

## **Burgundy 2016 En Primeur Offer**

*“The 2016s deserve a place in your cellars and there is no reason not to go heavy – I for one will be buying all that I can afford and find.”*

Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018

*“The first rule of a wine is not to be good, but to exist. But where it does exist in 2016, it is at times extraordinarily great, with a clutch of legendary wines.”*

Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, January 2018

*“2016 is a seriously delicious vintage.”*

Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com, January 2018

*“The 2016 vintage is not a year to buy blindly, but it’s certainly a vintage to buy.”*

William Kelley, Decanter.com, January 2018

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## **Burgundy 2016 Vintage Summary**

I'm often hesitant to write a vintage report for our customers with such a heavy focus on the weather patterns of the year. From the feedback I have had it seems for many consumers it is of little interest and ultimately it is the quality and style of what is in the bottle that is considerably more important. However given the crazy year that 2016 was, I think it's important to have an understanding of why 2016 was so unusual and therefore how to go about choosing the best wines to buy.

Following a mild winter, the key event which made 2016 what it was occurred on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Clear skies overnight meant temperatures dropped significantly causing a severe frost in much of the Côte d'Or. The result was that many youthful buds were simply destroyed by the abnormally low temperatures. The clear skies and intense sunshine the following morning may on the surface appear to have been welcome, but it was too late to help the already destroyed buds. On top of that though, the magnifying effects of the frost caused the sun to burn many of the remaining buds, kicking the vines while they were down.

Unusually, the frost was most severe on the upper slopes, including many of the top Grands Crus and 1er Crus; the sites which normally escape the more common spring frosts. Those walled vineyards (Clos) or otherwise sheltered vineyards were also protected from the cold winds which flowed off the hills of Chambolle and Chassagne in particular, so the more exposed sites were particularly badly hit. In addition, those vineyards which enjoyed patchy cloud cover during that April morning were saved from the damaging sunshine. All in all it was a massive, complex patchwork of weather patterns where sheer luck played an enormous part.

One of the key considerations following this frost is that while buds were destroyed, many remained and in addition some new buds grew after this date, so the maturity of the bunches as the season went on were inconsistent in their development. In the 10 weeks following this disastrous spell, conditions were wet and miserable with the additional threat of mildew reducing yields even further still. But then all changed at the end of June as bright blue skies and consistent warm weather enabled the grapes to ripen fully and beautifully and the more youthful bunches which sprouted post the April frosts were able to successfully play catch up.

After such a tumultuous season, the key factors to appreciate are that volumes produced are considerably reduced in all but a couple of areas, and quality is rather mixed. There are some super wines which rival the best from 2015, (albeit in a different style), but there were quite a number we were happy to not feature in the offer.

### **Reds**

Following a vintage such as 2015, the reds this year were bound to have their work cut out, of that there is no doubt. But, whereas many may look at the quality of 2016 versus 2015, I think perhaps the sensible course of action is to look at them from a stylistic standpoint. Given the elegance, structure and freshness of the 2016, they're quite a different animal to the darker, more powerful 2015s. While I'd say the 2015s are a notch higher in terms of quality overall, I think many will prefer the 2016s. With lower alcohol levels, greater freshness and most likely far less oak influence, I feel the 2016s will appeal to a wider audience and will be more enjoyable at an earlier stage.

One note I will add is that I feel some of the less fashionable villages this year are worth paying close attention to. The likes of Ladoix, Aloxe-Corton, Marsannay and the Grand Cru of Corton itself have produced some outstanding wines versus their more fashionable neighbours. The prices here reflect their weaker historical status, so plenty of bargains are available.

### **Whites**

It's in the whites where I think there is greater debate in terms of the vintage's quality, but where there is little debate is in regards to the inconsistency of them this year. Chassagne and Meursault both struggled with the frost in particular while Puligny remained relatively frost-free, so volumes in the first two were especially reduced. It's perhaps easy to appreciate why there is such inconsistency depending on where the frost hit hardest. There is some excellent quality on offer though if you know where to look and you just need to be guided well.

In the context of the last two vintages 2016 sits rather well. 2014 and 2015 were in my view at two extremes of the white Burgundy spectrum. 2014 being lean, of high acid, structured and built for the long haul. 2015 being a far warmer vintage, is more opulent, of lower acid and suitable for earlier drinking. 2016 stylistically sits somewhere between the two, appealing to a range of palates.

In terms of producers, some of the highlights were Jean Monnier in Meursault whose wines were of excellent quality but at a remarkably affordable price. Like Jancis Robinson, I'm a big fan of the elegance of Domaine Georges Lignier's range and new to us this year; Domaine Gaston Ravaut is producing some wines which typify why the less fashionable, but more affordable appellations ought to be considered.

Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager

### Red Summary

(F) – This indicates a Fine Wine Team Favourite.

