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Burgundy 2018 En Primeur



Gregory Gouges of Domaine Gouges drawing a sample of his Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Vaucrains',
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Vintage Report

“C’était une année solaire”, Guillaume Camus of Domaine Camus-Bruchon explained to us – a year defined predominantly by the amount of sun the vines received throughout the growing season. That doesn’t tell half the story though, as the timing of the rain, or lack thereof made the style of the vintage as much as the heat did.

The preceding winter and spring were warmer than usual, but also much wetter. This helped build up water reserves that proved essential to see the vines through what turned out to be a very hot and dry summer, with July, August and September all registering above average temperatures. That combination in that order meant that there was a quick, even flowering, any early disease worries quickly dissipated and a large, healthy, ripe crop was on track all the way to an early harvest, conducted under clear skies.

These conditions might lead one to believe that 2018 showed ideal conditions for it to be a red year, more than one for the whites. Much to my surprise when we started our tastings, I could not say this was a fair conclusion at all. In fact, if I were forced to choose, I’d put the whites ahead of the reds, but it was a close-run thing and something that varied from Domaine to Domaine. The key ingredient that allowed the whites to flourish, and something that helped the reds too, is that while the sugars accumulated in the grapes thanks to the sunny conditions, the lack of summer rain meant that everything stayed concentrated, including most crucially the acids. This made for fresh, vibrant whites and crunchy fruit-driven reds, as long as the grapes were picked soon enough.

The potential for quality then for both colours is extremely high (a fact underlined by Andrew Jefford rating the vintage 5/5 for the reds and 4.5/5 for the whites), but brilliance was not uniform in 2018. The key determinant above all others was the date of harvest. With lots of sun and no rain, growers could pick their ideal moment to bring the grapes in, but with ripeness levels hurtling up at the end of August, even a couple of days’ delay beyond the optimum point could see that beautiful freshness lost, and with it focus and balance. Harvests generally took place between the 22nd August and 14th September and much more often than not it was those who gambled on picking early rather than late that ended up wearing the widest smiles.

2018 does not easily equate to any recent Burgundy vintage. The most common response we got when we asked our various growers which previous years it resembled was “not 2003”! For the reds, we heard comparisons made to 1990, 1999 and even 1959. For the whites, 1982 was brought up more than once, with the usually humble Antoine Jobard adding that he considers 2018 his family Domaine’s best vintage in 30 or 40 years. Coming from him, and from an estate with such a back catalogue of stellar wines, that is saying quite something.

We have been especially picky with the listings for our offer this year, but with so many good options we did not struggle to fill it to the brim with some wonderful reds and whites that knocked our socks off back in the autumn and which we are sure will have the same effect on any Burgundy lover.

Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite’s Fine Wine

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What the critics say...

"The best wines are superlative, in the class of the very best that Burgundy can produce. Ripe in flavour and tannins, adequate in acidity, with a feeling of freshness superior to the analysis of the acids, and balanced in alcohol."

Jasper Morris, Inside Burgundy

"For those who are looking for red burgundy they can actually afford, there is some very good news in the Côte de Nuits: regional and village wines seem to have benefited from the generous and joyful fruit of the vintage."

Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com

"For all the 2018 vintage's challenges, its best renditions will be wines of considerable depth, dimension and sheer drama—even if they fall outside the region's norms."

William Kelley, RobertParker.com

"Choose carefully and this is a vintage that will give you immediate pleasure and also age well in the medium-term."

Tim Atkin, Decanter.com

"I was taken aback by how well many of the whites wines show in 2018."

Neal Martin, Vinous.com

"The hot, dry summer produced healthy grapes everywhere and some good to very good bottles. You just need to pick the right ones."

Tim Atkin, Decanter.com

"Despite the warmth, quality is outstanding. The wines show both depth and vivacity as well as focus and precision, and are expected to age well."

Andrew Jefford, Wine Scholar Guild

Summary of Available Reds

Red Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes	Bourgogne	-	£100 per 12
Domaine Confuron-Gindre	Bourgogne	-	£70 per 6
Domaine Camus-Bruchon	Bourgogne	81-83 NM	£150 per 12
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	Bourgogne	87 JM	£160 per 12
Domaine Tupinier-Bautista	Mercury	-	£180 per 12
Domaine Faiveley 'La Framboisière	Mercury	91 TA	£185 per 12
Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Le Grand Saussy'	Chorey-Lès-Beaune	-	£192 per 12
Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire 'Clos Jus'	Givry 1er Cru	16+ JR	£195 per 12
Domaine Jean Grivot	Coteaux Bourguignons	84-86 NM	£195 per 12
Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Cuvée Reine Joly'	Savigny-Lès-Beaune	84-86 NM	£219 per 12
Domaine Charles Audoin 'Cuvée Marie Ragonneau'	Marsannay	88-90 RP	£230 per 12
Domaine Matrot	Auxey-Duresses	88+ RP	£240 per 12
Domaine Charles Audoin 'Clos du Roi'	Marsannay	90-92 RP	£280 per 12
Domaine Joseph Colin Rouge	Chassagne-Montrachet	86-88 JM	£145 per 6
Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Le Bois Rousot'	Ladoix 1er Cru	-	£295 per 12
Domaine Georges Lignier	Gevrey-Chambertin	90 TA	£330 per 12
Domaine Taupenot-Merme	Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru	89-91 NM	£175 per 6
Méo-Camuzet Frère et Sœurs	Fixin	88-90 NM	£186 per 6
Benjamin Leroux 'La Pièce Sous Le Bois'	Blagny 1er Cru	91-93 RP	£195 per 6
Domaine Felettig	Nuits-Saint-Georges	90-93 JM	£195 per 6
Domaine Henri Gouges	Nuits-Saint-Georges	91 TA	£195 per 6

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Red Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Grand Epenots-Clos de Cîteaux'	Pommard 1er Cru	-	£195 per 6
Domaine de Montille 'Aux Saints Juliens'	Nuits-Saint-Georges	92 TA	£420 per 12
Domaine Hudelot-Baillet	Chambolle-Musigny	93 TA	£425 per 12
Domaine Taupenot-Merme	Morey-Saint-Denis	93 TA	£225 per 6
Méo-Camuzet Frère et Sœurs	Morey-Saint-Denis	-	£252 per 6
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Les Songes'	Gevrey-Chambertin	92-94 JM	£255 per 6
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Clos Village'	Gevrey-Chambertin	90-92 JM	£260 per 6
Domaine Michel Noëllat	Vosne-Romanée	-	£520 per 12
Domaine François Bertheau	Chambolle-Musigny	-	£285 per 6
Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Hautes Mourottes'	Corton Grand Cru	-	£295 per 6
Domaine Felettig	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	91-94 JM	£360 per 6
Domaine Felettig 'Les Combottes'	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	91-93 RP	£370 per 6
Domaine Felettig 'Gruenchers'	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	91-93+ RP	£375 per 6
Domaine Taupenot-Merme 'Pruliers'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	93 TA	£395 per 6
Domaine Georges Lignier	Clos-Saint-Denis Grand Cru	95 TA	£520 per 6
Méo-Camuzet Frère et Sœurs 'Les Feusselottes'	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	91-93 RP	£570 per 6
Domaine Georges Lignier	Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru	95 TA	£770 per 6

Summary of Available Whites

White Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Domaine Felettig Blanc	Hautes-Côtes de Beaune	88 RP	£85 per 6
Domaine Henri Gouges Pinot Blanc	Bourgogne	90 TA	£95 per 6
Domaine Joseph Colin 'La Combe'	Bourgogne	86 JM	£100 per 6
Domaine Hubert Lamy 'Les Chataigniers'	Bourgogne	90 TA	£100 per 6
Benjamin Leroux 'Sous Le Chateau'	Saint-Romain	88 RP	£105 per 6
Domaine Long Depaquit 'Les Beugnons'	Chablis 1er Cru	89-91 AM	£120 per 6
Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Vieilles Vignes'	Meursault	-	£280 per 12
Joseph Drouhin Blanc	Côte de Beaune	92 TA	£295 per 12
Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils	Puligny-Montrachet	-	£295 per 12
Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Clos St Philibert'	Hautes-Côtes de Nuits	89 RP	£150 per 6
Domaine Servin 'Blanchots'	Chablis Grand Cru	90-93 AM	£150 per 6
Domaine Servin 'Les Preuses'	Chablis Grand Cru	95 TA	£150 per 6
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	Chassagne-Montrachet	87-90 JM	£345 per 12
Domaine Matrot	Meursault	89-92 JM	£350 per 12
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	Puligny-Montrachet	90-92 NM	£190 per 6
Domaine Long-Depaquit 'Bougrons'	Chablis Grand Cru	-	£195 per 6
Joseph Drouhin	Puligny-Montrachet	92 TA	£440 per 12
Domaine Antoine Jobard	Meursault	90-92 NM	£228 per 6
Lavantureux Frères 'Bougrons'	Chablis Grand Cru	18 JR	£230 per 6
Benjamin Leroux 'Baudines'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	89-92 JM	£252 per 6
Domaine Faiveley 'Les Referts'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	16.5 JR	£265 per 6
Joseph Drouhin 'Embazées'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	93 TA	£330 per 6
Joseph Drouhin - Marquis de Laguiche 'Morgeot'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	95 TA	£370 per 6
Joseph Drouhin 'Clos de la Garenne'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	-	£375 per 6
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	92-95 RP	£1185 per 6



Domaine Antoine Jobard

Rue du Leignon, Meursault

“Since easing the reins from Jobard père, Antoine Jobard has rapidly become one of Meursault’s go-to winemakers.”
Neal Martin



Antoine Jobard took over from his father François on his retirement twelve years ago, becoming the fifth generation to take charge of the Domaine. The 2011 vintage was the first time we had tasted chez Jobard and the wines hugely impressed. Since then the bar has been raised higher still each year. Here is a perfect example of the trend seen in Meursault over the last few years where the archetypal sweet-fruited, buttery, highly-oaked wines that dominate popular perception of the appellation have started to give way to wines that are more lightly oaked and earlier picked, keeping a tension and focus and allowing the terroir to better express itself. Jobard now produces "some of the most long lived Meursaults" (Andrew Jefford, The New France). The flavour profile too is shifting, from tropical fruits to citrus.

