagnard-Delagrange. Marc-Antonin's cellar is colder than that of his

Blain-Gagnard parents, and his wines often spend extra months in barrel before bottling, so their complexities are different. He is one of the most modest, but also talented, members of the emerging generation of Burgundy growers – but productions are tiny!

Whites



Chassagne-Montrachet blanc

Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain 2017

12b 335.00

These grapes come from a single village plot named Les Voillenots, planted in 1976 by his grandfather. The old vine-roots penetrate deep down into fissures in the limestone bed-rock, bringing exhilarating character. Colour is pale, green-golden, with aromas which are fine, ripe and crisp. Palate shows good structure, with fruit and freshness in elegant balance. A delicate, yet richly satisfying wine (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Bâtard-Montrachet

Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain 2017

6b 840.00

This comes entirely from the Chassagne-Montrachet sector of Bâtard-Montrachet, from vines which lie just across the road from Le Montrachet itself. It is one of the choicest spots for Bâtard-Montrachet, where there are many small pebbles, and less clay than in the Puligny sections of Bâtard-Montrachet – which contributes to this wine's exceptional elegance and finesse. Planted in 1983 by his late grand-father, these vines have now reached full maturity. Just 2½ barrels were made in 2017 (one being new oak). This is bright green-gold, and opulently rich on the nose. Palate is broad, with luscious fruit concentration, balanced freshness, immaculate length – a great bottle (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Reds

Chassagne-Montrachet rouge

Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain 2017

12b 238.00

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 being tiny Pinot grapes from Les Lombardes. Both are pruned by the Cordon de Royat method, which helps keep the bunches airy, and limits yield. Natural yeasts have transformed the sugars, and limited punching down results in a wine of medium-deep, purple colour, with fine, brightly fruity aromas. Lombardes has brought structure, and Platières the concentration. The palate shows fine, fresh fruitiness, elegantly built, with gentle tannins (for drinking 2020-2026+).

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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot

Domaine Marc-Antonin Blain 2017

12b 354.00

This wine comes from two 1st Growth plots within Morgeot, Les Brussonnes and Les Boirettes, both planted over 85 years ago. They lie between Abbaye de Morgeot and the Santenay commune border. The really fine Pinot plants give small bunches with tiny, thick-skinned grapes. 4 barrels were made in 2017, of which one is new oak. Colour is deeper purple-ruby than the previous wine, and the nose emerges more spicily. Palate has impressive structure, dense fruitiness and rich, ripe tannins, demanding a few extra months in barrel for them to resolve into complex smoothness. The finish is impressively long, showing fine potential (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte 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 7th 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.

The number of bottles or magnums of each of the following wines is extremely limited. Please let us know your requirements as soon as possible, to ensure an allocation.

Whites

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos Saint Marc

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte Du Domaine' 2017

6b 275.00

These vines, located in the First Growth Les Vergers, were planted in 1996, and have always been cultivated organically. Capturing the grapes' natural, racy freshness is of paramount importance to winemaker Franck Grux, and here he has again succeeded superbly.

Production was decimated by frost in 2016, so we are very happy to welcome this back to our range. Colour is a fresh, green-gold, with balmy aromas of pear and white peach. Palate is splendidly rich, with great fruit intensity, mouth-coating, fine texture and vivacious, impressive length (for drinking 2020-2027+).

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

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte Du Domaine' 2017

6b 320.00

3m 330.00

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 appealing, pale green-gold, with charming aromas which are fully ripe, yet fresh. Palate starts with lively fruit, and shows melting texture, elegant flavour intensity, with beautiful richness on the finish. Under 25 per cent of new barrels were chosen for this wine's ageing, and their presence is imperceptible, so well have all elements merged together. This is a seductive wine of very great beauty. It will age well, but it may be hard to resist enjoying it, from the moment of shipment (for drinking 2019-2025+).

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Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte Du Domaine' 2017

6b 450.00

Les Folatières is the largest First Growth in Puligny, with several sub-sections. This wine comes from one of the best 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, and has been ageing in one third new oak barrels. Green-golden of medium depth, it has a nose of striking complexity and finesse, also very fresh. Palate shows exuberant, perfect harmony, with succulent fruit intensity and beguiling texture. This is a complex wine of great potential and spectacular beauty (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Pucelles

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte Du Domaine' 2017

6b 480.00

3m 490.00

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 1st Growth Puligny-Montrachet. Colour is bright, green-gold, with fresh yet discreet aromas, very elegant. This was less demonstrative than Les Folatières, when tasted alongside, after both had been racked from the barrels in which they had spent a year. Les Pucelles often matures slowly, both in barrel and bottle. But the evidently full-bodied structure of this 2017, combined with superb fruit concentration and velvety texture mark it out for greatness. It is a superb wine, of perfect balance and bewitching length (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte Du Domaine' 2017

3b 745.00

3m 1515.00

This wine comes entirely from the Puligny-Montrachet side of the Grand Cru, from vines which were planted in 1962 (so are now well 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 itself. As in Clos-Vougeot, top section Bâtard plots are the best. In colour, this is strikingly rich, green-gold, with opulent, fresh aromas of hazelnut and ripe peach. It has broad structure with mouth-filling, ripe fruitiness. Texture is creamy, smooth and dense. This is a dazzlingly rich wine, with an exhilaratingly fresh, long finish (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

Olivier Leflaive 'Recolte Du Domaine' 2017

3b 985.00

3m 1975.00

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 rare and beautiful was it! 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 2020-2030+).

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Etienne Sauzet, Puligny-Montrachet

Subtle changes have been taking place at Etienne Sauzet, as Gérard Boudot's daughter Emilie and her husband Benoît Riffault have become increasingly involved with day-to-day activities. Benoît grew up on his family 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 lessening yields, with aromas which are purer and more precise. "2017 was a relatively simple

year in the vineyards," says Benoît, "with some sectors which had been badly frosted in 2016 compensating with a generous harvest. We were able to start picking early, at the end of August. 2017 is a vintage of powerful wines, with concentration." They also have admirable complexity, harmony and length. We warmly recommend that you let us know your wishes as soon as possible, as our allocations cover a wide range of great wines, but volumes of certain are modest.

Whites

Bourgogne Blanc

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 110.00

This wine comes from three parcels lying below the village of Puligny, towards the Route Nationale 74. Medium-deep, pale golden in colour, this has ripe, apricot aromas, very fresh. There is good fruit on the attack, with fine follow-through and fresh finish (for drinking 2019-2021).

Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Jardin du Calvaire

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 140.00

2015 was the first vintage of this wine, the Domaine having bought 5 hectares of land near Nolay, in a little valley called Le Boût du Mode. Old red vines were grafted over to Chardonnay, to benefit from their deeply-penetrating, established roots. This is pale gold in colour, with abundant, fresh aromas. It is fuller-bodied than the Bourgogne blanc, with a delicious, fresh finish (for drinking 2019-2022).



Puligny-Montrachet

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 260.00

This comes from several plots around the village, with the vines called Les Meix, just uphill from Domaine Sauzet, representing about 30% of the Cuvée. Most of the blend comes from the Chassagne-Montrachet side, where the deep soils give broad wines. Three plots are on the pebble-rich Meursault side. This wine brings together the best of "village level" Puligny-Montrachet, and indeed is text-book Puligny at its purest and most vibrant. In colour, pale lemon-gold, on the nose well-ripened, recalling white peaches. The palate has lively fruitiness and well-balanced, crisp acidity, with lovely length (for drinking 2019-2023+).

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Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Garenne

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 365.00

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% were new barrels. Colour is medium-rich golden, with ripe, yellow nectarine aromas. On the palate a powerful wine, with rich structure and some firmness on the finish, good length (for drinking 2019-2024+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Perrières

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 445.00

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 been buying this wine ever since we first tasted it, even from young vines. It has consistently gained complexity as the roots have penetrated more deeply. Fresh, green-gold in colour, this has vibrant aromas which leap from the glass. Palate shows beautiful fruit, fine structure, silky texture, all harmoniously merging together, leading to an impressive, deliciously fresh finish (for dinking 2019-2025+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 495.00

Champ Canet lies at the north of the appellation, bordering 1er Cru Meursault Les Perrières, just uphill from Puligny 1er Cru Les Combettes (see below). With 1.1 hectares of vines here, this is Sauzet's largest 1er Cru holding, the vines now averageing 60 years of age. This has been ageing in 25% new oak barrels. Medium deep, rich golden in colour, it has aromas recalling yellow peaches and pineapple. It's a magnificent wine, full of body, concentrated in fruitiness, with creamy texture and superb length (for drinking 2021-2027+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes

Etienne Sauzet 2017

6b 595.00

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 Meursault-Charmes-dessus. In colour this is bright green-gold of medium depth, with complex, rich aromas of great beauty. This is a great wine of magnificent structure. It has concentrated fruitiness, thrilling, perfectly integrated acidity and many layers of flavour, leading into a superb aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Etienne Sauzet 2017

1b 325.00

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" – that section of the vineyard between Bienvenues and Le Montrachet, where red marls in the soil contribute intense richness, and luscious texture, such as few Bâtards can boast. Medium golden in colour, this has superbly rich, harmoniously complex aromas, which show real finesse. Tasted in October, it was powerfully built, with richly creamy texture, though the wine's personality was not yet fully developed – which is often the case with the greatest Grand Cru whites. The harmony and exceptionally fresh length of this wine signal it as one of the greatest whites of the vintage (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

Etienne Sauzet 2017

1b 420.00

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 than we see with the Sauzet Bâtard. Colour is pale green-golden, with subtly expressive aromas of great finesse – white peach mingling with acacia flower and citrus. Palate is sumptuous yet delicate, with vibrant, silky texture and flavours intensely concentrated. The finish is extremely long and thrillingly vivacious (for drinking 2020-2030+).