<u>Bourgogne &amp; Côte Chalonnaise</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes	Bourgogne	87 TA	£95 per 12 IB
Domaine Confuron-Gindre	Bourgogne	-	£65 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig	Bourgogne	84-86 NM	£75 per 6 IB
Domaine Camus-Bruchon (F)	Bourgogne	-	£150 per 12 IB
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (F)	Bourgogne	87 JM	£155 per 12 IB
Domaine Hudelot-Baillet	Bourgogne	86 NM	£155 per 12 IB
Domaine Faiveley 'La Framboisière'	Mercurey	90 TA	£170 per 12 IB
Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire 'Clos Jus' (F)	Givry 1er Cru	-	£175 per 12 IB
Domaine Henri Gouges	Bourgogne	91 TA	£105 per 6 IB
<u>Other Côte de Nuits</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Derey 'Les Champs Perdrix'	Marsannay	-	£160 per 12 IB
Domaine Grivot (F)	Coteaux Bourguignons	89 TA	£85 per 6 IB
Domaine René Bouvier 'Longeroies'	Marsannay	87-89 NM	£120 per 6 IB
Domaine Albert Bichot 'Clos de la Perrière'	Fixin 1er Cru	92 TA	£185 per 6 IB
Domaine René Bouvier	Échezeaux Grand Cru	88-90 NM	£650 per 6 IB
<u>Côte de Beaune</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Arnoux Pere & Fils 'Les Beaumonts'	Chorey-Lès-Beaune	-	£185 per 12 IB
Domaine Camus-Bruchon (F)	Chorey-Lès-Beaune	-	£185 per 12 IB
Domaine Camus-Bruchon 'Cuvée Reine Joly'	Savigny-Lès-Beaune	-	£220 per 12 IB
Domaine Bouard-Bonnefoy	Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge	-	£230 per 12 IB
Domaine Edmond Cornu 'Bois Roussot'	Ladoix 1er Cru	-	£120 per 6 IB
Domaine de la Vougeraie 'Les Marconnets'	Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru	92 TA	£135 per 6 IB
Dom. Gaston Ravaut 'Le Bois Roussot' (F)	Ladoix 1er Cru	-	£135 per 6 IB
Dom. Jean Monnier et Fils 'Fremiers' (F)	Pommard 1er Cru	-	£150 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin	Volnay	-	£325 per 12 IB
Domaine Gaston Ravaut (F)	Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru	-	£170 per 6 IB
Domaine de la Vougeraie 'Les Petits Noizons'	Pommard	91 TA	£360 per 12 IB
Joseph Drouhin	Pommard		£365 per 12 IB
Domaine du Pavillon 'Clos des Ursulines'	Pommard	91* JM	£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Edmond Cornu 'Les Valozières'	Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru	-	£225 per 6 IB
Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Bressandes' (F)	Corton Grand Cru	-	£285 per 6 IB
Maison Roche de Bellene	Corton Grand Cru	-	£295 per 6 IB
Domaine du Pavillon 'Rugiens'	Pommard 1er Cru	92-94 JM	£335 per 6 IB
Domaine Arnoux Père & Fils 'Le Gognet'	Corton Grand Cru	-	£350 per 6 IB
Domaine Edmond Cornu 'Bressandes' (F)	Corton Grand Cru	-	£350 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Clos des Mouches'	Beaune 1er Cru	95 TA	£350 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Clos des Chênes'	Volnay 1er Cru	94 TA	£350 per 6 IB

**Red Summary (continued)**

**Chambolle-Musigny**

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet V.V. (F)  
 Domaine Faiveley  
 Domaine François Bertheau (F)  
 Domaine Albert Bichot 'Les Sentiers'  
 Domaine Albert Bichot 'Les Chabiots'  
 Domaine Felettig  
 Domaine René Bouvier 'Les Fuées'  
 Maison Roche de Bellene  
 Dujac Père et Fils  
 Domaine Génot-Boullanger

**AOC**

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 Chambolle-Musigny  
 Chambolle-Musigny

**Score**

89-91 NM  
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 94 TA  
 93 TA  
 92-94 NM  
 86-88 NM  
 93 TA  
 92 TA  
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**Case Price**

£415 per 12 IB  
 £450 per 12 IB  
 £250 per 6 IB  
 £305 per 6 IB  
 £335 per 6 IB  
 £360 per 6 IB  
 £395 per 6 IB  
 £585 per 3 IB  
 TBC  
 TBC

**Gevrey-Chambertin**

Domaine Georges Lignier  
 Domaine Faiveley 'Vieilles Vignes'  
 Maison Roche de Bellene  
 Domaine de la Vougeraie 'La Justice' (F)  
 Lupé-Chollet (Albert Bichot) 'Les Evocelles'  
 Domaine René Bouvier 'Les Jeunes Rois'  
 Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini V.V. (F)  
 Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Clos Village'  
 Domaine Georges Lignier 'Les Combottes'  
 Domaine Faiveley 'Cazetiers'  
 Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Les Goulots'  
 Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Perrières'  
 Domaine Faiveley 'Combe Aux Moines' (F)  
 Joseph Drouhin 'Cazetiers'  
 Domaine René Bouvier  
 Maison Roche de Bellene  
 Maison Roche de Bellene