Antoine is not one prone to hyperbole, so when he answered that he thought 2018 was the best vintage for 30 or 40 years, we were taken aback. Drawing particular parallels to the 1982 vintage, which was also an abundant, but high quality harvest, his impression was backed up by our tasting samples. Everything here performed a level up from what could be expected, from the Bourgogne that wipes the floor with many other producers’ Meursaults, to a Meursault that does the same against others’ Premiers Crus. These were some of the unquestioned white highlights of the vintage, and a property not to miss in 2018.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Antoine Jobard	Meursault	White	90-92 NM	£228 per 6 IB

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**Domaine Antoine Jobard
Meursault**



£228 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Late 2020

90-92 Neal Martin

88-90 Jasper Morris

“The 2018 Meursault Village comes from three parcels: Sous La Velle, Les Corbins and Les Chaumes. It has an elegant bouquet of fresh white peaches, citrus lemon and light wet limestone aromas, reminiscent of a Jean-Marc Roulot. There is a light tangy orange peel note on the entry of this well-balanced, quite deep wine. The persistent ginger-tinged finish fans out gently in a satisfying manner. Excellent.”

90-92 Pts, Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020



Maison Roche de Bellene

Rue du Faubourg Saint-Nicolas, Beaune

“Nicolas Potel’s wines have a strong following in the UK, the United States and Japan and for good reason. His wide portfolio of both domaine and négociant wines can be absolutely delicious.”

Neal Martin



Our visits to Nicolas Potel’s Maison Roche de Bellene are always memorable for several reasons, including being reminded of how much of a wine nut Nicolas is – his knowledge of the minutest of details of for example specific sub-plots within vineyards illustrates a real attention to detail that very much manifests itself in the winery too. One would hope from a good Burgundy négociant to get a large range of wines at a consistent and good level of quality and at a keen price – Roche de Bellene ticks these boxes and goes far beyond.

Potel was very happy indeed with the 2018 vintage in terms of both quantity and quality. He puts his own success down to hard work in the vineyard, followed by a quick picking, delivering the grapes into the winery in optimum condition, where a philosophy of minimal intervention reigns. To underline the health of the fruit that arrived in the winery, the sorting table was barely used, despite Potel’s disposition towards it, his father having been a pioneer.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes	Bourgogne	Red		£100 per 12 IB

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**Maison Roche de Bellene
Vieilles Vignes
Bourgogne**



£100 per 12 IB
Drink to 2023
Arriving Late 2020

"This is a charming red. Ripe and with its front foot forward, this is a very friendly, expressive, crowd-pleasing Pinot Noir made predominantly from fruit surrounding the villages of Pommard and Volnay. Fragrant and silky, it is aged in extra-large barrels, which add roundness to the wine without dominating it with oak."
Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine



The line up of bottles after our tasting at Nicolas Potel's Masion Roche de Bellene.



Domaines Albert Bichot

Rue Colbert, Beaune

“Albert Bichot is one of those Beaune-based producers that can really surprise. Maybe like me, you spent years dismissing the wines while drinking your La Tâche and then lo and behold, you are served a bottle of Bichot blind and marvel at how well it shows.”

Neal Martin



Bichot’s wines are characterised by their elegance and nuance – think of a ballerina rather than a rugby player! The wines feel so unforced and effortless; the very essence of what Burgundy should be about. These are perhaps not wines to convert New World drinkers, but they most certainly are wines to bring a smile to the face of many an existing Burgundy fan.

In 2018 we were particularly taken by the quality offered by Bichot’s whites, especially those from their Chablis property Domaine Long-Depaquit. While part of the larger Albert Bichot enterprise, Long-Depaquit is run separately, with a different winemaking team in charge of affairs in this Northernmost outpost of Burgundy.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Long-Depaquit ‘Les Beugnons’	Chablis 1er Cru	White	89-91 AM	£120 per 6 IB
Domaine Long-Depaquit ‘Bougros’	Chablis Grand Cru	White		£195 per 6 IB

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**Domaine Albert Bichot
Santenay**



£120 per 6 IB
Drink to 2023
Arriving Late 2020

“Vinified in oak, 25% of which was new, this is not a shy Santenay. Instead it is a flavour packed wine, doing a good impression of an old school Meursault. A guilty pleasure.”

Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine

**Domaine Long-Depaquit
'Bougros'
Chablis Grand Cru**



£195 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2020

“Our pick of a very impressive line up of Grands Crus from this estate, the Bougros shows succulence and opulence to the fruit, as well as an impressively flinty minerality.”

Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine



Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

Grande Rue, Dezize-Lès-Maranges

“What can I say? What more needs to be said? These guys are just making stupendous white Burgundy wines that rank alongside the best you can find... If you have not discovered the Bachelet brothers yet, it's time to do so.”
Jancis Robinson



Based in picturesque Dezize-Lès-Maranges, but with several parcels of Meursault, Chassagne- and Puligny-Montrachet village and Premier Cru vineyards, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot are one of the most exciting additions to our range over the last decade and have already got quite a following. The estate is run by brothers Marc and Alexandre and their wines, both red and white, are delicious, each seeming to get the balance between drinkability and structure just right.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	Bourgogne	Red	87 JM	£160 per 12 IB
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	Chassagne-Montrachet	White	87-90 JM	£345 per 12 IB
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	Puligny-Montrachet	White	90-92 NM	£190 per 6 IB

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Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Bourgogne



£160 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

87 Jasper Morris

85-87 Neal Martin

"The 2018 Bourgogne Rouge, which contains 15% whole bunch, comes partly from Hautes Côtes de Beaune and partly from Maranges itself. It has a very pretty bouquet of red cherries and crushed strawberry fruit. The palate is fresh on the entry with crunchy red berry fruit and good acidity. A little rustic and short but shows good vigor."

85-87 Pts, Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Chassagne-Montrachet



£345 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

87-90 Jasper Morris

87-88 Neal Martin

"First to be picked. Same agreeable lemon colour, an attractive nose which is just now beginning to show its qualities, and a lovely suave texture on the palate helped by just enough acidity. Enough weight to this and not over ripe. Tasted: November 2019."

87-90 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot 'Clos du Cromin' Meursault



£385 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

90-92 Neal Martin

89-92 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Meursault Clos du Cromin, from a location north of Volnay Santenots, is a little broody on the nose at first and demands encouragement from the glass. Touches of wax resin and pressed flowers eventually emerge, veering toward Puligny in style. The palate is taut and fresh on the entry with lip-smacking salinity. Vibrant and energetic, displaying impressive precision and finesse on the finish. This is an exceptional Clos du Cromin."

90-92 Pts, Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

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Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire

Russilly, Givry

“As the wines of the Côte d’Or’s most glamorous communes command seemingly ever-higher prices, there has never been a timelier moment to explore the Côte Chalonnaise.”

William Kelley



Chofflet-Valdenaire is located in the picture-book hillside hamlet of Russilly, in the Côte Chalonnaise. The estate has been in the family for over 100 years and today the 11 hectare domaine is run by Jean Chofflet’s son-in-law, Denis Valdenaire, a former alpine ski monitor. After taking over the Domaine in 2000, Denis studied viticulture in Beaune where he took on the idea of moving the estate’s farming to more sustainable means, achieving ‘agriculture raisonnée’ certification in 2008. Today, and in 2018 in particular the wines have no lack of upfront charm, but also serious structures that belie the modest price tags.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire ‘Clos Jus’	Givry 1er Cru	Red	16+ JR	£195 per 12 IB

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Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire
'Clos Jus'
Givry 1^{er} Cru



£195 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

16+ Jancis Robinson

“Better substance than their En Choué, with firm tannins and hint of tea-leaf complexity on the finish. Tight and bright, with enough fruit intensity to age over the short-to-medium term.”

16+ Pts Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020



Domaine Georges Lignier

Grande Rue, Morey-Saint-Denis

“Georges Lignier's nephew Benoît Stehly has been involved in the domaine since 2002 and took over sole responsibility in 2008, since which time the wines have become finer and finer.”

Jancis Robinson



Among one of the most humble and charming people you would want to meet, Benoît Stehly is producing some delightful wines at this Domaine in Morey. Benoît has been working there since 2002 and has taken on the day to day management in the last decade.

This estate is on a run of top form over recent vintages, producing quite a spread of elegant wines across the range of classifications. It's notable that Jancis Robinson in particular clearly appreciates the appeal of these wines as her 2016 feature on Domaine George Lignier testifies – “I'd like to draw your attention to a domaine that seems to be getting better and better.”

The 2018s are as elegant as ever at this address, with delicate fruit and tannins across the range. A classic year for Lignier that fans of the style are sure to enjoy.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Georges Lignier	Gevrey-Chambertin	Red	90 TA	£330 per 12 IB
Domaine Georges Lignier	Clos-Saint-Denis Grand Cru	Red	95 TA	£520 per 6 IB
Domaine Georges Lignier	Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru	Red	95 TA	£770 per 6 IB

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**Domaine Georges Lignier
Gevrey-Chambertin**



£330 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2020

90 Tim Atkin

16.5+ Jancis Robinson

“Cask sample. Elusive fruit on the nose, while the palate is all floral. Atypical for Gevrey, perhaps, although the structure is suitably firm. Long, fragrant finish.”

