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The Style Of 2017 Whites

2017 is a huge success for Olivier Leflaive white burgundies. The wines are sapid, intensely flavoured, with enough richness (but not too much) and lively, bright acidity. Levels of alcohol are relatively low and we found a superb purity to the fruit in these wines. These wines are precise and full of verve and life. At their best, there are elements of 2014 to be found here.

Franck Grux – Winemaker

It is thanks to the extraordinary talent of Franck Grux, and the back-up from his strong, long-standing team, that the Olivier Leflaive wines are so exciting. Franck's attention to detail, his obsession with picking dates, his ability to identify and eliminate less-than-perfect barrels from a cuvée, his understanding of the need for freshness and purity, mean that he produces wines of beauty, elegance and real character. Bravo Franck!

Buying 2017 Olivier Leflaive En Primeur

This is an early moment to buy wines that are still in barrel, but we are rewarded by being able to select the top cuvées, and by securing favourable prices. In turn, we offer you the opportunity to reap these same benefits. The wines are offered in bond, excluding duty and VAT, which are payable on shipment later this year for some wines, or early in 2019.

The Growing Season

Following a mild start to April, which saw buds appear, the spectre of frosts once again appeared. The nights of 27th, 28th and 29th April saw growers from many villages out in the early hours, burning straw, to create clouds of smoke to combat the danger of the clear, cold skies above. Unlike much of France, almost all the Côte d'Or miraculously dodged the frost bullet and normality resumed. A sunny May led to perfect conditions for flowering at the beginning of June. Summer continued in this vein, the odd burst of rainfall in July helping the vines to mature the berries, bringing on an early harvest. Picking at Olivier Leflaive started on 30th August in ideal conditions. The grapes were incredibly healthy and perfectly ripe, with, thankfully, correct yields.

Ways to Order

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Bourgogne Aligoté

Olivier Leflaive 2017

12x75cl £81.50

For fresh, summer drinking the 2017 Aligoté is hard to resist. Now made partially from Olivier Leflaive domaine and partly from bought-in grapes, this is bright, green-gold, with open, perfumed, floral aromas. Palate is lively, clean and appetising (for drinking 2018-2020).



Montagny 1er Cru Les Perrières

Olivier Leflaive 2017

12x75cl £166.00

Pale golden-green in colour, there is fresh ripeness on the nose that is most appealing. Franck Grux has kept 15% of this wine in tank to enhance the purity of fruit in the final blend. This is a lovely vintage for Perrières, with a good middle, lively aftertaste and well balanced finish (for drinking 2019-2021+).



Rully 1er Cru Vauvry

12x75cl £162.50

Olivier Leflaive 2017

6x150cl £192.50

100% fermented in oak barrels, of which 15% were new, this will spend just over half a year in barrel, then 3-4 months in tank, to bring fruit integration, without losing freshness. It is attractive green-gold in colour, with lively aromas recalling fresh, ripe apricots. There is well-balanced fruit, with a racy, stony character and supple aftertaste (for drinking 2019-2023+).



Beaune blanc Clos des Monnières

12x75cl £180.00

Olivier Leflaive 2017

6x150cl £210.00

This comes from higher altitude vineyards than most red Beaunes - apt for Chardonnay planting - which are now managed by Olivier Leflaive. The wine is pale golden, with acacia and pear aromas. Palate is richly structured, with ample, ripe fruit concentration, finishing fresh. Once again, an exceptional cuvée, and brilliant value (for drinking 2019-2024+).



Saint-Romain Sous le Château

Olivier Leflaive 2017

12x75cl £195.00

No vineyards are classified as 1ers Crus in Saint-Romain, but if ever it happens, this would certainly make the grade. Pale lemon-gold, with very fine, delicately complex aromas, the wine shows racy fruit, with great intensity and fresh acidity, in perfect balance. Less than 200 dozen (from 7 barrels, of which 18% were new) were made, and we urge you to secure this, it's brilliant (for drinking 2019-2024+).



Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Chatenières

12x75cl £285.00

Olivier Leflaive 2017

Pale gold in colour, this has striking elegance on both nose and palate. Just 5 barrels were made (of which one was new), so only about 120 dozen bottles exist to be shared worldwide. This is richly-built, with intense fruitiness and creamy aftertaste – a brilliant wine (for drinking 2020-2025+).



Meursault Les Clous

12x75cl £357.50

Olivier Leflaive 2017

6x150cl £387.50

High on the Meursault hillside, alongside Les Tillets, this in-house -managed vineyard gives concentrated juice of great beauty. Colour of the wine is pale, green-gold, aromas are bright and mouth-watering; palate shows harmony, silkiness and balance. The wine is super-rich, with elegance and impressive length (for drinking 2020-2025+).



Meursault Les Meix-Chavaux

12x75cl £357.50

Olivier Leflaive 2017

6x150cl £387.50

This wine comes from the vines which Leflaive wine-maker Franck Grux used to produce personally and we shipped exclusively to the UK. Now, while the wine-making remains the same, the vineyard is part of the Leflaive domaine.

Double-sized barrels are used, for two thirds of the cuvée, to minimise new-oak character, yet ensure harmonious flavour-development. Green-gold and beautifully perfumed, this is lively and elegant, with superb, fresh length (for drinking 2020-2027+).



Puligny-Montrachet

Olivier Leflaive 2017

12x75cl £385.00

Olivier Leflaive has unmatched access to superb grapes from across their home commune. We tasted the constituent parts of this cuvée before its final assembling – some wines from the Meursault side, some from near the Chassagne border, another from the heart of the village, just below 1st Growths Clavoillon and Perrières. As in past years, the final wine will be fragrant, creamily-textured, with striking elegance and delicious length (for drinking 2020-2026+).



Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Hameau de Blagny

Olivier Leflaive 2017

12x75cl £498.00

The hamlet of Blagny is a wonderful source for perfectly-balanced grapes. This vineyard lies high up on the hillside, so can retain precious acidity in a ripe vintage like 2017. In colour, this is pale, green-golden, with strikingly open, fresh aromas of real beauty. Palate shows powerfully vibrant fruit intensity, with delicate, long-lasting, complex aftertastes. A gorgeous wine (for drinking 2021-2026+).

Buying Wine In Bond

Prices in this offer are quoted per case of bottles (12x75cl) in bond UK. Once shipped to the UK these wines will incur duty and VAT (at the prevailing rate) upon release from bonded warehouse. Any wines not delivered by our own delivery vehicles will be subject to a carriage charge.

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