**AOC**

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 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru  
 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru  
 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru  
 Chambertin Grand Cru

**Score**

91 TA  
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 90 TA  
 92\* JM  
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 89-91 NM  
 93 TA  
 92 TA  
 93 TA  
 93 TA  
 94 TA  
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 91-93 NM  
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 94 TA  
 90-92 NM  
 92 TA  
 91 TA

**Case Price**

£310 per 12 IB  
 £315 per 12 IB  
 £325 per 12 IB  
 £350 per 12 IB  
 £195 per 6 IB  
 £200 per 6 IB  
 £220 per 6 IB  
 £240 per 6 IB  
 £320 per 6 IB  
 £325 per 6 IB  
 £325 per 6 IB  
 £325 per 6 IB  
 £325 per 6 IB  
 £345 per 6 IB  
 £435 per 6 IB  
 £565 per 6 IB  
 £345 per 3 IB  
 £675 per 3 IB

**Red Summary (continued)**

<b><u>Morey-St-Denis</u></b>	<b><u>AOC</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u>Case Price</u></b>
Domaine Georges Lignier	Morey-St-Denis	91 TA	£250 per 12 IB
Domaine Georges Lignier 'Clos des Ormes' (F)	Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru	92 TA	£185 per 6 IB
Domaine Henri Jouan	Morey-St-Denis	-	£190 per 6 IB
Domaine Albert Bichot 'Les Sorbets'	Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru	94 TA	£225 per 6 IB
Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs	Morey-St-Denis	92 TA	£240 per 6 IB
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Les Millandes' (F)	Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru	92-94 NM	£340 per 6 IB
Domaine Henri Jouan 'Clos Sorbé'	Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru	-	£385 per 6 IB
Domaine Georges Lignier (F)	Clos St Denis Grand Cru	94 TA	£475 per 6 IB
Dujac Père et Fils	Morey-St-Denis	92 TA	TBC
<b><u>Nuits-St-Georges</u></b>	<b><u>AOC</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u>Case Price</u></b>
Domaine Jean Chauvenet (F)	Nuits-St-Georges	-	£295 per 12 IB
Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes	Nuits-St-Georges	92 TA	£295 per 12 IB
Domaine Confuron-Gindre	Nuits-St-Georges	91 TA	£185 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig	Nuits-St-Georges	88-90 NM	£190 per 6 IB
Domaine Jérôme Chezeaux 'Aux Boudots'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	-	£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Henri Gouges (F)	Nuits-St-Georges	93 TA	£210 per 6 IB
Dom. de la Vougeraie 'Les Corvées Pagets'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	-	£215 per 6 IB
Dom. Henri Gouges 'Clos des Porrets St Georges'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	94 TA	£255 per 6 IB
Domaine Albert Bichot 'Château Gris'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	94 TA	£255 per 6 IB
Domaine Jean Chauvenet 'Les Damodes' (F)	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	-	£275 per 6 IB
Domaine Henri Gouges 'Pruliers'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	92-94 NM	£325 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Procès'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	93 TA	£325 per 6 IB
Domaine Henri Gouges 'Les Vaucrains'	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	96 TA	£440 per 6 IB
Domaine Grivot 'Roncière' (F)	Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru	95 JM	£575 per 6 IB
<b><u>Vosne-Romanée</u></b>	<b><u>AOC</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u>Case Price</u></b>
Domaine Confuron-Gindre	Vosne-Romanée	92 TA	£195 per 6 IB
Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes (F)	Vosne-Romanée	89-91 NM	£395 per 12 IB
Domaine Felettig	Vosne-Romanée	86-88 NM	£220 per 6 IB
Domaine Confuron-Gindre 'Les Brûlées'	Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	93 TA	£285 per 6 IB
Domaine Confuron-Gindre 'Chaumes'	Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	94 TA	£285 per 6 IB
Benjamin Leroux (F)	Vosne-Romanée	92 TA	£288 per 6 IB
Domaine Méo-Camuzet	Vosne-Romanée	92 TA	£360 per 6 IB
Domaine Felettig	Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	89-91 NM	£360 per 6 IB
Domaine du Clos Frantin 'Les Malconsorts'	Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	94 JM	£565 per 6 IB
Maison Roche de Bellene	Romanée-St-Vivant Grand Cru	93 TA	£1500 per 3 IB

## White Summary

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### Bourgogne & Non-Côte d'Or

	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Servin 'Montée de Tonnerre' (F)	Chablis 1er Cru	92 TA	£150 per 12 IB
Domaine Servin 'Les Forêts'	Chablis 1er Cru	91 TA	£150 per 12 IB
Domaine Servin 'Butteaux'	Chablis 1er Cru	92 TA	£150 per 12 IB
Dom. des Deux Roches 'Rives de Longsault' (F)	St-Véran	-	£115 per 12 IB
Domaine Matrot (F)	Bourgogne	87 JM	£125 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Chartron 'Montmorin'	Rully	86 NM	£130 per 12 IB
Collovray et Terrier	Pouilly-Fuissé	-	£155 per 12 IB
Ch. de Puligny-Montrachet 'Clos du Château'	Bourgogne	89 TA	£210 per 12 IB
Domaine Henri Gouges 'Pinot Blanc'	Bourgogne	85 JM	£105 per 6 IB
Domaine Antoine Jobard	Bourgogne	86 JM	£115 per 6 IB