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Domaine de Chapelle de Blagny, Blagny

These vineyards belonged to the Cistercian Abbey of Maizières, from the 12th to 18th centuries. In 1811 they were bought by an ancestor of the present owner, Etienne de Brechard. For 5 generations the family discreetly tended the vines, harvested the grapes – and sold them, until recently, to local Burgundian merchants. We were the first to discover and introduce the Domaine-bottled wines from this exciting new estate to the U.K., with the 2015 vintage. The property is named after a 15th century chapel, next to the winery.

The 1st Growth vineyards of Blagny are less well-known than Meursault 1st Growths like Perrières, Genevrières

or Charmes, but quality-wise they are up there with the best. With global warming, they are becoming more and more desirable each year. 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 these Blagny vineyards is that their altitude allows Chardonnay grapes to come to ripeness slowly, while retaining fresh acidity. The resulting wines combine complexity with immaculate balance, great length, and precious crispness.

Whites

Meursault 1er Cru Les Ravelles

Domaine de Chapelle de Blagny 2017

6b 235.00

This is a tiny vineyard of only 3 acres, and probably Meursault's best kept secret, among its 1st Growths. The vines average 60 years of age, and lie at the top of the slope, abutting 1st Growth Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault vines. In colour, this is pale, green-gold, with shy (when tasted in October) aromas, yet subtly attractive and very fresh. Palate shows medium richness, with beguilingly intense fruit concentration, and vivacious aftertaste, very fine (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny

Domaine de Chapelle de Blagny 2017

6b 265.00

These vines are situated uphill from Meursault Les Perrières, in two parcels, partly old, partly younger. Colour is attractive green-gold, aromas are ripe and beautiful, palate is sumptuous, with silky texture and expressively elegant, long finish (for drinking 2020-2024).

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny "La Pièce Sous Le Bois"

Domaine de Chapelle de Blagny 2017

6b 295.00

This wine comes from 60-year old vines and shows exceptional concentration. Limpid, green-golden colour is like a magnet to invite exploration of the aromas: citrus and peach, with thrilling freshness. Palate shows medium body with exceptional fruit concentration, many-layered flavours and powerful, rich aftertaste, very fresh. Production is tiny from these old vines, so please let us know your wishes as soon as possible (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Hameau de Blagny

Domaine de Chapelle de Blagny 2017

6b 325.00

The family have now retrieved all their historic vineyards, and so we happily have this additional wine to propose, coming from three separate plots, with vines averaging 60 years of age. Green-golden in colour, this has striking fragrance. The palate shows mouth-coating richness and delicate flavours. These are well-sustained all the way through. Aftertaste is long and refreshing, with excellent keeping potential (for drinking 2019-2027+).

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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 vibrant is one of his prime objectives. He has exemplary lightness of touch in the winery, his aim being to allow the characters of the individual vineyard sites to shine through clearly. Their complexities may then develop harmoniously with bottle-age, whilst building length and retaining freshness. No estate we know handles the use

of new oak barrels more astutely: the wines rarely spend more than a year in wood, with lees-rousing being done sparingly.

At time of going to print we are awaiting prices and allocations. Availabilities are always very small, so we invite early applications for an exceptionally beautiful vintage in this cellar.

Whites

Bourgogne Blanc

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

This wine comes solely from the commune of Meursault, from vineyards beside the Roulot home at the edge of the village, and other plots which touch the Meursault appellation, including Grandes Coutures, which lies below Meursault-Charmes. In colour, this is pale green-golden, with clean, very lively aromas. Palate is full-bodied, with good, soft fruit, fine intensity and gentle finish (for drinking 2019-2022+).

Meursault Les Luchets

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

Amongst the Roulot single-vineyard sites, Les Luchets again shows exceptional qualities of balance, fruit and appealing charm. Nose is complex and open, palate is dense, with luscious, fresh length (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Meursault Les Meix-Chavaux

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

Some of the vines in this plot are 70 years old, others 20-30 years old. It is exceptionally beautiful in 2017, bringing together with unusual brilliance from this vineyard qualities of sumptuous fruit, balancing acidity and harmonious length. Tiny allocation, warmly recommended (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Meursault Tessons Clos Mon Plaisir

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

This walled, 0.85 hectare Clos (of which Roulot owns 80%) lies within the Tessons vineyard, at the heart of the hillside, as it extends north and uphill from Premier Cru La Goutte d'Or. Colour is pale, green-golden, the aromas being fresh, ripe and spicy. Palate is full-bodied and complete. "This wine has an energy which we did not find in the 2016," says Jean-Marc. It has everything one may expect of top Meursault, with remarkable fruit intensity, rich middle combined with freshness, silky texture and splendid length (for drinking 2019-2026+).

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Meursault 1er Cru Clos du Bouchères

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

This is a walled Clos, and a Monopole, which has been solely owned and exclusively made by Jean-Marc Roulot since the 2011 vintage. Covering 1.37 hectares just above Premier Cru Le Poruzot, it is a chalky site, with light, limestone-rich soils. It always ripens early, as it catches maximum sunshine. This is limpid, pale green-gold, with open, fine aromas of great beauty. Bright fruitiness leaps across the palate, with spirited intensity and generous, joyful aftertaste of abundant freshness and elegance (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Meursault 1er Cru Porusot

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

Roulot's first vintage making this wine was 2007, and he then acquired additional rows of vines in the Premier Cru. These combined vineyards have again given one of the most sumptuous, thrilling bottles of the vintage. Colour is green-golden, the nose showing generous ripeness, with subtle spice. Palate is broadly-built, with ample fruit concentration and complex, fresh aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

For this, and the next two wines, Jean-Marc has been able to source extra grapes from prime sites outside his Domaine, bringing his magic to bear during the wine-making. This wine comes from two plots in Genevrières dessus. It is evolving more slowly than his Charmes – but this is entirely to be expected. It is regularly the case that this vineyard benefits from 2-3 years bottle-age, to show its full complexities and beauties. Restrained when tasted in October 2018, it has superb potential (for drinking 2021-2028+).

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

This 1er Cru vineyard is an extension northwards of the Grand Cru Le Montrachet plots, and here delivers a gorgeous wine with exceptional natural richness. Generous palate texture and impressive fruit density are matched with freshness and a superb, long finish (for drinking 2021-2026+).

Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Roulot 2017

TBC

Just one barrel exists of this Grand Cru, and the wine within it is a marvel. The barrel itself has contained two previous vintages, so there is no new oak input into this at all. Aromas recall delicate rose and ripe pear, very fine. Palate is sumptuously built, with superb fruit concentration, creamy, mouth-coating texture and magnificent length, which builds to a long-lasting finish. A marvellous wine (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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Domaine Agnès Paquet, Meloisey

Driving into the perched hillside village of Meloisey 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. In addition, we ship her delicious, great-value Bourgogne Chardonnay, along with a very special Saint-Aubin Les Perrières 1er Cru, and tiny quantities of her Pommard.

Whites

Bourgogne Chardonnay

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2017

12b 125.00

Agnès has this year been able to add juice from the grapes of a new vineyard in Volnay to what she produces from 40-year-old vines on limestone soils in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune. The resultant wine is attractive, green-golden in colour, with clean, ripe freshness on the nose. Palate shows lively, bouncy fruitiness, with crisp, soft finish. This was bottled in August, to capture all its vivacity (for drinking 2019-2020+).