16.5+ Pts Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020

**Domaine Georges Lignier
'Clos des Ormes'
Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru**



£195 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

92 Tim Atkin

17+ Jancis Robinson

“Cask sample. Red fruit and cola on the nose, with plenty of oak spice in the mix too. Highly tannic and stocky in structure. Not the most powerful example of fruit intensity, but enough to open up and reveal hidden depths.”

17+ Pts Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020

**Domaine Georges Lignier
Bonnes Mares
Grand Cru**



£770 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042+
Arriving Late 2020

95 Tim Atkin

17.5+ Jancis Robinson

“Cask sample. Pure redcurrant and cherry fruit, a little dark chocolate and black olive emerging already, and well-integrated sweet oak spice for contrast. Intense and lengthy but nowhere near ready.”

17.5+ Pts Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020



Domaine Bonneau du Martray

Rue de Fretille, Pernand-Vergelesses

“Their Corton-Charlemagne is one of the greatest wines in all Burgundy.”

Clive Coates



The purchase, in early 2017 of this estate by Screaming Eagle owner Stan Kroenke created some of the biggest headlines of the year in the world of fine wine, the American businessman falling for the “terroir that exists nowhere else”. Already one of Burgundy’s most prestigious estates, Kroenke is aiming to push Bonneau du Martray that tiny bit further to fully exploit the Domaine’s magnificent holdings. This is the only Domaine in Burgundy that makes solely Grand Cru, owning the single largest block of vineyards on the Corton hill.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton-Charlemagne	White	92-95 RP	£1185 per 6 IB

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Domaine Bonneau du Martray
Corton-Charlemagne
Grand Cru



£1185 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Late 2020

92-95 Robert Parker

"I tasted multiple components that will make up the final blend of the 2018 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru to write a composite tasting note. Exhibiting aromas of orange oil, pear, spices and hazelnuts, the wine is full-bodied, ample and textural but controlled. Still in some instances clouded by suspended sediment, this Corton-Charlemagne is far from being fully formed, so this shouldn't be considered by any means a definitive note, but the raw materials certainly appear promising."

92-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, January 2020



Domaine Charles Audoin

Rue de la Boulotte, Marsannay-la-Côte

“For my palate, these are the finest wines being produced in Marsannay. Satiny and elegant, intensely flavorful but gently extracted, these bottlings can stand just as proudly among the grander villages and premiers crus of the Côte de Nuits as they do among the local competition. The fact that this domaine is located in Marsannay simply means better value for the consumer.”

William Kelley



Cyril Audoin, who has run this Domaine with his wife Marie-Françoise since 1972, is passionate about this Northernmost appellation in the Côte de Nuits, right on the edge of the city of Dijon. Back when his father Charles bought up some of Marsannay’s best parcels of land, the village did not even possess its own appellation, while today the talk is of Premiers Crus being given the blessing by the authorities.

Being a relatively young appellation, Marsannay can be had at a very keen price when compared to its fellow Côte de Nuits red villages, but make no mistake, Audoin’s wines are serious stuff, with excellent terroir expression and, as a tasting of older vintages proved, plenty of ability to age gracefully.

The 2018 vintage reminded Cyril of 2010—good for both reds and whites. Approximately 20% whole bunch addition was used on the reds, adding structure without dominating the style of the wines.

If you haven’t yet explored the wines of Domaine Audoin, or Marsannay for that matter, now is the time!



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Charles Audoin ‘Cuvée Marie Ragonneau’	Marsannay	Red	88-90 RP	£230 per 12 IB
Domaine Charles Audoin ‘Clos du Roi	Marsannay	Red	90-92 RP	£280 per 12 IB

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**Domaine Charles Audoin
'Cuvée Marie Ragonneau'
Marsannay**



£230 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

88-90 Robert Parker

"Aromas of raspberries, spices and candied peel preface the 2018 Marsannay Cuvée Marie Ragonneau, a medium to full-bodied, ample and charming wine that's supple and open-knit, with a generous core of succulent fruit and a nicely defined finish."

88-90 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020

**Domaine Charles Audoin
'Clos du Roi'
Marsannay**



£280 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028+
Arriving Late 2020

90-92 Robert Parker

"Wafting from the glass with lovely aromas of cherries, wild berries, peonies and orange rind, the 2018 Marsannay Clos du Roy is medium to full-bodied, rich and enveloping, with a fleshy core of fruit, succulent acids and good depth at the core. A touch richer and headier than the 2017 rendition, this is a gourmand Marsannay from Audoin."

90-92 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020



Domaine Confuron-Gindre

Rue de la Tâche, Vosne-Romanée

**“Someone in Britain should snap him up.”
Clive Coates**



A quick trip up Rue de la Tâche in Vosne took us to this Domaine. I still cannot believe this estate remains under the radar of many of the major critics (although Clive Coates did suggest that “someone in Britain should snap him up” back in 2008). That said, the Domaine has a focus on supplying high end restaurants within France, rather than the export market.

These wines are perhaps on the richer side of the Vosne spectrum, but are tremendously well polished and balanced. In an otherwise quite wealthy village of Vosne-Romanée, there’s something refreshingly unpretentious about this estate.

This 12.5ha Domaine was one of the later pickers in 2018, holding out until the bunches reached full ripeness—a necessity when using whole bunch fermentation, which was at 25% on the village level wines and around 30-45% on the Premiers Crus. These wines will need time to settle down and integrate, but when they do, will be a delight to drink.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Confuron-Gindre	Bourgogne	Red		£70 per 6 IB

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Domaine Confuron-Gindre Bourgogne



£70 per 6 IB
Drink to 2023
Arriving Late 2020

"A wine which we were unable to taste this year given the stage at which it was at in the winery, but we bought none-the-less given the quality of previous vintages. On the richer end of the spectrum with fruit characteristics that you'd expect from a Vosne producer. So, expect this to be more flamboyant, floral and denser than many a Bourgogne"
Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine



It's a tight squeeze in the cellars of Domaine Confuron-Gindre in Vosne-Romanée.



Domaine François Bertheau

Rue du Carré, Chambolle-Musigny

“A lovely portfolio of supple, fragrant wines that represent the essence of Chambolle in their elegance and purity.”

William Kelley



To call François Bertheau eccentric would be an understatement; he is with little doubt the most charismatic winemaker we met all week. Based in the centre of Chambolle-Musigny, François took over from his father Pierre in 2003 and has since had no shortage of suitors for his vineyard holdings which are all based in Chambolle and which include two of the most desirable sites in Burgundy. Stylistically these wines are fascinating. He practices 'lutte raisonnée', allows the fruit to determine the style of the wine and gives it every chance by limiting manipulation in the vineyard and winery. A small one-man band, this Domaine and its wonderful wines have earned cult status with sommeliers around the world.

Ever the contrarian, François harvested late in 2018. The sheer levels of fruit concentration on his wines were off the scale! Added to a rejection of whole bunch fermentation, these are the most expressive, fruit-driven reds we tasted on our visits. Powerful, and utterly delicious stuff.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine François Bertheau	Chambolle-Musigny	Red		£285 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine François Bertheau
Chambolle-Musigny**



£285 per 6 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Late 2020

"In 2018 François used 20% new oak for all his wines and his village Chambolle was top notch; certainly one of the best of the week. The wine expresses a lovely richness and aromatic fragrance, seductive layers of red fruits and just enough power, purity and charm. It will drink well on release but there are not huge quantities to go around so best be quick!"
Jeff Rean, Laithwaite's Fine Wine

Domaine Gaston et Pierre Ravaut

Place de la Fontaine, Ladoix-Serrigny



This estate based in Ladoix-Serrigny, just south of Nuits-Saint-Georges has very rapidly become one of our customer favourites after first being featured in the 2016 vintage. Gaston's son Pierre now runs the estate, focussing on the viticulture whilst his colleague Vincent takes care of vinification. A true family Domaine which typifies the traditional Burgundy ethos, they primarily sell direct to consumers from the cellar, but we are delighted to be one of the first to offer them in the UK.

True to their geography straddling the border between the Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits, the wines combine elegance with power, silky tannins with mid-palate weight and red fruit with black.

Domaine Ravaut erred on the side of harvesting early in 2018, with proceedings commencing on the 24th August. Consequently the wines are fresh, elegant and refined.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Ravaut 'Le Bois Roussot'	Ladoix 1er Cru	Red	-	£295 per 12 IB
Domaine Ravaut 'Hautes Mourottes'	Corton Grand Cru	Red	-	£295 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Gaston Ravaut
'Le Bois Rousot'
Ladoix 1^{er} Cru



£295 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

"Mineral and zesty, as befits an early harvested red in this vintage, there is a pleasant herbal note alongside the red fruit dominated palate. Good length. Another successful vintage for this under the radar and thus good value Premier Cru."
Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine

Domaine Gaston Ravaut
'Hautes Moutottes'
Corton Grand Cru



£295 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Late 2020

"With such an impressive Premier Cru in the range, the Hautes-Moutottes Grand Cru needs to work hard to justify its classification. It does this by exhibiting a distinct chalky, mineral edge, to add complexity over and above the Premier Cru. Very refined on the palate, the tannins sneak up on the finish, making this an excellent candidate for the cellar, as our tastings of past vintages testify."
Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine



Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

Rue Richebourg, Gevrey-Chambertin

“This is a fine address if you are seeking an alternative to, say, Armand Rousseau. Heresztyn-Mazzini is in the same mould as their neighbour, Pierre Duroché: very hands-off winemaking, letting the vineyard speak; mineral-driven and elegant wines... Yes, I know the name is a bit of a tongue-twister, but trust me, the wines are worth seeking out .”