### Other Côte de Beaune

	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Clos St Philibert'	Hautes-Côtes de Nuits	92 TA	£138 per 6 IB
Benjamin Leroux 'Sous le Château' (F)	St-Romain	91 TA	£105 per 6 IB
Dom. de la Vougeraie 'Pierres Blanches' (F)	Côte de Beaune	91 TA	£210 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Chartron 'Perrières'	St-Aubin 1er Cru	-	£280 per 12 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Clos des Mouches'	Beaune 1er Cru	95 JM	£420 per 6 IB
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	95 JM	£795 per 6 IB
Domaine Bernard Moreau 'En Remilly'	St-Aubin 1er Cru	90-92 NM	TBC

### Chassagne-Montrachet

	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Dom. Vincent & François Jouard Vieilles Vignes	Chassagne-Montrachet	17 JR	£350 per 12 IB
Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes (F)	Chassagne-Montrachet	93 TA	£360 per 12 IB
Château de Puligny-Montrachet	Chassagne-Montrachet	92 TA	£384 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Chartron 'Benoîtes'	Chassagne-Montrachet	88-90 NM	£385 per 12 IB
Dom. Vincent & François Jouard 'Chaumées'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	-	£255 per 6 IB
Benjamin Leroux 'Baudines' (F)	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	94 TA	£270 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Embazées'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	93 TA	£295 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin 'Morgeot Clos de Laguiche' (F)	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	92 JM	£325 per 6 IB
Domaine Bernard Moreau	Chassagne-Montrachet	92 TA	TBC
Domaine Bernard Moreau 'Champs Gains'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	-	TBC
Domaine Génot-Boulangier 'Vergers'	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	-	TBC

### Meursault

	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils Vieilles Vignes	Meursault	-	£260 per 12 IB
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot 'Clos du Cromin'	Meursault	87-89 NM	£350 per 12 IB
Domaine Matrot	Meursault	89 JM	£350 per 12 IB
Joseph Drouhin	Meursault	92 TA	£360 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Genevrières' (F)	Meursault 1er Cru	-	£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Antoine Jobard	Meursault	88 JM	£216 per 6 IB
Domaine Matrot 'Charmes'	Meursault 1er Cru	91 JM	£255 per 6 IB
Domaine Matrot 'Perrières' (F)	Meursault 1er Cru	94 JM*	£325 per 6 IB

**White Summary (Continued)**

(F) – This indicates a Fine Wine Team Favourite.

<u>Puligny-Montrachet</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils	Puligny-Montrachet	-	£280 per 12 IB
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (F)	Puligny-Montrachet	92* JM	£345 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Chartron (F)	Puligny-Montrachet	86-88 NM	£195 per 6 IB
Joseph Drouhin	Puligny-Montrachet	92 TA	£395 per 12 IB
Château de Puligny-Montrachet	Puligny-Montrachet	91 JM	£456 per 12 IB
Domaine Jean Chartron 'Folatières'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	90-92 NM	£255 per 6 IB
Domaine Matrot 'La Quintessence'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	90 JM	£255 per 6 IB
Domaine Faiveley 'Les Referts' (F)	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	-	£275 per 6 IB
Château de Puligny-Montrachet 'Chalumeaux'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	94 TA	£310 per 6 IB
Domaine Antoine Jobard 'Champ Gains'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	91 JM	£450 per 6 IB
Domaine Jean Chartron	Bâtard-Montrachet	94-96 NM	£875 per 6 IB
Domaine Bernard Moreau	Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru	-	TBC
Domaine Bernard Moreau	Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru	97 TA	TBC
Domaine Génot-Boulangier 'Les Nosroyes'	Puligny-Montrachet	-	TBC
Domaine Génot-Boulangier 'La Garenne'	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	-	TBC

JR – JancisRobinson.com  
 NM – Neal Martin (RobertParker.com)  
 TA – TimAtkin.com  
 Dec – Decanter Magazine  
 JM – Jasper Morris, insideburgundy.com

**Fine Wine Team Picks of the Vintage**

Given we chose the wines offered here, we are more than happy with everything we selected from hundreds upon hundreds of wines tried. However, if you are in any doubt, Joe and Gus have each selected their favourites of the trip below factoring in both quality and value for money.

**Joe's Picks**

**Domaine Bachelet-Monnot  
Bourgogne**

**£155 per 12 IB**

**Joe's Pick of the Vintage**

Based in the wonderfully tranquil village of Maranges it is easy to see why brothers Marc and Alexandre echo their relaxed surroundings when it comes to winemaking. Marc explained that since 2005 they have been taking a step back from over intrusive vinification in order to gain more character and complexity—this includes less new oak, the use of natural yeast and extended alcoholic fermentation. It certainly seems to be working in what is the most complex and delicious Bourgogne I tried all week given the price. It has a beautifully perfumed nose of red and blue fruit as well as sweet spice. The sweet fruit on the palate is balanced by super fine tannins and a lovely minerality. My best value pick!



**Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Fremiers'  
Pommard 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£150 per 6 IB**

**Joe's Pick of the Vintage**

A producer who seems to offer astounding value each year given the quality of their wines. Pommard was an appellation we felt produced some excellent wines in 2016 but this 1er Cru really was the pick of the bunch, and the cheapest to boot. Monnier's wines always show really well and the fruit forward style means they are a contender for earlier drinking. Rich and ripe with aromatic red fruit and silky tannins. Very good value.



**Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Bressandes'  
Corton Grand Cru**

**£285 per 6 IB**

**Joe's Pick of the Vintage**

A new Domaine for us this year and one I feel any of their wines would have been worthy of special mention. This Corton however, our cheapest red Grand Cru represents a really smart buy. Along with the surrounding appellations of Aloxe-Corton and Ladoix, Corton produced some excellent wines in 2016 and this was just sensational. The fruit on the palate is so rich, dense and sweet that you almost miss the hefty structure that carries it through to a long, long finish. Stunning!



**Domaine Matrot 'Perrières'  
Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£325 per 6 IB**

**Joe's Pick of the Vintage**

Wrestled from the clutches of Gus to be included in my picks this was a wine worth fighting for! For an appellation which fared as badly as Meursault in 2016 I found it astonishing that such a ripe, concentrated wine could be made, so hats off to Domaine Matrot. This just has everything with ripe, defined fruit, lovely texture, minerality and a long delicious finish. A lovely wine from an equally lovely producer.



**Gus's Picks**

**Domaine Jean Grivot  
Coteaux Bourguignons**

**£85 per 6 IB**

**Gus's Pick of the Vintage**

The phrase 'Bourgogne Grand Ordinaire' was used to describe wines made in Burgundy, but using any of the permitted minor varieties. We often joked about them as most were pretty sub par. Coteaux Bourguignons is the new name for this classification and Grivot is leading the charge to prove quality is rising.

This is 100% Gamay from Flagey-Echezeaux. But blind, I would assume it was Pinot. It's so good, dark, spicy with great freshness. Other UK merchants tasted with us at Grivot asking about availability, but as one of them put it, *'this is pretty much an exclusive to Laithwaite's isn't it, so we're unlikely to be able to get any are we?'* I am delighted we got in there early a few years ago.



**Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Le Bois Roussot'  
Ladoix 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£135 per 6 IB**

**Gus's Pick of the Vintage**

It was clear early on in the week that the vintage was a little odd, and preconceptions about producers or villages could be thrown out of the window immediately. With an open mind I think there are obvious opportunities to be had in less fashionable appellations.

We visited this Domaine in Ladoix for the first time and the whole range showed so well and I could have included any of their three wines as my pick. Would most people actively search out Ladoix in this offer ahead of say Morey-Saint-Denis? Probably not, but if you're going to take a punt on a new village, do give this one a go!



**Domaine Georges Lignier 'Clos des Ormes'  
Morey-St-Denis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£185 per 6 IB**

**Gus's Pick of the Vintage**

Historically Lignier's wines won't have been everyone's cup of tea. Many love them; some would have questioned whether they're a little lightweight. In the last 5-6 years, the quality's been rising though (even Jancis Robinson is now singing their praises) and stylistically their wines are starting to suit a wider audience. This 'Clos des Ormes' is such good value at the price of many village wines from other producers, but the quality is very much 1er Cru. Just look at the table of Morey on page 5 and see how this compares in price to its peers.



**Vougeraie 'Les Pierres Blanches'  
Côte de Beaune**

**£210 per 12 IB**

**Gus's Pick of the Vintage**

I think it's fair to say that 2016 is better suited to reds over whites, although as already discussed, it's folly to make generalisations this year, but it takes a pretty smart white to beat many of the excellent reds on offer this year. This is the last vintage made at Vougeraie by Pierre Vincent, one of my favourite winemakers anywhere on planet earth (he's now at Domaine Leflaive). The vintage suited his philosophy to a tee, carefully managing extraction and producing wonderfully refined wines such as this well priced Côte de Beaune. It's not trying to be anything clever, just classic, reliable white Burgundy at the top of its game.



**Burgundy 2016 Mixed Cases**

Given the sheer number of wines available, it can be rather tricky to work out which case or cases to go for. We have therefore put together mix case selections of some of our pound-for-pound favourites of the vintage, at two different price points.