Auxey-Duresses blanc

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2017

12b 198.00

6m 215.00

The soils where these 90 year-old vines grow are rich in limestone, giving intense fruit and liveliness to this wine. Alcoholic and malo-lactic fermentations both took place in oak barrels (of which 15% were new), as did maturation until end July 2018, then the wine rested in tank until bottling in November. Colour is green-gold, aromas being cleanly fruity, open and fresh. Palate shows medium body, intense fruitiness, with very pretty texture, good balance and lovely, refreshing finish. Great value (for drinking 2018-2022+).

Saint Aubin 1er Cru Les Perrières

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2017

12b 295.00

Just 4 barrels (equivalent to less than 100 cases) exist here of this rare Saint-Aubin First Growth. In colour, this is bright, green-gold, with fine, discreet aromas, very appetising. The wine is superb on the palate, with impressive fruit density and lively texture. Fresh acidity is in perfect balance with fruit ripeness, and it finishes long (for drinking 2019-2024+).

Reds

Auxey-Duresses Rouge

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2017

12b 198.00

6m 215.00

There are two sectors in this vineyard, one planted 55 years, one 18 years ago. A high limestone content in the soil gives this red Auxey vitality and delicate perfume. The grapes were in excellent health, so 10-12% of whole bunches, without de-stemming, were included in the fermentation, to bring supple texture and complex aromas. Ageing then took place in barrels, with bottling due in November 2018. Garnet-purple of medium depth, this wine's nose is open, ripe and abundantly fresh. Palate shows excellent fruit concentration, good body and medium tannins, which will need a year or two of bottle-age to soften (for drinking 2020-2026+).

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Pommard Les Combes

Domaine Agnès Paquet 2017

12b 340.00

This vineyard is situated near the commune boundary with Volnay, and has been under the hammer from frost and hail, for the last 5 vintages. Only one barrel was produced in 2014 and 2016, only 3 in 2013, and just 5 barrels each in 2012 & 2015. 2017 has finally come good with a “normal” crop of 15 barrels, and we are thrilled to have a decent allocation. Colour is medium-deep, red-purple, aromas show bright red fruits, and palate shows splendid, rich structure. Fruitiness is supple, with refined tannins and gentle length – this is a lovely wine (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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 owned vineyards and been making wine in and around Pommard and Volnay since AD 1268.

Thibaud took on the family responsibilities, all grapes are held back for the Domaine to vinify. In 2016, 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, now newly-thrilling Domaine. Today, his wines are available in 28 markets, so he tells us.

If you have not recently come across bottles from the Domaine, which carries his father Yvon Clerget’s name, this is because since 2010 Yvon Clerget had been selling his grapes, rather than making and bottling his wine. Since

Thibaud made a brilliant success of his first two vintages, as many clients agreed, and many wines sold out rapidly. We are delighted now to be offering his third vintage – these 2017s – which are every bit as enthralling as the first two, and which we again most warmly recommend.

Whites

Meursault Chevalières

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

12b 325.00

This vineyard lies north of the village, next to Meix-Chavaux, and devastating frost damage meant we could not offer Thibaud’s wine last year, so we are thrilled to do so for the 2017 vintage. Just 7 barrels were made, from a 45-year-old vineyard, and for the wine-making, just one new barrel has been used. The result is a pale green-lemon coloured wine, whose nose is vibrantly fresh and openly fruity. On the palate, this is an intensely racy mouthful, well balanced, with medium body, elegant texture and a crisp finish (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Reds

Bourgogne Rouge

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

12b 154.00

Just three barrels of this wine – less than 900 bottles – were made in 2017 (zero in 2016, due to the frosts), coming from a site near Longbois, between Meursault and Volnay. Purple-ruby of medium depth, this has ebullient Pinot aromas on the nose, with very pretty fruitiness on the palate and gentle finish (for drinking 2019-2023+).

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Volnay

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

12b 299.00

This comes from two plots – Ez Echards and Petit Gamets – which lie downhill from Les Champans. The wine was 100% de-stemmed, and has seen no new oak, but is ageing in barrels which are 2-3 years old. Medium purple-red in colour, with fine fruit on the nose, it has rich body with lovely balance, silky texture and gentle tannins. What's not to like about this? (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

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, showing medium-deep, ruby-purple colour, with powerful aromas which are concentrated and fresh. Palate is gorgeously rich, with dense fruitiness, fine tannins and terrific length – a superb wine (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

6b 197.50

"This was so marvellous in 2017, I had to keep it," said Thibaud, who in previous vintages had sold this wine, to generate funds to cover running costs. He went on: "I love this plot. The grapes were small and thick-skinned, from 40-45 years old vines, and have given beautiful concentration." Three barrels were made, of which one was new. Colour is rich purple, nose shows ripe, black fruits, palate is broadly built. This has good depth of flavour in middle palate, rich tannins, harmonious length (for keeping, then drinking 2021-2030+).

Volnay 1er Cru Carelle Sous La Chapelle

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

6b 197.50

This wine comes partly from old vines (aged about 75 years old) and partly from 22 year-old vines. Red-purple of medium depth, showing fine fragrance, it is medium-bodied, densely fruity and succulent. It is a wine of harmony and elegance, with gently-rounded tannins and beautiful length (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Volnay 1er Cru Clos du Verseauil, Monopole

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

6b 249.00

3m 265.00

This vineyard is solely owned by the Thibaud'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 means that the grapes are regularly protected from sun-burn – contributing to its unusually vibrant freshness. Red-purple of medium depth, with strikingly fragrant, pure aromas of great beauty, this has everything one may look for in great Volnay. The palate is rich, delicately fruity, with many layers of flavour and both acidity and fine tannins in subtle balance. The finish shows beautiful texture and length (for drinking 2021-2036+).

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Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

6b 260.00

Once again this shows outstanding perfume, even when youthful. It comes from a very old vineyard (averageing 85 years of age). On the palate, beautiful concentration, the silkiest of textures, outstanding finesse on the finish. This embodies 1st Growth Volnay at its finest and most elegant (for drinking 2022-2038+).

3m 270.00

Volnay 1er Cru En Champans

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

3m 295.00

A tiny production here (just one barrel) to be bottled entirely into magnums, we will allocate with great care, for sharing amongst lovers of Thibaud's other wines. Deeply purple, with superb concentration of aroma and favours, this is richly structured, with powerful fruitiness, rich tannins and great potential (for drinking 2024-2038+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

6b 295.00

This is a Pommard Rugiens of magnificent complexity, richness and length. The grapes came equally from the low and higher section of the vineyard. They were vinified and barrel-aged separately, then assembled in tank to merge together prior to bottling. Power and richness come from the lower section, balance from the higher. Colour is medium deep, aromas very fine, palate has structure, power and grip. A wine of thrilling fruit concentration and harmony, with sweet finish and great potential (for drinking 2023-2040+).

3m 306.00

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine Yvon Clerget 2017

6b 550.00

The vines lie in the Grand Maupertuis section, in the upper part of the Clos-Vougeot vineyard, over the wall from Grands-Echezeaux. Six barrels were made in 2017, of which half were new, and Thibaud has held on to all of them for domaine bottling. 50% of the bunches went into the vat as whole clusters, without de-stemming. This has brought exceptional complexity to the aromas, with gorgeous, silky texture and expressive, fresh aftertaste. This is an outstanding wine, and one of the greatest Grands Crus of the vintage (for drinking 2023-2040+).

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. Here we find beautiful, glinting ruby-red colours (nothing opaque purple or black), carefully judged extractions, intelligent inclusion of whole cluster bunches, and judicious, minimal use of new oak barrels. Of his 2017 vintage, Thomas remarks: "It has good energy, with deeper density of fruit than we had in 2011 or 2007. The vintage is ripe, generous and silky, it's a little 2015."

Reds



Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Rouge

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

12b 195.00

These vines grow on land above Volnay between the village and the hills. Planted in iron-rich, pebbly red soils they give wines of surprising fruit intensity and finesse – in our eyes, this is a "mini-Volnay". Colour is rich, deep-purple, with warmly ripe aromas. Palate has charming, dense fruitiness, with gently tannic, elegant aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Beaune 1er Cru Reverseés

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 188.50

This 1st Growth Beaune lies on a gentle slope between two other 1st Growths, Les Avaux and Les Teurons, near the edge of town. The Bouley vines are located on the lower part of the vineyard, which is a sunny, free-draining plot. It is always one of the first vineyards to be picked, and the grapes were so beautiful in 2017 that 50% whole bunches could be included, for fermentation. Colour is medium-deep, red-purple, aromas were elegant, yet fleeting, when tasted in barrel. Palate then came through strongly, with luscious start, rich middle and complex, fine length (for drinking 2021-2029+).