Neal Martin



Based right in the heart of Gevrey-Chambertin, 2018 is the fourth vintage we have offered from this Domaine and the wines were once again on top form. Run by Florence and her husband Simon, in the vineyard the operation is run organically, with full biodynamic certification due to follow imminently. This of course necessitates a painstaking level of attention to detail in the vineyards, something that is also in evidence in the winery, with every decision, for example about the percentage of whole clusters to use, being pored over and each cuvée being treated separately according to its own needs. The wines are an absolute pleasure to drink, with the silky texture of the tannins and the purity of the fruit noteworthy.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Les Songes'	Gevrey-Chambertin	Red	92-94 JM	£255 per 6 IB
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Clos Village'	Gevrey-Chambertin	Red	90-92 JM	£260 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
'Les Songes'
Gevrey-Chambertin**



£255 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Late 2020

92-94 Jasper Morris

91-93 Neal Martin

91 Tim Atkin

"This cuvée combines the domaines two oldest plots, 80 and 90 year old vines in En Songes and Gueules Pines. 70% whole bunch vinification. Dense concentrated purple. The nose is more backward but indicating greater weight. Lively rich powerful fruit at the front, red and black with a few peppery strawberry notes, complete and complex with a long satisfying finish. Just the right acidity. Tasted: November 2019."

92-94 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
'Clos Village'
Gevrey-Chambertin**



£260 per 6 IB
Drink to 2027
Arriving Late 2020

90-92 Jasper Morris

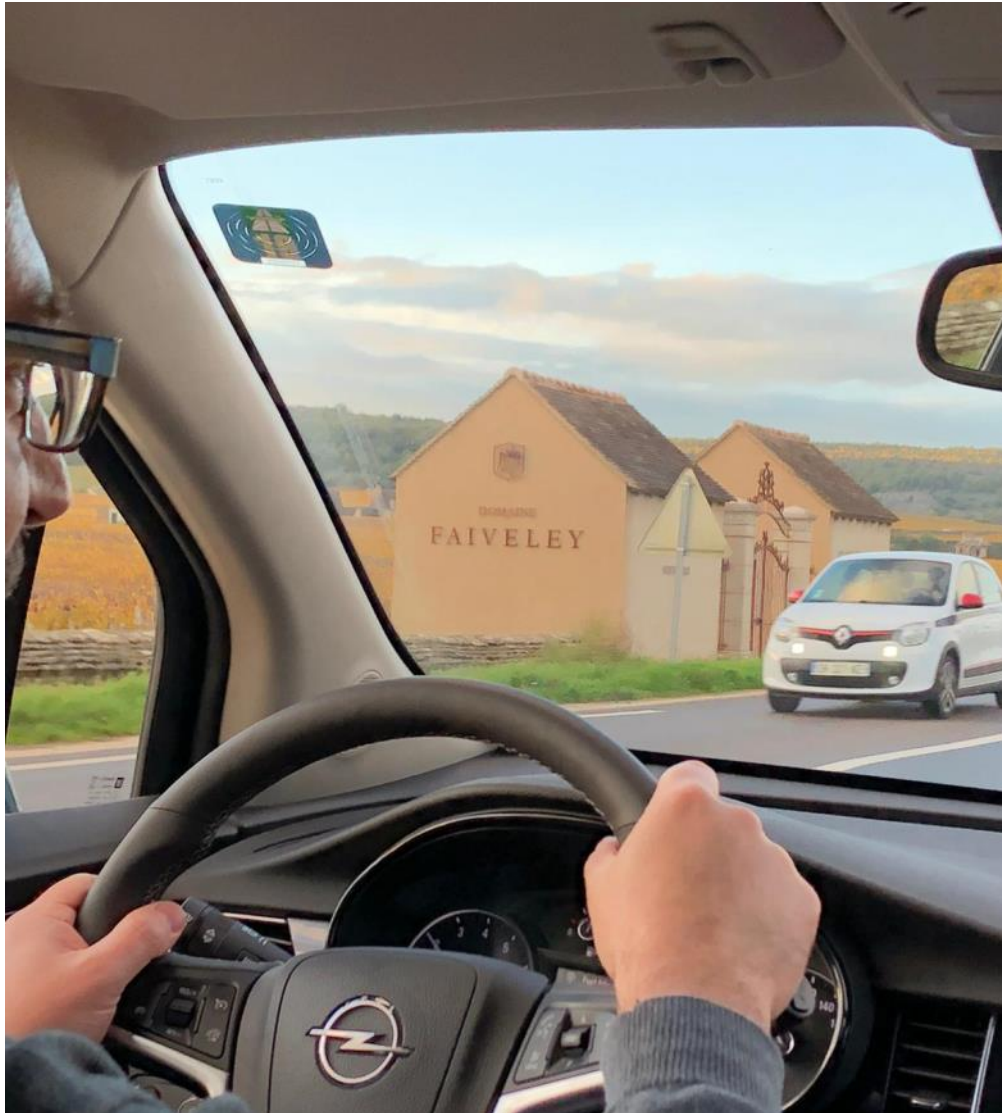
89-91 Neal Martin

"The 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village comes from the parcel that lies behind the winery in the village itself and includes 50% whole bunch. It has a well-defined bouquet of red cherry, raspberry and hints of brown spices; a damp earthiness develops with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with a leafy entry and very fresh in the mouth. There's a liberal sprinkling of white pepper and bay leaf toward the natural, refined finish. A delicious wine, and one that I would probably broach in its youth."

89-91 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2019

Laithwaite's

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Stewart driving past the Clos de Vougeot.



Domaine Henri Gouges

Rue du Moulin, Nuits-Saint-Georges

“One of the most important growers in Burgundy... A producer that I greatly admire.”
Neal Martin



Domaine Gouges is one of Nuits-Saint-Georges’s most famous Domaines and one of the appellation’s best – “the doyen of Nuits-Saint-Georges with magnificent wines” says Clive Coates MW. The Gouges family have been owners of this Domaine since 1919 and founder Henri is something of a Burgundian revolutionary. He was a key player in the battle against fraud and was the first Burgundian to bottle his own wine because it guarantees provenance and therefore quality. Domaine bottling is now practised throughout Burgundy. Grandson Gregory runs the Domaine with the same drive and passion for quality as his legendary grandfather.

The Domaine’s wines were renowned under Henri as some of the most structured and long-lived of Nuits-Saint-Georges. However, Gregory has been working towards a more approachable style. That said, these are still wines very much built for ageing.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Henri Gouges	Nuits-Saint-Georges	Red	91 TA	£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Henri Gouges Pinot Blanc	Bourgogne	White	90 TA	£95 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-St-Georges



£195 per 6 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

91 Tim Atkin

89-91 Jasper Morris

86 Neal Martin

"From 9 plots in the south and centre. In bottle. This shows the typical deep purple of the vintage, with a lovely flowing ripe fruit, ripe dark cherries and plums, but well short of mulberries. The style of the vintage but nicely managed and the tannins at the back retain a freshness. Very long finish. Tasted: November 2019."
89-91 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

Domaine Henri Gouges 'Clos des Porrets St Georges' Nuits-St-Georges 1^{er} Cru



£255 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Late 2020

95 Tim Atkin

92-95 Jasper Morris

88-90 Neal Martin

"Denser purple with a fine clean fresh plums nose. Superb density of ripe fruit, entirely in balance, fills the middle of the palate and extends to a juicy fruitful finish. The tannins are barely visible. Team Gouges has pulled out the best of the vintage! Tasted: November 2019."
92-95 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

Domaine Henri Gouges 'Pinot Blanc' Bourgogne



£95 per 6 IB
Drink to 2022
Arriving Late 2020

90 Tim Atkin

87 Jasper Morris

"This is grown in Les Dames Huguettes, on the plateau above Nuits-St-Georges. Clear bright and fresh. There is lovely energy to this, with good tension, delicious lively fruit throughout, clean and clear with good length. Apparently the yield was only 25 hl/ha and the alcohol 14.2% but it really does not taste either hot or heavy. I take my hat off. Tasted: November 2019."
87 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

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Gouges's wines are built for ageing, clearly...

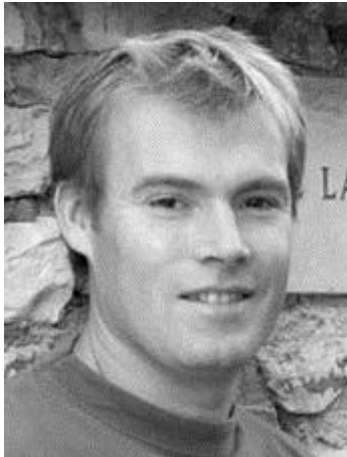


Benjamin Leroux

Rue Colbert, Beaune

“There are some exceptional wines here that rank alongside the illustrious names of Burgundy. He certainly has the gift of touch that seems to elevate everything from village crus to grand crus.”

Neal Martin



Having started studying viticulture at the age of 13 and then started as the general manager of Domaine Comte Armand at just 26, it’s fair to say Benjamin was a bit of a child prodigy, it’s easy to forget how young he is now despite his wealth of experience garnered already. Now based in a winery in the heart of the town of Beaune, he has been acquiring new parcels of vineyard sites at quite a rate, but the quality is rising just as quickly as his vineyard holdings. Given the number of wines he now makes, it is remarkable how consistently excellent these wines are from top to bottom.