**Value Picks** **£155 per 12 IB**

One bottle each of the following whites:  
 Château de Puligny-Montrachet 'Clos du Château', Bourgogne  
 Domaine Jean Chartron 'Montmorin', Rully  
 Domaine des Deux Roches 'Rives de Longsault', St-Véran  
 Collovray et Terrier, Pouilly-Fuissé  
 Domaine Matrot, Bourgogne  
 Domaine Servin 'Les Forêts', Chablis 1er Cru  
 ...plus one bottle each of the following reds:  
 Domaine Arnoux Pere & Fils 'Les Beaumonts' Chorey-Lès-Beaune  
 Domaine Bachelet-Monnot, Bourgogne  
 Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire 'Clos Jus', Givry 1er Cru  
 Domaine Derey 'Les Champs Perdrix', Marsannay  
 Domaine Grivot, Coteaux Bourguignons  
 Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes, Bourgogne

**Value Picks – Whites Only Case** **£150 per 12 IB**

As above, but two bottles of each of the whites.

**Value Picks – Reds Only Case** **£160 per 12 IB**

As above, but two bottles each of the reds.

**Our Highlights Mix** **£295 per 12 IB**

One bottle each of the following whites:  
 Château de Puligny-Montrachet 'En Remilly', St-Aubin 1er Cru  
 Domaine de la Vougeraie 'Les Pierres Blanches', Côte de Beaune  
 Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils, Puligny-Montrachet  
 Domaine Matrot, Meursault  
 Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Clos St Philibert', Hautes-Côtes de Nuits  
 Maison Roche de Bellene Vieilles Vignes, Chassagne-Montrachet  
 ...plus one bottle each of the following reds:  
 Domaine Bouard-Bonnefoy, Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge  
 Domaine de la Vougeraie 'Les Marconnets', Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru  
 Domaine Gaston Ravaut, Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru  
 Domaine Georges Lignier, Morey-St-Denis  
 Domaine Jean Chauvenet, Nuits-St-Georges  
 Maison Roche de Bellene, Gevrey-Chambertin

**Our Highlights – Whites Only Case** **£305 per 12 IB**

As above, but two bottles each of the whites.

**Our Highlights – Reds Only Case** **£285 per 12 IB**

As above, but two bottles each of the reds.

**Domaine Antoine Jobard**

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 to the wine 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.

*"Since easing the reins from Jobard père, Antoine Jobard has rapidly become one of Meursault's go-to winemakers." Neal Martin, December 2015*

**Domaine Antoine Jobard  
Bourgogne Blanc**

**£115 per 6 IB**

**86 Points Jasper Morris**

"Fine bright colour with a little bit of yellow. Rich mellow nose with a touch of marshmallow. A little bit of quince fruit too, and lowish acidity. Picked last and very ripe and though it will freshen up this is not one for the long term."

*86 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2020

**Domaine Antoine Jobard  
Meursault**

**£216 per 6 IB**

**88 Points Jasper Morris**

"From Les Corbins, Sous Lavelle, and Chaumes de Narvaux so a good cross section of the village. Pale colour, quite firm if neutral nose. Then on the palate the fruit reappears very nicely, good acid balance, supple and easy to appreciate."

*88 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2024

**Domaine Antoine Jobard 'Champ Gains'  
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru**

**£450 per 6 IB**

**91 Points Jasper Morris**

"Fine pale lemon and lime colour, with some elegance to the nose. A little bit of reduction in the mouth but also some of the necessary tension. This has ripened fully, even has some ripe Riesling notes, integrates very well, exciting wine for the medium term."

*91 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2030

**Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils**

Domaine Arnoux Pere & Fils are a new listing for us in 2016 with the addition of 'Les Beaumonts' from Chorey-lès-Beaune and 'Le Gognet' Corton Grand Cru. The Domaine is based in Chorey-lès-Beaune with 20 hectares divided across Chorey-lès-Beaune, Savigny-lès-Beaune, Aloxe-Corton, Beaune and Pernand Vergelesses. Pascal Arnoux is the fifth generation to head the estate and worked under his uncles for 20 years prior to taking over the domaine in 2007. He is renowned for being committed to the land and vines and his tireless work in the winery. He prefers freshness over structure and became an expert in barrel selection, following his father's history as a cooper. As a result, Domaine Arnoux Pere & Fils reflect delicate and floral aromas with well integrated subtle influences of oak.

**Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils  
'Les Beaumonts'  
Chorey-Lès-Beaune**

**£185 per 12 IB**

"A really solid Chorey from an interesting new producer to our range this year. The wines from this Domaine had a charming rusticity to them and really won us over instantly. With the fruit on the darker side and a good amount of structure this is very drinkable."

*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*

Drink to 2022+



**Domaine Arnoux Père et Fils Le Gognet'  
Corton Grand Cru**

**£350 per 6 IB**

"Once again Corton impresses in 2016. This has plenty of acidity, tannin and ripe dark fruit to see it drink well in to the future. If you are looking for great value this is one of our best priced Grands Crus this year."

*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*

Drink to 2028+



**Domaine Bachelet-Monnot**

Based in Maranges, but with several parcels of Meursault, Chassagne- and Puligny-Montrachet village and 1er Cru vineyards. Domaine Bachelet-Monnot are one of the most exciting additions to our range over the last six years and have already got quite a following. The estate is run by two 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, with the oak well-judged too.