Volnay Vieilles Vignes

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 190.00

These vines are aged between 45 and 70 years old. They lie just below the First Growth Carelle (featured below) and are perfectly orientated to catch sunshine at full strength. Soils are shallow, being rich in clay, iron and pebbles. 10-20% whole bunches went into the vat. This is red-purple of medium depth, with aromas which call up thoughts of cherries and other black, ripe fruits. Palate is generously full-bodied, with dense fruit, good harmony, gentle tannins and excellent length (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Volnay Clos de la Cave

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 190.00

These vines grow on steeply sloping land, running uphill from the Bouley winery. Soils are deep and rich in small stones, ensuring good drainage. 50% whole cluster bunches went into the vat during fermentation, and have contributed to its warm, ripe aromas. Palate shows lively, bright fruitiness, complex yet pure, with gentle tannins and elegant aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2027+).

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Volnay 1er Cru Les Carelles

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 298.00

This is Thomas Bouley's favourite plot. "I love this vineyard," he says, "you have everything to make great wine. We're in mid-slope, and favourably exposed (facing south-east) to hasten ripening. Beautiful red soil, clay with iron." Production was just 7 barrels (which will give about 2000 bottles), so allocations will again be tight. Colour is medium-red purple, the nose being concentrated, ripe and opulent. Palate is densely structured, with creamy texture, complex, rounded tannins, and great length. The finish is generous, silky and alluringly long, promising a great future (for drinking 2021-2032+).

Volnay 1er Cru Caillerets

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 325.00

Many people believe that Caillerets is the best terroir in Volnay. Although these vines are still relatively young (13-14 years old) they have given a wine of vibrant richness and beauty. The bunches were totally de-stemmed prior to fermentation. This is a very pretty, ruby purple, with delightful fragrance. Palate is lively, intensely fruity, with freshness and gentle tannins poised in perfect balance. This wine is to Volnay what Amoureuses is to Chambolle – graceful, with floating flavours, combining harmony with lovely length (for drinking 2021-2032+).

Volnay 1er Cru Clos des Chênes

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 325.00

Set high on the hillside, to the south of Volnay, this 1st Growth consistently gives one of the longest-lived wines in the commune. In this instance, it comes from two plots, one being over 45, one over 55 years old. This is a First Growth of fascinating character, with the potential to age and gain complexity for 3 or more decades. Colour is medium deep, purple-garnet, the nose being open, fresh and spicy. Palate is broad, with concentrated fruitiness, and flavours which build and climb towards a spectacular aftertaste. There is no austerity, yet rich tannins, with harmony, freshness and brilliant length. A great wine (for drinking 2024-2040+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Fremiers

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 325.00

This 1st 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. Colour is rich, ruby-purple, aromas are fragrant, spicy and complex. Palate is powerfully built, with superb length, well-ripened tannins, and splendid potential (for drinking 2023-2035+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens

Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley 2017

6b 420.00

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 must penetrate, for moisture and character. The wine shows medium-deep purple-ruby colour, with very fragrant, open aromas. Palate is magnificent, with many layers of flavours, concentrated fruit, succulent, mouth-coating tannins, superb length. A great wine for long-term keeping (for drinking 2025-2045+).

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Domaine Thierry Viot-Guillemard, Pommard

This estate is a little-known jewel, making wine in Pommard for 5 generations, farming organically since 1999, with 6.5 hectares (15 acres) 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 are at his side throughout 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 we are thrilled to be offering these wines.

Reds

Bourgogne Cuvée Maisons-Dieu

Domaine Thierry Viot-Guillemard 2017

12b 175.00

Medium-deep red-purple in colour, with exhilaratingly fresh Pinot aromas. This is a delicious example of well-balanced, fruit-rich Bourgogne rouge, supple enough for immediate drinking, with lively aftertaste, great value (for drinking 2019-2020+).

Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru Les Reugnes

Domaine Thierry Viot-Guillemard 2017

6b 160.00

This is a little-seen 1st Growth which catches maximum sun from its south-facing exposure. Production was wiped out by frost in 2016, but the vines' energies came back with force, to give 4 barrels (less than 1200 bottles) of exceptional quality. Colour is medium rich, red-purple, aromas are finely fragrant. Palate shows splendid attack, well-sustained flavours all the way through to a gently lingering, fine finish (for drinking 2020-2026+).

Pommard En Brescul

Domaine Thierry Viot-Guillemard 2017

6b 180.00

This comes from a low-yielding, stony hillside plot, situated above Beaune Clos des Mouches. The Domaine is at the forefront of those demonstrating how to make Pommards of charm and softness. Global warming is certainly helping to bring better ripeness, but so is the input of the grower: "Our object is to make the finest wines possible" says Joannès, and here is evidence of their success. Colour is medium-deep, aromas are bright, with raspberry notes. Palate has bright, alluring fruitiness, with dense middle, gentle tannins, lively length (for drinking 2020-2025+).

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches

Domaine Thierry Viot-Guillemard 2017

6b 228.00

This comes from a broad swathe of 1st Growth vineyard in mid-slope, which runs up to the commune boundary with Pommard. Not surprisingly, it consistently makes one of Beaune's most structured, long-lived wines. Colour is rich, purple-ruby, aromas are presently discreet, yet fresh and fine. Palate shows impressive, plump fruitiness, with generous body and ripe tannins on the finish (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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Pommard 1er Cru La Platière

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2017

6b 240.00

This also is a fully south-facing 1st Growth, lying uphill from the well-known Les Arvelets. In colour, not very deep, but with Pinot Noir's vividly attractive purple-ruby hue. Red fruits and spice show on the nose, with palate being intensely fruity, building to a powerful finish with excellent length. Presently reserved, for mid-term ageing (and drinking 2022-2030+).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2017

6b 335.00

From the Petits-Epenots section of the vineyard, these vines have given a wine of outstanding, savoury fruitiness. Nose and palate are where the action is, for – as with all the domaine's wines – colour is a pretty purple-ruby, not very deep. Fragrant fresh cherry aromas leap from the glass, followed by sensuous fruitiness, rich structure, impeccably balanced acidity and tannins. This is a superb wine, for medium-term ageing (for drinking 2022-2032+).

Pommard 1er Cru Clos de Derrière Saint Jean 'Monopole'

Domaine Thierry Violot-Guillemard 2017

1m 115.00

Solely owned by the family, this is Pommard's tiniest 1st Growth, located in the heart of the village. The vines are seriously old (planted in 1954), never giving more than 2 or 2½ barrels, which are entirely bottled into magnums (offered here by the single magnum). Purple-red of medium depth, with rich, fine fragrance, this is a beautiful, mellow wine, with a superb future ahead of it – tannins are already soft, charming and harmonious (for drinking 2022-2035+).

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, present 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. 2017 is the 8th vintage where we have carefully selected at the Domaine, this year choosing 7 wines from the nearly 30 appellations they make. Thibaut's noticeable drive for increased quality and focus has clearly now brought results. Thanks to a recent vineyard acquisition, there are two exceptional Côte de Nuits wines which we warmly commend to you. Of his 2017s, Thibaut comments: "This was a generous, healthy harvest, where we started picking early, on 3rd September. The wines were easy to make – a kind of blessed vintage, after the row of 4 or 5 difficult ones (frost, hail...) that we've had, on the Côte de Beaune."

Reds

Givry 1er Cru Crémillons

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

12b 175.00

These grapes came from the same plots as last year, from the hamlet of Poncey, in the southern part of Givry's appellation. Colour is bright, red-purple, aromas recall blackberries, very fresh. This has well-balanced structure with lovely fruit, refreshing aftertaste. This is a remarkable wine at such a reasonable price level – it has character, depth a plenty – and will be a superb bottle (for drinking 2019-2022+).

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Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Lavières

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

12b 240.00

This was the first wine we selected from Seguin-Manuel, back in the 2010 vintage, and that bottle is just reaching its peak for delicious drinking. Coming from the family's own 50 year-old vineyards, it is again one of the best wines, and greatest values, in the cellar. 25% whole bunches were added to the fermentation vat, and the wine has been ageing 25% in new oak barrels. Colour is purple-ruby of medium depth, the nose being open, fresh and pungent. Palate shows vibrant fruit, with good structure, finely balanced acidity, gentle tannins, good length (for drinking 2020-2027+).