An exciting new addition to the line up we take from Leroux in 2018 is a “red Meursault” - the Blagny 1er Cru ‘La Pièce sous le Bois’. This high altitude hamlet within the Meursault appellation does have a little red planted and in this vintage Benjamin’s bottling of the site was a real standout—succulent, but fresh, with a beautiful purity of fruit and silky tannins.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Benjamin Leroux ‘La Pièce sous le Bois’	Blagny 1er Cru	Red	91-93 RP	£195 per 6 IB
Benjamin Leroux ‘Sous Le Château’	Saint-Romain	White	88 RP	£105 per 6 IB
Benjamin Leroux ‘Baudines’	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	White	89-92 JM	£252 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Benjamin Leroux
'La Pièce sous le Bois'
Blagny 1^{er} Cru



£195 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2028
 Arriving Late 2020

91-93 Robert Parker

90-92 Jasper Morris

89-91 Neal Martin

"The 2018 Blagny la Piece Sous Le Bois 1er Cru comes from 0.75 hectares of vine in the lower reaches of the vineyard. This was picked on September 3. It offers brambly red and black fruit on the nose, mixed with potpourri scents; there is good vigor here. The structured palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red fruit, good grip and a pretty, spicy, white-pepper-tinged finish that oddly reminds me of a fine Côte-Rôtie! Very, very delicious."

89-91 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Domaine Benjamin Leroux
'Sous le Chateau'
St-Romain



£105 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2023
 Arriving Late 2020

88 Robert Parker

87-88 Jasper Morris

16.5 Jancis Robinson

"The 2018 Saint Romain Sous Le Château, aged in 12-hectoliter foudres, has a perfumed lemon curd and nettle bouquet, quite precise if simple. The palate is rounded on the entry with low acidity, but there is plenty of fruit, with tropical notes of guava and passion fruit, on the finish. Delicious, but for early drinking."

85-87 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Domaine Benjamin Leroux
'Baudines'
Chassagne-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru



£252 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2025+
 Arriving Late 2020

89-92 Jasper Morris

16.5++ Jancis Robinson

"Pretty pale fresh colour, this is lighter than Embazées but finer on the nose, then fleshes out significantly on the palate with the wood showing a little. Disjointed today but should refine. Tasted: December 2019."

89-92 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

Laithwaite's
..... FINE WINE

Domaine Camus-Bruchon

Rue de Chorey, Savigny-Lès-Beaune

“This is an excellent source for keenly priced, classically balanced wines that consistently develop well in the cellar, so it's a mystery why this 7.5-hectare domaine isn't better known.”

William Kelley



Although there is archival evidence dating this Domaine back to 1704, for almost 250 years the succession passed through a sole female heir. Until the birth of Lucien Camus in 1949 therefore, the Domaine name changed with each successive generation. Luc and his wife Bernadette (née Bruchon) are blessed with both a son, Guillaume, who since 2001 has been working full-time at the Domaine and a daughter, Alexandra, who is the oenologist at the well-known Beaune négociant Albert Bichot.

Based on the edge of Savigny and overlooking the village's finest plots, this Domaine has 9.5ha of vineyard across regional, village and Premier Cru sites in Savigny, Pommard and Beaune. As we've come to expect from this estate's wines, the 2018s are wonderfully expressive and are perfect wines for those who perhaps want a little more vibrancy and fruit in their Burgundy. That said, they age remarkably well too. With the harvest starting on the 30th August and close attention paid to temperature control of the grapes before and during fermentation, Guillaume got it spot on in this vintage.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Camus-Bruchon	Bourgogne	Red	81-83 NM	£150 per 12 IB
Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Le Grand Saussy'	Chorey-Lès-Beaune	Red		£192 per 12 IB
Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Cuvée Reine Joly'	Savigny-Lès-Beaune	Red	84-86 NM	£219 per 12 IB

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..... FINE WINE

Domaine Camus-Bruchon Bourgogne



£150 per 12 IB
Drink to 2022
Arriving Late 2020

81-83 Neal Martin

"Compared to their Chorey below, this is the more elegant wine in their range, a style which suits the Burgundy purists perhaps? Lovely and fresh, well integrated acidity and soft supple tannins, but not super-concentrated. I always buy a bit of this each year and this is certainly something you can tuck into right away."

Gus McLean, Fine Wine Manager

Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Le Grand Saussy' Chorey-Lès-Beaune



£192 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

"From an amusingly named plot planted in the 1950s that is very chalky, with pockets of clay too. The wine has a lovely intensity, with succulent, very accessible fruit. We re-tasted the 2017 from bottle very recently and it impressed greatly for the price. The 2018 is even better still."

Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine

Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Cuvée Reine Joly' Savigny-Lès-Beaune



£219 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

84-86 Neal Martin

"This completes the trio of wines we're offering from this charming Domaine perfectly, whereas I feel the Bourgogne and Chorey are quite contrasting in style in the context of the Domaine's philosophy, this add another dimension still. A more serious wine with a tannic structure to age. A little less expressive at this stage versus the Chorey, but with a refinement and polish that justifies the price tag. A classic Savigny which I would suggest would benefit from 4-5 years in bottle."

Gus McLean, Fine Wine Manager

Domaine de Montille (Château de Puligny)

Rue du Cromin, Meursault

“A portfolio of fine-boned, tensile wines that display expressive fruit and impressive precision.”

William Kelley



Made from grapes grown in what is effectively the front garden of the Château de Puligny-Montrachet, in the heart of the village of Puligny-Montrachet itself, the 'Clos du Château' Bourgogne blanc makes a very welcome return to our range in 2018. New rules mean that Château names can no longer contain a geographical reference if the wine itself does not carry that appellation, so Etienne de Montille has taken the decision to merge the Château de Puligny-Montrachet labels into his Domaine de Montille portfolio.

While we were focussed on returning the Clos du Château to our range, we simply could not resist adding a pair of outstanding reds at the same time, both from Nuits-Saint-Georges. The 'Aux Saints-Juliens' from a plot near the border with Vosne-Romanée was possibly the best village Nuits we tried all week.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine de Montille 'Aux Saints Juliens'	Nuits-Saint-Georges	Red	92 TA	£420 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine de Montille
'Aux Saints Juliens'
Nuits-Saint-Georges**



£420 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

92 Tim Atkin

90-93 Jasper Morris

90-92 Neal Martin

"The 2018 Nuits Saint-Georges Aux St. Julien offers uncomplicated red cherry and crushed strawberry aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with a touch of white pepper sprinkled over the red fruit, and a finely tuned and quite precise finish. Just a village cru? It has premier cru ambitions. Very fine."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Laithwaite's
 FINE WINE

Domaine Jean Grivot

Rue de la Croix Rameau, Vosne-Romanée

“The reputation of Grivot’s wines have grown, placing them perhaps just outside the top tier of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti or Leroy.”

Neal Martin



One of the Côte d’Or’s greatest and longest-established Domaines, Grivot is now predominantly in the hands of Mathilde, who in the last few years has been gradually taking over from her father Etienne.

The house style remains the same, with late harvesting and extended periods of barrel ageing resulting in a muscular, structured style that can be difficult to taste when young, but which after a few years in the cellar open up to reveal beautiful black-fruit driven wines. The quality of the Domaine’s holdings helps in no small part, however the Grivot magic is evident across the range, even on the Gamay-based Coteaux Bourguignons, which showed exceptionally well considering we tasted it immediately after the Richebourg!



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Jean Grivot	Coteaux Bourguignons	Red	84-86 NM	£195 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Jean Grivot
Coteaux Bourguignons**



£195 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Late 2020

84-86 Neal Martin

“The 2018 Côteaux Bourguignon, which is 100% Gamay, offers plush cranberry, dark cherry and bergamot aromas on the nose. The palate is sweet and candied on the entry, with good acidity, nice balance and veins of blue fruit toward the finish. Fine.”

84-86 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020



Domaine Méo-Camuzet

Rue des Grands Crus, Vosne-Romanée

“Domaine Méo-Camuzet boasts one of the most enviable portfolios in Vosne-Romanée.”

Neal Martin



As always, the Méo-Camuzet tasting was one of the highlights of the week. If you have not had the pleasure of encountering Méo-Camuzet before, they are one of the biggest names, not only in their home town of Vosne, but in all of Burgundy. Stylistically they produce very polished, but exotic, rich wines which take oak well. They are very ageworthy, yet show well in their relative youth. Individual vineyard expression is very strong, so it is worth reading the individual notes in detail. Some stems (rather than whole bunches) are added, but no more than about 10%.

This was one of the most impressive barrel tastings we have ever conducted at this venerable estate, each cuvée a masterpiece in how to make the best possible wine from its site. Serious wines, with serious ageing potential.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Méo-Camuzet Frères et Sœurs	Fixin	Red	88-90 NM	£186 per 6 IB
Méo-Camuzet Frères et Sœurs	Morey-Saint-Denis	Red		£252 per 6 IB
Méo-Camuzet Frère et Sœurs 'Feusselottes'	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	Red	91-93 RP	£570 per 6 IB
Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Clos Saint Philibert'	Hautes-Côtes de Nuits	White	89 RP	£150 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs Fixin



£186 per 6 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Late 2020

88-90 Neal Martin

88-90 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Fixin Village is showing much more elegance and Pinoté compared to the Marsannay, and more brightness and vivacity. The well-balanced palate offers bright red cherries and crushed strawberry, good acidity, nice structure and a pretty finish. Excellent."

88-90 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs Morey-St-Denis



£252 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2020

Not Tasted in 2018

Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs 'Les Feusselottes' Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru



£570 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

91-93 Robert Parker

89-91 Neal Martin

"Bursting with aromas of ripe cherries, raspberries and plums, mingled with notes of rose petals and spices, the 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Feusselottes (Méo-Camuzet Frère & Soeurs) is medium to full-bodied, velvety and fleshy, with succulent acids and a ripe but lively core of fruit. Méo not only purchases the grapes from this parcel but also farms the vineyard."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, January 2020

Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Clos St Philibert' Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc



£150 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

89 Robert Parker

84-86 Neal Martin

86 Jasper Morris

"Expressive aromas of citrus oil, green pear and hazelnut introduce the 2018 Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc Clos St. Philibert, a medium-bodied, chalky and incisive white with a succulently ripe core of fruit. Evidently, this site performed well in the warm 2018 vintage."