***"It was another superb set of wines from the domaine right from the commendable Bourgogne Rouge up to the spine-tingling Bâtard-Montrachet." Neal Martin, December 2017***

***"They have made a superb range of wines in 2016, confirmation of their status as emerging white Burgundy stars" Jasper Morris MW, January 2018***

**Domaine Bachelet-Monnot  
Bourgogne**

**£155 per 12 IB**

**86-88 Points Neal Martin  
87 Points Jasper Morris**

"A three-way blend of vines located in Puligny, Haut Côte de Beaune and Maranges villages (just behind the family home), has such a pretty cranberry and raspberry preserve-scented bouquet that demonstrates the warmth of the latter part of the summer. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, crunchy red fruit, quite brisk but certainly well defined with a poised, slightly tart finish. Very fine for a generic red Burgundy."

*86-88 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018*

Drink to 2022



**Domaine Bachelet-Monnot  
Puligny-Montrachet**

£345 per 12 IB

92 Points Jasper Morris  
87-89 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Puligny Montrachet Village was not affected by frost at all. Strangely, I actually prefer the Chassagne-Montrachet Village on the nose, which was touched by frost. This just feels rather austere and aloof at the moment. The palate is better with crisp acidity, fine tension and an almost clinical, focused finish. Maybe what it just misses is some personality or character, and that may well develop with one or two years in bottle."

87-89 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018



Drink to 2024

**Domaine Bachelet-Monnot 'Clos du Cromin'  
Meursault**

£350 per 12 IB

87-89 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Meursault Clos du Cromin is usually a blend of young vines planted in 1998 with 90-year-old vines, though this year the latter was completely frosted. Nevertheless, it has a satisfying bouquet of dried honey, almond and hazelnut, gaining intensity all the time in the glass. The palate is fresh on the entry with a fine bead of acidity, though it is not a complex or "ambitious" Meursault. In that sense, it knows its place and retains freshness and typicity without striving for complexity or razor-sharp delineation. Drink it over the next 5-6 years."

87-89 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018



Drink to 2024

**Domaine Bonneau du Martray**

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 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, "their Corton-Charlemagne is one of the greatest wines in all Burgundy" (Clive Coates MW).

**Domaine Bonneau du Martray  
Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru**

£795 per 6 IB

95 Points Jasper Morris  
96 Points Tim Aitkin

"Fine pale primrose with a light green tint. A faint yet noble reduction intertwined with intense fruit and the expected stoniness. A softness is also apparent. The oak works well in the blend though, with lemon and stony notes at the back. Some greengage and some riper plums. Middleweight plus, good grip, and certainly the necessary persistence and flavour profile."

95 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018



Drink to 2030

**Domaine Bouard-Bonnefoy**

Having forged a career in the Army, Fabrice Bouard moved the family's Domaine away from bottling for négociants and now concentrates on their own five hectares of vines including seven different Premiers Crus. While we're reasonably well set for the whites, although volumes here are tiny at the best of times, the red Chassagne-Montrachet really stood out as part of a larger tasting with other producers and always offers excellent value versus the appellation's more fashionable whites.

**Domaine Bouard-Bonnefoy  
Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge**

**£230 per 12 IB**

"White Chassagne-Montrachet traditionally sells for considerably more than red and as such more and more producers are replanting vineyards which are better suited to Pinot Noir with more profitable Chardonnay, which is such a shame. This however continues to be a good example of why they ought to remain Pinot. Rather like a Volnay in style."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2023

**Domaine René Bouvier**

A new producer to our list last year and what a couple of years we've had to offer! Based in Marsannay, but with good holdings across the Côte de Nuits at village, Premier Cru and Grand Cru level, we found his reds across the board to be succulent and rounded, combining ripe fruit with the typical freshness of the vintage. We think these 2016s are even finer than the 2015s we tried last year.

**Domaine René Bouvier 'Longeroies'  
Marsannay**

**£120 per 6 IB**

**87-89 Points Allen Meadows  
87-89 Points Neal Martin**

"A distinctly ripe nose reflects notes of dark currant, black raspberry and ample amounts of earth. The round, succulent and solid concentrated middle weight flavors possess a lovely minerality before concluding in a youthfully austere and mildly rustic finale."

*87-89 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2021+



**Domaine René Bouvier 'Les Jeunes Rois'  
Gevrey-Chambertin**

**£200 per 6 IB**

**89-91 Points Neal Martin  
89-91 Points Allen Meadows**

"The 2016 Gevrey-Chambertin Jeunes Rois was not affected by frost, just like La Justice. It certainly offers more fruit intensity with ample, almost buxom red cherries, crushed strawberry and raspberry scents, although maybe not quite the same precision. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin, the stem addition lending a little graininess to the texture. There is pleasant, quite saline finish that just lingers on the aftertaste. Enjoy this well-crafted Gevrey-Chambertin over the next 5 or 6 years."