6m 260.00

Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

12b 318.00

All the Domaine's vineyards are cultivated organically, and this comes from a stony, low-yielding, family-owned sector of this 1st Growth, high up on the hillside. 25% whole bunches were added to the fermentation vat, as grape health and ripeness were both so excellent. Fresh purple-ruby in colour, with immediately impressive fragrance, it has vibrant fruitiness on the palate with succulent texture and fresh, well-balanced aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Vosne-Romanée Aux Communes

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

12b 395.00

This is the fifth vintage that Thibaut Marion has owned Vosne-Romanée vines – a rare and precious addition to this cellar. The wine has been ageing in 25% new oak barrels. Colour is ruby-purple of medium depth, the nose showing mouth-wateringly fresh Pinot Noir character. The attack is impressive, leading into richly concentrated fruitiness in mid-palate, finishing with gentle, firm tannins. A beautifully balanced wine (for drinking 2021-2028+).

6m 415.00

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

6b 375.00

Just two barrels were made of this wine, both of which were new – though this was not apparent on tasting, as new oakiness had merged completely with the wine's rich fruitiness. As often with Chambolle-Musigny, the wine's garnet-purple colour is not very deep, but it catches the light beautifully. Aromas are fine, rich and complex. Palate has impressive, dense fruit, with supple, vibrant character and complex length (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Corton Rognet Grand Cru

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

6b 475.00

This great wine has been ageing in a single barrel of tight-grained new oak, whose staves (like those of the Chambolle-Musigny Les Charmes, above) had been weathered in the open air for 3 years. Having done many trials with different types of oak from different coopers, Thibaut believes this is the best way of achieving perfect integration of oak in the final wine. In colour, bright garnet-purple, with richly spicy, fresh aromas of great beauty. Palate has immediately impressive fruit intensity, with structure and grip. This has magnificent dense texture in mid-palate and exhilarating length (for drinking 2022-2035+).

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Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Seguin-Manuel 2017

6b 625.00

Here is another Grand Cru which has been ageing in a new oak barrel, whose staves had aged 3 years in the open air, to ensure that green tannins were leached away, and optimum humidity of the wood was naturally achieved. Colour is rich, ruby-purple, aromas are plentiful, fresh and complex. This is a wine with concentrated, deep layers of fruit. Palate combines impressive structure with silky, mouth-coating texture of sensational smoothness, and magnificent length (for drinking 2021-2032+).

Domaine Jean-Baptiste Boudier, Pernand-Vergelesses

We have been following this young man's career closely, since he began running the family estate in 2015. His training has taken him from Beaune's viticultural school to New Zealand and Roussillon, with 2 years oenology in Bordeaux, including 6 months at Haut-Brion. He doesn't believe in pre-fermentation maceration. "I prefer that the

fermentations start fast," he says. "For my father, colour was very important, but for me, it is not an important factor. Tannins are more important, and we adapt the extractions according to the year, and by tasting." It's a pleasure to introduce his wines, for the first time ever, in the UK market. The quality and value are outstanding here.

Whites

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Sous Frétille

Domaine Jean-Baptiste Boudier 2017

12b 312.00

Facing due south, this is arguably the best plot in Pernand for whites. For years the hillside was mainly planted with Aligoté, and only in 2000 was it classified as 1er Cru, once the Chardonnays had taken over the hillside, and shown their mettle. Pale green-gold in colour, this has beautifully ripe, fresh aromas. Palate has intense, rich freshness and creamy length. Production is tiny, so we will share out bottles amongst people also taking some of Boudier's reds (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Reds

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Les Barrigards'

Domaine Jean-Baptiste Boudier 2017

12b 147.00

"I adore this vineyard," says Jean-Baptiste, "with its small grapes and tiny bunches of Pinot, planted 40 years ago. It's my only regional wine, I'm always happy here." The vines are to be found near the village of Ladoix-Serrigny, at the foot of the Corton hill. In colour, medium red-purple, with rich, fresh plum fruitiness on the nose. This has good structure for a regional wine, it's a splendid mouthful, very appealing (for drinking 2019-2022+).

Pernand-Vergelesses 'Les Vignes Blanches'

Domaine Jean-Baptiste Boudier 2017

12b 216.00

The name comes from the soil here, which is very white marls, with pebbles. Colour is medium-deep, aromas fine and intense. The wine starts delicately, then flavours build in the mouth, finishing with gentle tannins and impressive length. Limited availability, as only two barrels were made (for drinking 2019-2024+).

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Savigny-lès-Beaune Ez Connardises

Domaine Jean-Baptiste Boudier 2017

12b 282.00

This plot lies downhill from the village, following the course of the stream – where the ducks used to congregate, hence the name, deriving from canard. It's always one of the first vineyards to ripen, as these warm soils are rich in clay. Attractive purple-red, with open, freshly rich aromas. On the palate, this is full bodied, with gentle, round fruitiness, soft tannins and excellent length (for drinking 2020-2025).

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Fichots

Domaine Jean-Baptiste Boudier 2017

12b 294.00

These vines were planted in 1955, so are more than 60 years old. The plot lies beneath 1st Growth Ile des Vergelesses, on deep, iron-rich, clay soils. Colour is bright, red-purple, aromas being very ripe, recalling blackberries and smokiness. Palate has good structure, dense fruit, rich and long, with fine tannins and smooth aftertaste (for drinking 2021-2027+).

Domaine Decelle-Villa, Nuits-Saint-Georges

We are delighted to present our 4th vintage selection from Domaine Decelle-Villa, where quality goes from strength to strength. 80% of their offerings are now from their own vineyards, with the balance being grapes sourced from other, favoured 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 Burgundian wine-making experience to the adventure. "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. Decelle-Villa waited for optimum ripeness before picking both Chorey-lès-Beaune and Savigny reds in 2017, and this has resulted in outstanding qualities for both. Don't hesitate to try these possibly unfamiliar vineyards! This year we also introduce two beautiful whites:

Whites

Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune Les Champlains

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 180.00

Coming from organically-cultivated vineyards (half of which are 80 years old) on hillsides above Savigny-lès-Beaune, this is a pale lemon-gold colour, with very fresh, ripe nose. Palate combines intense fruit with medium body, remarkable freshness and delicious aftertaste. Great value (for drinking 2019-2021+).

Savigny-lès-Beaune blanc

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 228.00

Like the previous wine, this comes from vineyards which are owned by Decelle-Villa. In amongst the Chardonnay grapes in the vineyard are to be found some Pinot Gris (known locally as Pinot Beurrot, and often present in this sector of the Côte de Beaune). This no doubt contributes to this wine's remarkable richness on the palate. Aromas are ripe and complex. Body is alluring, finish is soft yet lively (for drinking 2019-2022+).

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Reds

Chorey-lès-Beaune Les Beaumonts

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 228.00

Les Beaumonts is the best site in Chorey, where these old vines, owned by the family and cultivated organically, have produced just 5 barrels this year. Medium deep purple-ruby, this has abundant, red fruits aromas. The palate has fine structure, with admirable density, gently mouth-coating tannins and fresh length – a serious wine for ageing 1-3 years, and enjoyment 2020-2024+.

Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Pimentiers

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 228.00

These vines are family-owned and certified as organically grown. They grow on light, deep, sandy soils which are noted for giving wines of finesse rather than power. 40% of whole bunches went into the fermentation vat, and the wine then aged 15 months in oak barrels, of which about 30% were new. In colour, this is medium deep, rich purple, with red fruit aromas, including raspberry, of brilliant freshness. Palate is full and lively, clean and long, showing fruit intensity, with elegance and charm (for drinking 2020-2025+).

Côte-de-Nuits Villages La Berchère

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 245.00

It is astonishing how careful wine-making can conjure delicious quality from little-known sites. This comes from a vineyard in Comblanchien, which lies between the Côte de Nuits and the Côte de Beaune. The old-vines plot – cultivated organically, like all the family-owned vineyards – is named La Berchère. Medium purple in colour, the nose is clean, open and ripe. Palate shows the power of the Côte de Nuits, with a well-structured framework, and splendid, rich fruitiness. There is beautiful, fresh harmony in the aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2027+).

Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 355.00

The family owns two 1st Growth Beaune, les Teurons, which we have often previously selected, and this Beaune Clos du Roi, which is outstanding in 2017. The grapes achieved perfect ripeness, so 50% whole bunches were added to the fermentation vat. Colour is medium deep, aromas ripe and fresh. Palate shows elegant, full-bodied fruitiness, with beautiful aftertaste, very elegant, and fine potential (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Aux Bousselots

Domaine Decelle-Villa 2017

12b 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. In a cool year, breezes down the valley can slow the ripening process, but controlling the crop and waiting for full ripeness to be achieved brought great success with this 2017. Colour is impressive, purple-ruby, the nose being fine and complex. Palate is powerful, with substantial texture and layers of flavour. Tannins are rich and creamy, finishing long and fine (for drinking 2021-2028+).

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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.

Since the 2007 vintage, 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 transporting 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 vintage the wines have been gaining in richness, fruit density, complexity and smoothness, without sacrifice of ageing potential. Jérôme has achieved outstanding results with these 2017s, in both whites and reds, and we have expanded our listings.