89 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, January 2020



Domaine Matrot

Rue du Martray, Meursault

“Domaine Matrot expresses the quintessence of terroir. Its wines are sometimes closed when young, but their ageing potential is immense.”

La Revue du Vin de France



Domaine Matrot was established in 1909 by Joseph Matrot and had been run solely by his understated but talented grandson Thierry since 1976, with 2015 his last vintage before handing over the reigns to his daughters Elsa and Adèle. They are now renowned as “a top-class Meursault producer” (Wine International) and own some of the best plots in Meursault’s finest vineyards.

The sisters, like their father before them, believe in using oak only very sparingly. They are firm believers that quality comes from the vineyard, so let the fruit do the talking. Picking commenced on the 24th August in 2018, as Elsa dislikes the idea of acidifying. This early picked style worked very well, with a lightness of touch to the whites and crunchy red fruit flavours in the reds. The reds in particular have come on in leaps and bounds in recent years. The early picking and light use of oak have clearly helped the terroir expression of each wine, exactly what was being sought.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Matrot	Auxey-Duresses	Red	88+ RP	£240 per 12 IB
Domaine Matrot	Meursault	White	89-92 JM	£350 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Matrot
Auxey-Duresses**



£240 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Late 2020

88+ Robert Parker

86-88 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Auxey-Duresses Village exhibits scents of cherries, berries, spices and bay leaf, followed by a medium to full-bodied, succulent and youthfully chewy palate that's hearty but a little rustic. This will reward at least a few years' patience."
88+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020

**Domaine Matrot
Meursault**



£350 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

89-92 Jasper Morris

89 Robert Parker

"From 12 plots, a cuvée ronde across the appellation. To bottle next week. Light yellow with faint green tints. High class nose, picked at the right time. Lovely gracious rounded fruit, very classic, totally white fruit, some pears, ripeness perfectly judged. A classic."

89-92 Pts Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

Laithwaite's
..... FINE WINE

Maison Joseph Drouhin

Rue d'Enfer, Beaune

“Drouhin continues to demonstrate what a class act they have become.”

Neal Martin



Maison Drouhin was established in 1880 by Joseph Drouhin and has remained a family affair ever since, being run nowadays by the fourth generation. Frédéric is assuming overall control of the firm from his father Robert while his brother Philippe and sister Véronique, who both studied at Dijon now look after the vineyards and winemaking respectively. The estate itself occupies the breathtaking Parliament building, one of the most beautiful cellars in all of Beaune, originating from the time when Burgundy was an independent duchy.

Nearly all of Domaine Drouhin is fully organic and biodynamic, with that very same philosophy being extended to newly acquired vineyards. Benefitting from the use of optical sorting tables from 2013 onwards, these wines are often darker, denser and more concentrated than many.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Joseph Drouhin Blanc	Côte de Beaune	White	92 TA	£295 per 12 IB
Joseph Drouhin	Puligny-Montrachet	White	92 TA	£440 per 12 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Embazées'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	White	93 TA	£330 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin—Marquis de Laguiche 'Morgeot'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	White	95 TA	£370 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Clos de la Garenne'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	White	-	£375 per 6 IB

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..... FINE WINE

Joseph Drouhin
Côte de Beaune



£295 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Spring 2020

92 Tim Atkin

88 Neal Martin

88 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Côte de Beaune Blanc has a steely, quite earthy bouquet, touches of smoke emerging with time. The palate is well balanced with apricot and subtle tropical tones, hints of passion fruit and spice surfacing toward a more generous finish than the nose implies. Very fine."

88 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Joseph Drouhin
Puligny-Montrachet



£440 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Spring 2020

92 Tim Atkin

88 Robert Parker

87-89 Jasper Morris

"Cask sample. Intense and ripe green fruits on the nose. Creamy pears and a mealy lees character. Deep and much richer than the Chassagne. Lovely richness and freshness in balance. Deep fruited with a long caressing but fresh finish."

16.5 Pts Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020

Joseph Drouhin
'Embazées'
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru



£330 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032+
Arriving Spring 2020

91-93 Jasper Morris

93 Tim Atkin

91 Neal Martin

"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Embazees 1er Cru has a gentle, lilting bouquet with scents of white peach, apricot and citrus, gaining intensity with aeration. The palate is lively thanks to a welcome seam of sour lemon that drives this Chassagne along, and offers wonderful salinity toward the finish. Excellent."

91 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2019

Joseph Drouhin
'Morgeot Marquis de Laguiche'
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru



£370 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2020

91-93 Neal Martin

95 Tim Atkin

91-94 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot 1er Cru (Marquis de Laguiche) comes from a vineyard that tends to produce millerandé berries. This has an intense, powerful bouquet with hints of menthol permeating the citrus fruit, developing a more fumé style with time in the glass. The palate is well balanced with hints of passion fruit and peach on the entry, becoming spicier and subtly Muscat-like toward the very satisfying, persistent finish. Excellent."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2019

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Joseph Drouhin
'Clos de la Garenne'
Puligny-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru



£375 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032+
Arriving Spring 2020

Not Tasted in 2018



Domaine Faiveley

Rue du Tribourg, Nuits-Saint-Georges

“While most of the attention is focused on Faiveley's extensive premier cru and grand cru offerings from the Cote de Nuits, this firm does a superlative job inin the Cote Chalonnais and the Cote de Beaune.”

Robert Parker



While Faiveley’s vineyard holdings are extensive by Burgundian standards, quality reflects the fact that this is a family Domaine, making wine from parcels under its own ownership. In fact, they care for their wines so much, this is the only cellar I have ever seen where the most precious wine is kept in barrel closed with a lockable bung!

The number of decades-old examples of Faiveley’s wines that are pulled out for retrospective tastings underlines the fact that these wines are likely to appeal greatly to the traditionalist who is looking for more structure and for wines to cellar rather than for instant gratification. Some of the most impressive Burgundies we have tasted are from this Domaine, but all of them have been at the peak of maturity, so patience is certainly rewarded here. Though in saying that, the charming Mercurey ‘La Framboisière is once again a notable exception which can be enjoyed young.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Faiveley ‘La Framboisière’	Mercurey	Red	91 TA	£185 per 12 IB
Domaine Faiveley ‘Les Referts’	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	White	16.5 JR	£265 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Faiveley
'La Framboisière'
Mercurey



£185 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

91 Tim Atkin

89 Jasper Morris

16 Jancis Robinson

“Rich bright deep, a little touch of whole bunch, 25% as they have done for the last four years. Now in bottle. Sweet ripe raspberry fruit, cheerful on the nose, but absolutely fills the mouth. Note that there were lower yields in Côte Chalonnaise. A few tannins behind, but this is a beautifully poised elegant succulent wine. Tasted: November 2019”
89 Pts Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

Domaine Faiveley
'Les Referts'
Puligny-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru



£265 per 6 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2020

16.5 Jancis Robinson

“Barrel sample. Invitingly spicy, creamy aroma. Smells of classy oak but also of lemon and clementine fruit. Fragrant and open. Spiced and creamy on the palate too. Tightly structured but still generous in fruit.”
16.5 Pts Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020



Domaine Servin

Avenue d'Oberwesel, Chablis

“The 30-hectare Domaine Servin, ably directed by François Servin and Australian-born winemaker Marc Cameron, continues to number among Chablis's under-appreciated addresses... This domaine comes warmly recommended.”

William Kelley



Documented by the monks of Saint Martin for owning vineyards as far back as the 16th century, successive generations of the Servin family have continued the tradition of winemaking in Chablis ever since.

Today the approach is very much a mixture of modern and traditional techniques. The best vineyard sites are hand harvested to ensure fruit arrives at optimum ripeness. Single plot vinification takes place in a mixture of stainless steel and oak, letting the differences in terroir shine in each wine. The vines average 40 years and most of the sites are on Kimmeridgian limestone soils. This gives the wines their power, concentration and minerality which is so typical of the Domaine's style. The Grands Crus in particular have great cellaring potential.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Servin 'Blanchots'	Chablis Grand Cru	White	90-93 AM	£150 per 6 IB
Domaine Servin 'Preuses'	Chablis Grand Cru	White	95 TA	£150 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Servin
'Blanchots'
Chablis Grand Cru**



£150 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2020

90-93 Burghound

"Here the nose is less marked by the warmth of the vintage as it offers very good typicity on the floral, citrus and seashore nuances. Curiously, this is less dense than many of the wines in the range though with better energy and detail on the appealingly dry, stony and very dry finale. This is really quite promising and a wine that should reward up to a decade of keeping."

90-93 Pts Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, October 2019

**Domaine Servin
'Les Preuses'
Chablis Grand Cru**



£150 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2020

95 Tim Atkin

"This impressive Grand Cru is sourced from a 63-year-old parcel of 0.69ha and is fermented in 20% older barrels, allowing its intensely focused, iodine-scented flavours to express themselves. Elegant, pale and very pure, it's another wine that seems to transcend the limits of the growing season, finishing with a mouth-watering flourish."

95 Pts Tim Atkin, Decanter.com, July 2019

91-93 Burghound

Domaine Felettig

Rue du Tilleul, Chambolle-Musigny

“I would again call to your attention that the quality at this domaine has skyrocketed over the past few vintages.”

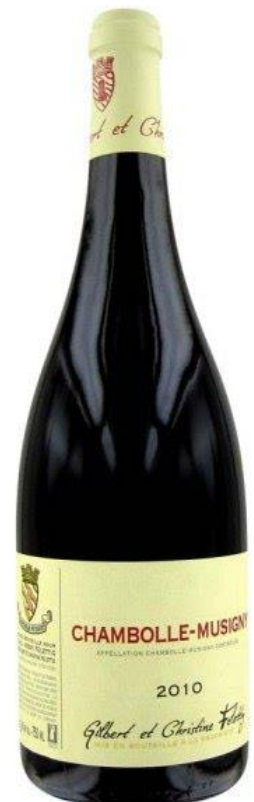
Allen Meadows



Allen Meadows, Neal Martin and William Kelley have all earmarked siblings Gilbert and Christine Felettig's Chambolle-Musigny Domaine as a rising star and our visits here over the last four years have really reinforced this view.

Gilbert is not shy of using a little new oak where it is called for, naturally increasing in the percentage used as we go up to the Premiers and Grands Crus. Whole bunch inclusion is practiced here, but always varying according to the plot, so 0% for some and up to 45% for others, but this always varies by plot and does not follow the appellation hierarchy.

Gilbert continues to expand his portfolio of wines, which now number 35, our picks of which are featured in this offer. He is clearly a man driven both by a desire to express the terroirs of his various holdings and by wanting to experiment and improve his own winemaking incrementally year on year.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Felettig	Nuits-Saint-Georges	Red	90-93 JM	£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	Red	91-94 JM	£360 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig 'Les Combottes'	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	Red	91-93 RP	£370 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig 'Gruenchers'	Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru	Red	91-93+ RP	£375 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig Blanc	Hautes-Côtes de Beaune	White	88 RP	£85 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Felettig
Nuits-St-Georges**



£195 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

90-92 Robert Parker

90-93 Jasper Morris

89-91 Neal Martin

"From Les Chaillots (two-thirds) and Aux Lavières, 30% whole bunch and 50% new wood. Plump crimson purple with the start of some strawberry aromatics. The blend works better than the vineyards separately. Ripe cherry with the strawberry, and excellent weight at the back of the palate, leading to a very fine finish. Tasted: November 2019"

90-93 Pts Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

**Domaine Felettig
Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru**



£360 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Late 2020

90-92 Neal Martin

91-94 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru is actually a blend of purchased fruit from Aux Combottes and Les Combottes, which is why there is no vineyard designation on the label. It is matured in 50% new oak with 30% whole-bunch fruit. It has an expressive bouquet of blackberry, briar, sous-bois and light black tea aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and a fine bead of acidity, and quite elegant in style. The supple finish is missing some mineralité, but otherwise this is very fine."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

**Domaine Felettig
'Les Combottes'
Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru**



£370 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Late 2020

88-90 Neal Martin

90-93 Jasper Morris

"Rich full purple, no whole bunch, meaty but still fresh, 100% new wood experiment on this and all the 1ers crus. This changes the style somewhat but the wine can probably live with it. Some wood tannins at the finish, alongside medium bodied deep red fruit. Tasted: November 2019"

90-93 Pts Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

**Domaine Felettig
'Les Gruenchers'
Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru**



£375 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Late 2020

91-93+ Robert Parker

90-92 Neal Martin

90-92 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Gruenchers is showing beautifully, soaring from the glass with a perfumed bouquet of sweet berry fruit, cherries, peonies and blood orange. Medium to full-bodied, layered and enveloping, it's round but lively, with supple tannins and a precise, fragrant finish. Felettig opted to use 40% whole cluster this year."

91-93+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Felettig
Hautes-Côtes de Beaune



£85 per 6 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

88 Robert Parker

86 Jasper Morris

"From 30-year-old vines, Felettig's 2018 Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc offers up aromas of pear, peach, waxy citrus rind and fresh pastry. Medium to full-bodied, layered and textural, with bright underlying acids, it concludes with a flavorful finish. This has turned out very well."

88 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020



Domaine Joseph Colin

Rue de la Chatenière, Saint-Aubin

“Wines of great personality, substance, intensity and verve.”
Joana Simon



Splitting from the family estate Domaine Marc Colin in 2016, 2018 was only the second vintage produced by Joseph under his own name. Not that he is exactly a newcomer to winemaking, having many vintages under his belt already.

We were blown away by the quality of the whites from Joseph’s debut 2017 vintage and the 2018s notched the bar higher still. Specialising in Chassagne-Montrachet and Saint-Aubin, these were some of the most pure, mineral whites we tried all week, rivalling Moreau’s efforts as the very best in this neck of the woods.

Obsessively focused on the minutest of details, full biodynamics are in operation here, with minimal sulphur use, very little new oak in play and no filtration at all. This may be a new Domaine onto the scene, but they have rocketed right into the top echelon of quality and we have taken everything we can get our hands on in 2018.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Joseph Colin Rouge	Chassagne-Montrachet	Red	89 RP	£145 per 6 IB
Domaine Joseph Colin 'La Combe'	Bourgogne	White	88 RP	£100 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Joseph Colin
Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge



£145 per 6 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving Late 2020

89 Robert Parker

86-88 Jasper Morris

"Colin's 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge bursts from the glass with an expressive bouquet of spicy berries, licorice and burning embers. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, velvety and succulent, with a fleshy core of fruit and refined structuring tannins. This is an immensely charming red Chassagne that will be hard to resist young."

89 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020

Domaine Joseph Colin
'La Combe'
Bourgogne



£100 per 6 IB
Drink to 2022
Arriving Late 2020

88 Robert Parker

86 Jasper Morris

"Bursting with notes of citrus oil, green apple and struck flint, the 2018 Bourgogne Blanc La Combe is medium to full-bodied, lively and expressive, with a charmingly open and succulent profile. This is already drinking well."

88 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, February 2020

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE



Rob and Stewart tasting at Domaine Joseph Colin.



Domaine Hudelot-Baillet

Rue Caroline Aigle, Chambolle-Musigny

“Gotta soft spot for Hudelot-Baillet...I don’t mind admitting that. It’s just got everything that I like about Burgundy: not too big, congenial winemaker, choice selection of premier crus with a grand cru if you fancy, straightforward winemaking, nothing fancy, nothing self-aggrandising. Just delicious, nuanced wines that need but a sip to compel a purchase.”

Neal Martin



A Domaine often thought of for producing big, powerful Chambolle-Musigny has, based on our more recent tastings of their wares, produced a selection of wines we feel are perhaps more typical of the appellation; really very charming, precise and elegant. This hasn’t gone unnoticed by the critics either, with William Kelley noting that “given the level of quality now being attained at this address, to say nothing of its enviable palette of appellations, readers should take notice.”

Dominique Leguen has been in charge since 1998 and has enough experience not to have been phased by the unusually hot and dry conditions in 2018. He attributes his Domaine’s success in this vintage to tasting the berries to know when to harvest rather than relying on technical analyses alone and then using a gentle extraction when the grapes arrived at the winery. He noted the wines’ freshness despite the heat of the vintage, something our tasting very much underlined.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Hudelot-Baillet	Chambolle-Musigny	Red	93 TA	£425 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Jean Chartron
'Benoites'
Chassagne-Montrachet**



£350 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025+
Arriving Mid 2020

88-90 Jasper Morris

"A mix of his own Benoites vineyard with two barrels of purchased grapes. There is a little more colour to this than the Meursault and more character on the nose. Fills the mouth nicely with white fruit leading to a softly oaked finish. Tasted: December 2019"

88-90 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020



Domaine Jean Monnier

Rue du 11 Novembre, Meursault

“This is an estate whose wines I recommend with much enthusiasm.”
Robert Parker



A producer who leaves us scratching our heads more so than any other. This for a number of reasons. First of all, the quality of the wines are superb, it's absolutely crazy how inexpensive they are given the quality, but the owner is so down to earth and is perhaps very fortunate with the plots he has. He seems to have no desire to charge more than he does. How more merchants have not jumped on this producer is beyond us. Maybe they just don't know this tucked away Meursault Domaine? Monnier's is a style which complements our range very well at prices that are hard to argue with. This seventh generation family Domaine own 100% of the fruit they use and it is all hand harvested. The wines are lovely and they really are very difficult to beat when it comes to value for money. Stylistically they very much appeal to us given they are more refreshing, with higher acidity. A perfect partner for food, although given the style we think would be lovely to enjoy on a warm summer day.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Jean Monnier 'Grand Epenots-Clos de Cîteaux'	Pommard 1er Cru	Red		£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Jean Monnier 'Vieilles Vignes'	Meursault	White		£280 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Monnier	Puligny-Montrachet	White		£295 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Jean Monnier 'Grands Epenots-Clos de Cîteaux' Pommard 1^{er} Cru



£195 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

“Just as Genevrières represents the top of the tree qualitatively for Domaine Monnier on the whites, the Grands Epenots does for the reds. A heavy clay-limestone soil lends the wine a weight and heft that would see it age very well, but this is a Domaine that excels at producing wonderfully drinkable wines and it is in fact the silky side of this site’s nature that is the most evident on tasting. A very nicely done Premier Cru.”

Stewart Pryce, Fine Wine

Domaine Jean Monnier 'Vieilles Vignes' Meursault



£280 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

“If there is one wine that best typifies Jean Monnier’s wines, it has to be the old vine cuvée from the estate’s home patch. This straddles the boundary between the lean, precise style of Meursault and the richer, broader one and does so brilliantly. Effortlessly drinkable, yet with a classic structure and hidden depths, this is the benchmark Meursault in our range.”

Stewart Pryce, Fine Wine

Domaine Jean Monnier Puligny-Montrachet



£295 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Late 2020

“Fresh fruit dominates the attack, majoring on primary flavours of both citrus and stone fruit. The palate is rounded, in fact, it is pretty much exactly what you might envisage a Puligny made by a Meursault producer to be! That is no bad thing of course, with the Puligny’s minerality nicely set in the context of a broad textural richness.”

Stewart Pryce, Fine Wine



Domaine Michel Noëllat

Rue de la Fontaine, Vosne-Romanée

“I had heard that the wines were worth checking out at this address and so it turned out to be truth... Little of their wine is exported at the moment, but it deserves a wider, appreciative audience.”