The rarest and greatest often sell out fast, so please let us know your wishes as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

Whites



Mercurey Clos Rochette

Domaine Faiveley 2017

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 now two-thirds vinified in stainless steel tank, with the balance in oak barrels. Pale, green-lemon in colour, this has very fresh aromas and lovely balance between lively fruit, good body and refreshing aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2022+).

12b 160.00

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Gain

Domaine Faiveley 2017

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. 20% of this the Cuvée has been ageing in new oak barrels, giving a pale green-golden wine, with elegant, white peach aromas. Palate is rich and expansive, with delicate freshness and superb aftertaste, silkily textured (for drinking 2020-2026+).

6b 276.00

Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes

Domaine Faiveley 2017

Meursault-Charmes is a large 1st 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 ideal ripeness, this has retained essential, balancing acidity. Medium green-golden in colour, it has fresh aromas which are complex and appealing. Palate shows luscious ripeness, with the creamy texture associated with this 1st Growth, and long-lingering aftertaste (for drinking 2020-2026+).

6b 358.00

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Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

3b 590.00

This is consistently one of the most outstanding whites in the Faiveley cellar. The 2017 was totally irresistible when tasted from barrel: green-golden in colour, with thrilling aromatics, including citrus, ripe pear and smokiness. On the palate, this is full of life, with satin-smooth texture, balanced aftertaste and delicate, exquisite length (for drinking 2019-2026+).

Reds

Mercurey La Framboisiere

Domaine Faiveley 2017

12b 185.00

6m 193.00

This is the 4th vintage that this wine has benefitted from the up-graded Faiveley winery in Mercurey. The wine now ferments in smaller vats, allowing individual focus and more precise temperature control. 20% whole clusters were retained, for this 2017. A modest but judicious proportion of new oak was chosen for barrel-ageing, and the wine was bottled in October, to preserve its luscious freshness. Colour is medium deep, purple-ruby, with aromas very fragrant. The palate shows intense yet gentle fruit, fine density, lovely aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2025+).

Mercurey 1er Cru Clos des Myglands

Domaine Faiveley 2017

12b 210.00

6m 218.00

Contrasting with the more immediately charming La Framboisière (above), the 1st Growth Clos des Myglands regularly gives wines of impressive structure, rich depth of flavour, with excellent potential. This has been ageing in 30% new oak barrels and now shows purple colour, with abundantly ripe aromas. Full-bodied, with well-sustained fruitiness from start to finish, it has fine tannins and excellent length (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Monthelie 1er Cru Champs Fulliots

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 118.00

Some customers will remember this wine which we shipped, in the late 1990s and early 2000s, when the vines were owned by Annick Parent. Due to ill health she was unable to continue the arduous work in the vines and so she sold them to Domaine Faiveley. They, we are pleased to report, continue to produce wines of energy, elegance and charm, much in the spirit of Annick's wines. The warm soils of this 1st Growth allow early ripening, and have given an exceptional wine this vintage. Colour is bright, medium-deep purple, with opulent, complex aromas. This has richly buoyant fruit, evidently coming from fully ripened grapes which have retained their freshness. Light tannins are present, and will ensure a smooth progression to maturity (for drinking 2021-2028+).

Beaune 1er Cru Clos de l'Ecu

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 165.00

This is a rarely-seen 1st 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. It lies in the northern sector of Beaune's vineyards, not far from Les Fèves and Les Bressandes, high on the hill. Bright, purple-ruby, with discreetly fresh aromas, this has intense fruit from start to finish, well-judged tannins and fine length. Not for rapid consumption, it will reach its peak after 3-4 years bottle-age (for drinking 2023-2030+).

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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Damodes

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 275.00

This is one of the village's most desirable vineyards, where the land runs up to neighbouring Vosne-Romanée and the 1st Growth Les Malconsorts. The Pinot plants are particularly fine here, giving small bunches of thick-skinned grapes. Medium-deep purple in colour, this has grilled meat aromas, with spiciness. Palate has real personality, with good structure, intense fruitiness, rich texture and striking aftertaste. Two to three years' bottle-age are recommended (for drinking 2022-2030+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Chaignots

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 285.00

3m 290.00

These old vines (planted 1954) are in a perfectly-situated, mid-slope plot. Like Les Damodes, they are 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. 20% whole bunches went into the vat for the making of this wine, bringing spiciness and mouth-coating, textured length of flavour. Medium deep in colour, this has sumptuously ripe aromas. Palate is full-bodied and fresh, with remarkable energy, viscosity and length. A superb wine with a soft, long finish (for drinking 2023-2032).



Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

Domaine Faiveley 2017

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 the 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. Purple-garnet colour is of medium depth, with aromas open and lively, redolent of black fruits. This is richly structured, with powerfully fruity attack, seamlessly integrated mid-palate, and elegant, spicy, superbly long aftertaste. A great wine for mid-and long-term keeping (for drinking 2022-2038+).

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 385.00

Every good vintage, the Chambolle-Musigny 1st Growths sell out fast. The commune is tiny, and allocations from top growers, such as Faiveley, are always slim. This has medium-deep, purple ruby colour, with superbly striking, beautiful aromas. It is irresistibly charming to taste, the texture so silky, the tannins gentle and beguiling. The freshness on the finish, and the length, are heart-lifting (for drinking 2020-2027+).

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Corton Clos des Cortons-Faiveley Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 690.00

The Faiveley family has owned this Monopole Clos – where the vines straddle the plots known as Le Rognet and Le Corton - since 1874. Here they regularly produce one of the grandest, long-lived, most complex Cortons in existence. Recent fine-tuning of the wine-making has resulted in softer tannins, without loss of potential longevity. Purple-ruby of medium depth, with ripe, black fruit aromas very present. Palate has impressive structure, dense fruitiness, smooth texture – finishing with a peacock’s tail of flavours, held together in a rich, well-rounded tannic framework. A magnificent wine, for medium and long-term keeping (for drinking 2022-2035+).

3m 695.00

Echézeaux En Orveaux Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 690.00

This vineyard lies in a fast-draining sector of Echézeaux called En Orveaux, where the sun strikes powerfully. The vines used to suffer from water stress, giving slightly dry wines, with unyielding tannins. A new approach in the vineyard has seen the soils covered in mulch, to limit evaporation; in the winery, extraction has been fine-tuned. In colour, purple-ruby of medium depth, this has elegant, floral aromas. Palate demonstrates why this section of Echezeaux is known for its charm and delicacy. There is sufficient power, but also beguiling silkiness, great complexity and length, with the softest of finishes (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 690.00

This was one of Faiveley’s most thrilling wines in 2015 and 2016, and the same is true this year. The vines are very old, giving a tiny harvest of great concentration. This has deep colour, with complex, gorgeous aromas. Palate is powerfully mouth-filling, with opulent texture, great length and creamy, soft aftertaste. A sensational wine which may be enjoyed while youthful (for drinking 2020-2030+).

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

6b 775.00

Faiveley is the largest owner in Latricières-Chambertin (with over 1.2 hectares in production), and consistently makes one of the greatest examples. The wine was outstanding in 2015 and 2016, selling out rapidly; it is again amazing in 2017. Colour is pale, red-purple, with vibrant aromas. Palate brings together impressive structure with concentrated fruitiness and well-rounded tannins. This wine has its own personality, and, while less hedonistic than Charmes-Chambertin, has layers of flavour which will bring great complexity. One of the Domaine’s greatest bottlings in 2017, very rare (for drinking 2022-2035+).

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Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

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 Chambertin and Chambertin Clos de Bèze. “I’m very happy with the Mazis this year,” says wine-maker Jérôme Flous. “It’s the balance of everything you expect from a Gevrey-Chambertin Grand Cru.” Colour is medium-deep purple-ruby, with rich, smoky, intricate aromas. Palate has power and depth of fruit, with structure, richness, freshness and energy. This is great Burgundy (for drinking 2023-2038+).

Chambertin Clos des Bèze Grand Cru

Domaine Faiveley 2017

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 medium-deep, red-purple. For the nose, as expected from Clos de Bèze – which rarely struts its stuff while youthful – this was discreet, when tasted from barrel in October. But magnificent ripeness was apparent, with freshness, promising mightily for the future. On the palate, this was less demonstrative than Mazis-Chambertin, but had more imposing presence. Fruit density combined with well-structured body, gentle tannins, and outstanding length merit the highest praise. This is a prodigious wine, with a magnificent future, for drinking 2025-2045+).