Neal Martin



Trying to unearth exciting undiscovered producers in the Côte d’Or can be tricky. Trying to do so in Vosne-Romanée, two doors from Domaine Leroy no less, is more audacious still! Yet, here we have a branch of the famous Noëllat dynasty whose focus so far has been on the domestic market, with little effort put into promoting the wines outside of France. This is where we step in.

This 2018 line up was immensely appealing. Precise, perfumed and with a touch of oriental spice, these wines are hedonistic while retaining classic structures; somewhat reminiscent stylistically of Domaine Grivot.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Michel Noëllat	Vosne-Romanée	Red		£520 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

Domaine Michel Noëllat
Vosne-Romanée



£520 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2020

"Hedonistic, precise flavours of plums and violets dominate the palate of this exceptionally enjoyable village Vosne. This is a wine sure to impress seasoned Vosne fans of the village and newcomers alike."

Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine



Jeff tasting through a flight of Vosne-Romanées by Domaine Michel Noëllat.



Domaine Tupinier-Bautista

Rue du Liard, Mercurey

*“The genial **Manu Bautista**'s small winery in the hamlet of Touches is one of the Côte Chalonnaise's finest estates... In short, **Bautista** is one of a small handful of producers that demonstrate just what is possible when **Mercurey's** terroirs are lavished with the same attention devoted to their more famous Côte d'Or counterparts.”*

William Kelley



Many Côte Chalonnaise producers can fall into a vicious circle of making and then pricing their wines to a level below that of the famous villages of the Côte d'Or. There are however a handful of estates that break this trend, treating the region's terroirs with the same respect, care and attention afforded by the best producers in the neighbouring region to the North, yet still releasing them at appealing prices. Called "one of the Côte Chalonnaise's finest estates" by William Kelley, Neal Martin notes that "Tupinier-Bautista has long been one of my favourite Côte Chalonnaise producers" and it was these ringing endorsements that led us to Tupinier-Bautista's door.

Our own tasting of the estate's 2018 Mercureys revealed a pair of serious reds with good structure, yet elegant and refined with it. A good notch above almost everything else we have tasted from this neck of the woods, we simply had to get both wines added to the range to offer not only a taste of just how good Mercurey has the potential to be, but also an opportunity to secure some more wallet-friendly alternatives to the Côte d'Or's big names, while still enjoying a wine lavished with the utmost care and attention.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Tupinier-Bautista	Mercurey	Red	92 TA	£180 per 12 IB
Domaine Tupinier-Bautista 'En Sazenay'	Mercurey 1er Cru	Red	93 TA	£220 per 12 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Tupinier-Bautista
Mercurey**



£180 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025+
Arriving Late 2020

92 Tim Atkin

“Manu Bautista is making some of the most expressive, complex, ageworthy reds in the Côte Chalonnaise right now. This is only a village red, albeit it one from 35 to 50-year-old vines, but it’s wonderfully crunchy, fresh and elegant, showing racy acidity, bright black cherry and raspberry fruit and a sheen of 20% new wood. Fantastic value.”

92 Pts Tim Atkin, Decanter.com, January 2020

**Domaine Tupinier-Bautista
‘En Sazenay’
Mercurey 1^{er} Cru**



£220 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025+
Arriving Late 2020

93 Tim Atkin

“That’s elegance for you,” says Manu Bautista as he pours a sample from one of his beloved Chassin barrels. Very subtly oaked, as his wines tend to be, this is wonderfully floral and engaging, with lots of tangy, mouthwatering red berry and watermelon fruit, fine-boned tannins and plenty of texture and weight. Classy Mercurey.”

93 Pts Tim Atkin, Decanter.com, January 2020



Domaine Taupenot-Merme

Route des Grands Crus, Morey-Saint-Denis

“Romain Taupenot has been behind the ascent of Taupenot-Merme in recent years. It is almost as if fashion has caught up with them, traditionally furrowing their own path of slightly leaner, terroir-driven wines that were as much about texture as fruit, now many growers have changed back more to this style.”

Neal Martin



While there is no doubt that whole bunch fermentation is in fashion currently, here is an estate that used none at all in 2018, yet made utterly delicious, appealing wines. New oak is used only minimally too and the net result of these factors, plus a focus on organic farming and minimal interventional winemaking makes for a selection of 2018s that were fresh, elegant and expressive of their various terroirs.

Winemaking here is in its seventh generation with the incumbent Romain Taupenot, but this was a first experience of the Domaine in recent years for us. When the three of us tasting compared notes afterwards, we were unanimous in how impressed by these wonderful reds we were, and so a place simply had to be found for them in the range.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Taupenot-Merme	Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru	Red	89-91 NM	£175 per 6 IB
Domaine Taupenot-Merme	Morey-Saint-Denis	Red	93 TA	£225 per 6 IB
Domaine Taupenot-Merme 'Pruliers'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	Red	93 TA	£395 per 6 IB
Domaine Taupenot-Merme	Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru	Red	95-97 NM	£985 per 6 IB

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE

**Domaine Taupenot-Merme
Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru**



£175 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

89-91 Neal Martin

89-91 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru is a blend of Grands Champs and Les Duresses raised in around 30% new oak and 100% de-stemmed. It has a perfumed bouquet of crushed violets and iris, dark cherries and bilberry fruit. The medium-bodied palate delivers supple tannins and a fine bead of acidity. Taut and crisp with quite a saline, punchy finish. Excellent."

89-91 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

**Domaine Taupenot-Merme
Morey-Saint-Denis**



£225 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

93 Tim Atkin

88-90 Jasper Morris

88-90 Neal Martin

"Romain Taupenot uses grapes from three village sources - mostly Les Porroux with components from Les Crais and En Seuvrey - and it's well up to the high quality of previous releases. Spicy, chalky and aromatic, with 25% new wood, commendable finesse and palate length and ripe, textured red fruit flavours."

93 Pts Tim Atkin, Decanter.com, January 2020

**Domaine Taupenot-Merme
'Pruliers'
Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru**



£395 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Late 2020

93 Tim Atkin

91-93 Neal Martin

90-93 Jasper Morris

"The 2018 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Pruliers 1er Cru has an impressive bouquet that mingles red and black fruit, woodland/autumn leaves and a pinch of sage. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, very composed and with good intensity. The backbone of this Pruliers is evident toward the finish, which displays fine salinity, completing an accomplished wine."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

**Domaine Taupenot-Merme
Mazoyères-Chambertin
Grand Cru**



£985 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045+
Arriving Late 2020

95-97 Neal Martin

94-96 Jasper Morris

96 Tim Atkin

"The 2018 Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru needs a lot of coaxing, but it is worth waiting as it reveals ebullient blackberry, raspberry, crushed stone and light truffle aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins, a superb bead of acidity and a very intense, quite structured finish. Romain Taupenot opined that this is closing down as winter falls, and I can see that, but it will ultimately turn into a very serious Mazoyères-Chambertin."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, January 2020

Laithwaite's

..... FINE WINE



It was a relief to see healthier volumes in the cellars this year after a run of short vintages.



Domaine Hubert Lamy

Rue des Lavières, Saint-Aubin

“His top vineyards in Saint Aubin and Chassagne deliver everything you could want from one of the best growers in Burgundy. Some of the vineyard such as the "En Remilly" and "Murgers des Dents de Chien" are spectacular and compete with the finest Puligny wines but at far more reasonable prices.”

Neal Martin



Olivier Lamy is a man obsessed by his craft, forever looking for new ways to improve quality, be that by using ultra-high density planting, or by meticulous leaf management during the growing season in order to minimise sunburn risk for the grapes. Listening to him rattle through the minutiae of the vintage at 100 miles per hour was a real education into exactly why his wines turned out as good as they did.

Acknowledged by his peers as one of the most inspiring white winemakers in the Côte de Beaune (“meticulous and thoughtful viticulture, a source of inspiration for other vigneronns up and down the Côte” according to William Kelley), the 2018s we tasted here were unsurprisingly some of the very best of the vintage, full of vivacity.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Domaine Hubert Lamy 'Les Chataigners'	Bourgogne	White	90 TA	£100 per 6 IB

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Domaine Hubert Lamy
'Les Chataigniers'
Bourgogne



£100 per 6 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving late 2020

90 Tim Atkin

87 Jasper Morris

86-88 Neal Martin

"Clear pale colour, beautiful fresh fruit from the start, very appetising. Tension at the back, firm acidity, a Bourgogne with attitude."

87 Pts, Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com, January 2020

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Lavantureux Frères

Rue Saint-Martin, Lignorelles

“David Lavantureux is making some very stylish Chablis from his base in Lignorelles.”

Tim Atkin



New to our radar, brothers David and Arnaud Lavantureux took over from their parents Roland and Brigitte in 2010, becoming the third generation of winemakers at this Chablis estate. Their philosophy is one of fully expressing the differences between different terroirs and vintages, while making “intense Chablis with richness and complexity”.

Based on our tasting of their 2018s, it has to be said that they fully deliver on these promises. Intense and concentrated, while not losing any of that essential Chablis minerality, these wines were absolute winners and ones we are delighted to bring to our range for the first time in this vintage.



Name	AOC	Colour	Score	Case Price
Lavanturuex Frères 'Bougros'	Chablis Grand Cru	White	18 JR	£230 per 6 IB

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Lavantureux Frères 'Bougros'
Chablis Grand Cru



£230 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2020

18 Jancis Robinson

90-93 Jasper Morris

“Sweet spices, chalk and steel on the palate with delicious umami complexity on the mid palate. Full and lengthy, and shows that Chablis can be taken as seriously as any top burgundy. Still very young, and will go on to even greater things. Drink 2022-2032.”

18 Pts Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com, January 2020

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