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 is practised here, which may account for the bounce, texture, raciness and splendid length of the wines. Marie-Christine Mugneret talks about the vintage: “Maturity came early, so we were able to start

picking on 4th September, wishing to capture all the fresh, red fruits aromas. Our 2017s have structure with finesse in the background. There is nothing aggressive here, so these are wines which may be enjoyed while youthful.” We are fortunate to have access to this great estate’s wines, albeit in tiny quantities. “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.

Reds

Vosne-Romanée

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2017

6b 275.00

The grapes for this come 90% from the La Colombière vines which lie directly in front of the Domaine, with the balance from La Croix Blanche and Les Chalandins. The wine has been ageing in small oak barrels, of which about 20% were new. Colour is beautiful purple, aromas open and fresh, palate starts richly structured. It has bright, fresh fruit, with good middle, and silky, fine tannins – a lovely wine (for drinking 2020-2027+).

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Nuits-Saint-Georges Au Bas de Combe

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2017

6b 310.00

Just three barrels of this wine were made in 2017. As in past years, the wine comes from vines which are more than 60 years old. They are located in a tiny plot which is the last vineyard of the Nuits appellation before arriving at Vosne-Romanée's Premier Cru Les Combes. Medium-deep, bright purple-garnet in colour, this has exceptionally fresh aromas, very pretty. Palate has good body, with fleshy texture, gentle tannins and rich length (for drinking 2021-2028+).

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Chaignots

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2017

6b 375.00

From the northern slopes of Nuits-Saint-Georges, where the hillside runs along towards Vosne-Romanée's greatest plots, this steeply-sloped vineyard produces outstanding wines. Vines are nearly 60 years old, and the wine has been ageing in 50% new oak barrels. 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 deep purple-ruby, with elegant, lively fruitiness on the nose. First impressions on the palate are immediately positive, showing magnificent structure, dense fruit, superb length and very fine tannins (for drinking 2022-2030+).

Chambolle-Musigny Les Feusselottes 1er Cru

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2017

6b 450.00

This first growth lies at the heart of the village, situated directly between Les Amoureuses and Bonnes Mares, and often encapsulates Chambolle-Musigny's finesse, creamy texture and exceptional power-with-delicacy. The vines are now nearly 60 years old. Having been severely frosted in 2016, their energies were magnified to show a large, potential crop, so green harvesting took place during summer, to limit the yield. Colour is medium-deep purple-ruby, with freshly ripe, open aromas. Palate is full-bodied and elegant, with sweet middle, silky tannins and very fine length (for drinking 2022-2030+).



Echézeaux, Grand Cru

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2017

3b 525.00

This is a 50/50 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. Colour is deep and rich, nose shows complex, fruitcake aromas. Palate is smoothly textured, with fleshy ripeness and beautiful tannins in perfect balance. A great wine with superb length (for drinking 2022-2032+).

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Ruchottes-Chambertin, Grand Cru

Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg 2017

3b 575.00

This comes from Les Ruchottes du Bas, a corner of vineyard next to Mazis-Chambertin. Lying high on the hillside, Ruchottes gives less massive wine some of the other Gevrey Grands Crus, but finesse and aromatics are often outstanding. This comes partly from vines which are nearly 60 years old, partly from a plot which was re-planted in 2000. The family then vinified the grapes separately, until, in 2012, Marie-Andrée stated: "The younger vines have brought new life and vivacious energy to the blend. This is the right moment to bring the two elements together." This 2017 has mid-deep, purple-ruby colour, with a very fine nose. The palate shows plenty of flesh, with richness and complexity from the old vines, allied to energy and dynamic aftertaste (for drinking 2022-2035+).

Domaine J-F 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 well over 25 years. His vineyard holdings in these appellations are minuscule, however, so there is always great difficulty sharing out 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." 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. It's not like creating a perfume, each wine must be the expression of something that comes from nature." He added: "I like to be not more than two hand-shakes away from the people who drink my wines."

Reds

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

Domaine J-F Mugnier 2017

6b 340.00

"I think 2017 is a delicious vintage," says Mugnier, "and so Burgundian! We don't need big, fat, alcoholic wines, there are plenty of them around the world. What's important in Burgundy is to make wines which are different." This Clos de la Maréchale encapsulates what is thrilling about great red Burgundy. Colour is medium red-purple, aromas are complex, lush and fresh. Palate is well-structured, full-bodied – a harmonious fusion of supple fruitiness, layers of flavour, rich tannins and magnificent length (for drinking 2023-2030+).

3m 345.00

1j 250.00

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Domaine Georges Roumier, Chambolle-Musigny

Christophe Roumier is one of the most thoughtful, conscientious, widely-travelled, lauded wine-makers of his generation. He joined the family domaine in 1981, and has been unceasingly instrumental in raising the quality of its wines ever since. The Roumier style has richer structure than is sometimes found in Chambolle. These are lusciously sturdy wines of freshness, character and great length. Their

supple fruitiness and seductive textures allow for many bottles to be enjoyed while relatively youthful, but bottle-age also brings greater smoothness and complexity. We are fortunate to have been clients here for many years, but given the Domaine's world-wide renown, sharing out our allocations is extremely difficult, as demand regularly exceeds the limited supply.

Please contact us for prices and availabilities of:

Bourgogne rouge

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Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Clos de la Bussière Monopole

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Domaine du Clos 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 8.8 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 any less than perfect grapes, from its top bottlings.

Vineyard and wine-making have been the responsibility of Thierry Brouin here for many years, however – as retirement for Thierry loomed – he was joined by Boris Champy. The latter's training included long stints with the Jean-Pierre Moueix family, at Dominus in Napa and in Libourne, before moving to make wine in Burgundy. Thierry is still at his shoulder during the vintage, but the transition is taking place smoothly.

Reds

Morey-Saint-Denis

Domaine du Clos des Lambrays 2017

There is, we believe, no finer example of village level Morey-Saint-Denis than this beautiful wine. It embodies the purity, vibrancy and silky texture which are achievable from Pinot Noir, on the Côte de Nuits. Medium deep, red-purple in colour, on the nose this shows warm, well-ripened aromas, with spiciness. Palate is medium-bodied with lovely freshness, dense texture and well-defined, light tannins on the finish (for drinking 2021-2028+).

6b 295.00

3m 310.00

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Loups

Domaine du Clos des Lambrays 2017

Lambray's First Growth Les Loups is a blend of grapes sourced from three Premier Cru parcels: Clos Sorbet, Riottes and a plot named Le Village. 50% whole bunches were included for fermentation. Colour is medium-deep red-purple, with abundant aromas, recalling ripe, red fruits. Palate is well-structured, with concentrated, dense fruit, impressive richness, elegant texture and well-rounded tannins. The finish is fresh, long and complex (for drinking 2023-2031+).

6b 415.00

Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru

Domaine du Clos des Lambrays 2017

As in previous years, approximately 85% whole bunches were included in the fermentation vats, and the wine has been 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, strikingly clear. Aromas are fresh, complex and open. Palate starts in magnificent style, with well-rounded, dense fruitiness and broad structure. Layers of flavour, intermingling with gentle tannins, succeed one another, leading to a well-defined, long aftertaste. This is a succulent wine of the greatest beauty – a great Clos des Lambrays, harmonious and charming to the end (for drinking 2024-2035+).

6b 1050.00

3m 1060.00



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Domaine Henri Magnien, Gevrey-Chambertin

This small estate has extraordinary vineyard-holdings on the Côte Saint-Jacques, which is that sector of Gevrey-Chambertin 1st 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 grand-son 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 core of the estate lies in a sector of Gevrey-Chambertin where we have long wished to extend our offerings.

The estate has preserved and propagated a special "Pinot Noir Magnien" (about which, more 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 was a great thrill to re-introduce the Domaine's wines to the UK last year, and clients were delighted with his 2016s. These 2017s are superb, and we believe that Charles Magnien is a new star in the Gevrey-Chambertin firmament, whose wines we warmly recommend.

Reds

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Domaine Henri Magnien 2017

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. 12-15% whole bunches went into the fermentation vat this year, and this has brought a wine of rich, purple-ruby colour, with open, abundantly fresh aromas. Palate is intense and attractive, with very pretty roundness, gentle tannins and a fine finish (for drinking 2019-2027+).

Gevrey-Chambertin Champerrier

Domaine Henri Magnien 2017

6b 235.00

Champerrier is a red-soil vineyard on the northern, Brochon side of Gevrey, lying where the slope begins to soften, downhill from the First Growths. 25% whole bunches went into the vat, giving a wine of vibrant colour, solidly fruity nose, and densely-structured, rich palate. Slower to evolve than the Vieilles Vignes wine, this shows good length and fine potential (for drinking 2020-2028+)

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Champeaux

Domaine Henri Magnien 2017

6b 340.00

This comes from a vineyard which is over 30 years old, with a mere 20cm depth of soil before the vines's roots begin to penetrate into the rocks. Production is small, less than 1500 bottles, from just 5 barrels (of which 2 were new). Colour is bright, purple-ruby, aromas being fine and fragrant. Palate has dense fruitiness, bright purity, chewy layers of flavour and flattering aftertaste. This is a wine which may be enjoyed youthful, and also matured (for drinking 2020-2028+).

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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Estournelles Saint Jacques

Domaine Henri Magnien 2017

6b 355.00

This vineyard is high on the hillside, facing due south. It gives a powerful wine which is full of energy. Breezes coming down the little valley which leads up from the 1st Growths here help to evaporate liquid from the berries, concentrating the juices. Bright purple-ruby in colour, this has richly spicy, complex aromas. It's a bright, lively wine, with impressive fruit intensity, solid texture and well-rounded tannins, with splendid length (for drinking 2021-2030+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

Domaine Henri Magnien 2017

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 trees begin. Purple-ruby of medium depth, this has aromas which recall black fruits, spices and liquorice. Palate is magnificently structured, with mouth-filling fruitiness, many layers of flavour, rich, well-rounded tannins and spectacular aftertaste (for drinking 2022-2035+).

Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Henri Magnien 2017

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). This 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 barrels, whose staves spent 4 years maturing in the open air before being assembled, so new-oak input into this wine is imperceptible.

Colour is rich, purple-ruby of medium depth. Aromas are very fine, including peony, black fruits and sweet spices. Palate combines elegance with fruit intensity in astonishing harmony. There is freshness, silky texture, thrilling length. This is a very great wine (for drinking 2021-2040+.) Only 3 barrels of Ruchottes-Chambertin Henri Magnien were made in 2017, so our allocation is limited. Please let us know your wishes quickly, so we may do our best to share bottles as fairly as possible.

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Maison Laroze de Drouhin, Gevrey-Chambertin

Laroze de Drouhin is the négociant arm of Domaine Drouhin-Laroze, which was set up in 2008, by Caroline Drouhin. It has enabled the family to supplement their supply of grapes, increasing their range of wines and appellations. As Caroline Drouhin 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 bring to the wines of our own Domaine". Caroline and her brother Nicolas – head wine-maker – have found it fascinating to work with new terroirs. We were delighted to add their two wines to our range last year, and find the 2017s both equally delightful.

Reds

Bourgogne Cote d'Or Pinot Noir

Maison Laroze de Drouhin 2017

12b 128.50

"These grapes come solely from the Côte de Nuits, from land under the Chambolle-Musigny and Morey-Saint-Denis vineyards, with some Gevrey-Chambertin grapes," says Caroline. Colour is deep, purple-ruby, the aromas being rich and open. This is full-bodied, with fruit, freshness and tannins in fine balance (for drinking 2018-2021+).

Fixin

Maison Laroze de Drouhin 2017

12b 256.00

This comes 80% from a vineyard in the centre of the village called En Coton. Colour is medium deep, red-purple, with delicate, fine perfume, very fragrant. It is a beautifully balanced wine, with gentle fruit and elegant aftertaste. It was charming from barrel, and will be accessible (for drinking 2019-2024+).

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Domaine Drouhin-Laroze, Gevrey-Chambertin

This long-established Domaine has magnificent vineyard-holdings in the northern Côte de Nuits, with many 1st Growths, and also no less than six of the greatest Grands Crus. Their Bonnes Mares is regularly outstanding, as are Chapelle-Chambertin, Latricières-Chambertin, Clos-Vougeot and 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 a 2nd generational change, as Philippe and his wife Christine encourage their well-qualified children Nicolas and Caroline to take over the reins.

In the past, all grape-bunches were de-stemmed, but since 2014 a proportion of whole bunches is being added to certain Cuvées (details are below).

Reds

Gevrey-Chambertin Dix Climats

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

12b 325.00

The Domaine owns 4 hectares of village Gevrey-Chambertin in 6 parcels, from which they regularly make one of the most impressive examples of the appellation. 25% whole bunches went into the fermentation vat, and the wine has been ageing in 30% new oak barrels.

Rich purple in colour, with very fresh, open, Pinot Noir aromas, this has fine structure and substantial fruitiness. Nicolas Drouhin explains his wine-making objective: "To achieve delicate wines with round tannins" – which has clearly been achieved here. The wine has good length, with fresh harmony (for drinking 2020-2027+).

6m 365.00

Morey-Saint-Denis Très Girard

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

12b 325.00

This comes from the Très Girard vineyard, near Morey's restaurant of the same name. "We forgot to stay stop to the whole bunches," admits Nicolas, so 90% went into this cuvée.

The result though is a stunning wine with bright, pale colour and with remarkably open, complex aromas of great beauty. Well-balanced fruitiness, with gentle tannins and fine length complete the picture – very fine and elegant style (for drinking 2020-2025+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Au Closeau

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

6b 246.00

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 are carefully managed to restrict and concentrate their yield. Colour is medium-deep, red-purple, aromas being open, rich and complex. This is full-bodied, with impressive middle-palate, good freshness and gentle tannins. Its creamy texture and vibrant fruit are striking (for drinking 2021-2029+).

3m 264.00

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Chambolle-Musigny

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

6b 258.00

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. Just 5 barrels were made, yielding less than 1500 bottles. Colour is solid purple, with the special aromatics and finesse we love to find in this village. The wine is richly-built, silkily textured, creamy and long with completely charming tannins and delicate length (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Clos Prieur

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

6b 258.00

This Premier Cru lies south of Au Closeau, and also neighbours Grand Cru Mazis-Chambertin, which is just across the Route des Grands Crus. Colour is ruby-purple of medium depth, aromas are very fragrant, fresh and alluring. This is a fantastic wine amongst the Gevrey 1st Growths this year – structure is rich, fruitiness is resonant and mellow, aftertaste is harmonious, refreshing and very long. Great potential (for drinking 2022-2032+).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaut Saint Jacques

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

6b 258.00

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. Deeper in colour than Clos Prieur, this has richly spicy, fresh aromas, very pure. Palate is broadly-built and packed with invigorating fruitiness. A complete wine of great beauty, with excellent balance and length, no hurry to open this (for drinking 2023-2032+).

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

6b 474.00

Latricières-Chambertin lies directly south of Le Chambertin, producing one of the longest-living wines in all Burgundy. This 2017 was vinified with 25% whole bunches, to give a wine of benchmark fruit concentration, allied with great potential. Colour is richly purple, aromas are redolent of spices and roasted, black fruits. Palate has firm structure, with dense fruitiness, well-sustained in mid-flavour, ample, fine tannins, with no sign of hardness or bitterness. A great wine for mid-, and long-term ageing (for drinking 2024-2040+).

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

6b 535.00

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. These bunches were 100% de-stemmed, giving a deeply-coloured, purple-ruby wine, with exceptionally fresh, expressive aromas. Palate shows superb fruit, held within a sturdy framework of rich tannins and lively freshness. Complexity of aftertaste is magnificent (for drinking 2023-2040+).

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Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

Drouhin-Laroze owns an impressive 1.5 hectares of Bonnes-Mares, and the wine is consistently superb. In 2017, 25% of the grapes went into the fermentation vat as whole bunches, contributing aromatic complexity, intricacy of structure and silkiness of texture. "We love what whole bunches bring to Bonnes-Mares," say Caroline and Nicolas. Colour is dense and deep, a vibrant purple-ruby. Nose is floral, lively and full of interest. Palate was reserved when tasted from barrel in October, but the fruit intensity was palpable, the tannins gentle, the finish fresh and extremely long (for drinking 2023-2040+).

6b 575.00

3m 595.00

Chambertin Clos de Beze Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

The Domaine owns nearly 1.5 hectares here: an enviable vineyard-holding, with vines partly dating back to 1949. In 2017, 25% whole bunches were used in the fermentation vats, to bring added layers of complexity and creamy texture. Colour is purple-ruby of medium depth, aromas are complex, rich and pungent. Palate shows impeccable balance between structure, fruit intensity, harmonious tannins and creamy, mouth-coating length. This is one of the greatest wines of the vintage, for medium and long-term keeping (for drinking 2024-2045+).

6b 625.00

3m 645.00

Musigny Grand Cru

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2017

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. Just two barrels were made in 2017, and the wine is again of astonishing beauty. Colour is very deep, bouquet shows finesse, richness and complexity. Palate is full-bodied, intensely concentrated, silky, magnificently fresh, outstandingly long. This is very rare, and one the vintage's greatest bottles (for drinking 2023-2040+).

1b 320.00

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