*89-91 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018*

Drink to 2025+



**Domaine René Bouvier 'Les Fuées'  
Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£395 per 6 IB**

**90-92 Points Allen Meadows  
86-88 Points Neal Martin**

“Moderate amounts of wood and reduction make this tough to read aromatically. Otherwise there is an abundance of both minerality and dry extract present on the energetic and lacy middle weight flavors though there is a certain taut muscularity that arises on the mildly austere finish. Note that at least some patience will be required and for those who like to age their burgs, this will likely require most of a decade to fully mature.”

*90-92 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine René Bouvier  
Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru**

**£565 per 6 IB**

**91-93 Points Allen Meadows  
90-92 Points Neal Martin**

“The 2016 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru comes from the Mazoyères side, with the vines averaging 60 years of age. I much prefer the bouquet here compared to the Echézeaux: well defined with good mineral tones, redcurrant and cranberry fruit with hints of undergrowth and even a tang of marmalade. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, quite structured for a Charmes-Chambertin with a solid, quite grippy finish that needs to muster a little more charm by the finish. Give this 3 or 4 years in bottle.”

*90-92 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018*



Drink to 2028+

**Domaine René Bouvier  
Échézeaux Grand Cru**

**£650 per 6 IB**

**91-93 Points Allen Meadows  
88-90 Points Neal Martin**

A moderately high-toned and very spicy nose combines notes of red currant and raspberry with those of lavender and violet. Here too there is good energy to the equally seductive and caressing middle weight plus flavors that possess a wonderfully seductive mouthfeel before terminating in a distinctly firm and slightly austere finale where a hint of bitter cherry pit arises. This will need at least a few years of restraint.”

*91-93 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*



Drink to 2028+

**Domaine Camus-Bruchon**

Although there is archival evidence dating the 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. Happily 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 finest plots, this domaine has 9.5ha of vineyard across several Premiers Crus in Savigny, Pommard and Beaune. Very similar to the 2015s, these 2016s are wonderfully expressive and perfect wines for those who perhaps want a little more vibrancy and fruit in their Burgundy.

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**Domaine Camus-Bruchon  
Bourgogne**

**£150 per 12 IB**

“Typically for this estate, very vibrant, plenty of red fruit character and quite sweet on the attack. Lovely touch of spice. Bit more elegant and refined than normal in 2016.”

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2022+



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**Domaine Camus-Bruchon  
Chorey-Lès-Beaune**

**£185 per 12 IB**

“Absolutely lovely on the attack, super-impressive concentration for a Chorey. Still very viscous, dark and fruit forward, really showy, but with the mid-palate to match.”

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2022+



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

**£220 per 12 IB**

“Certainly in the same mould as the first two wines on offer, but this Savigny almost screams ‘grow up’ to the other two. Cut from the same cloth, this is equally as appealing on the nose and attack, but adds greater complexity, refinement, acidity and crucially a backbone of fine tannins which suggest this will cellar well.”

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2025++



**Domaine Confuron-Gindre**

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 major critics (although Clive Coates did suggest that “someone in Britain should snap him up” back in 2008). Though they are showing at trade tastings this year so hopefully they’ll be sampled by some of the key critics. 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 domaine.

**Domaine Confuron-Gindre  
Bourgogne**

**£65 per 6 IB**

“One of the most flambouyant Bourgogne Rouges we’ve tasted in years. This has bags of sweet dark fruit, and sweet, spice. Not one to be overloaded with oak, it’ll be lovely to drink in its youth.”  
*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2022

**Domaine Confuron-Gindre  
Nuits-St-Georges**

**£185 per 6 IB**

**91 Points Tim Atkin**

“Much more classic Nuits than its 2015 counterpart. Very structured with fresh, vibrant acidity and crunchy tannins. Given time this should become a very good Nuits-St-Georges.”  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine Confuron-Gindre  
Vosne-Romanée**

**£195 per 6 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin**

“A real joy to taste, this is certainly very impressive at the price. A typical, pretty Vosne-Romanée. Beautiful aromatics, bags of concentrated red fruit and all held together with refreshing acidity.”  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine Confuron-Gindre 'Chaumes'  
Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru**

**£285 per 6 IB**

**94 Points Tim Atkin**

“The most structured of the Vosne 1er Crus in the range and I feel is for the long haul. The red fruit here is very distinctive and tarter than its counterparts showing cranberry and sour cherry notes.”  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2028+

**Domaine Confuron-Gindre 'Les Brûlées'  
Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru**

**£285 per 6 IB**

**93 Points Tim Atkin**

“Very much the bigger brother of the Vosne villages with everything turned up a few notches. The freshness and energy seen in the other wines is again evident here, as is impressive concentration and lovely fine tannins.”  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2028+

**Domaines Jean Chauvenet**

Domaine Jean Chauvenet are Nuits-St-Georges specialists. Not only do they specialise in this particular village, but more specifically they focus on wines of real approachability and friendliness. Red fruits predominate and while the long-term ageing potential is certainly less than at the likes of Gouges, that is no bad thing for those looking to drink and enjoy their Nuits in the first three or four years of its life, especially given the quality on offer for the price.

**Domaine Jean Chauvenet  
Nuits-St-Georges**

**£295 per 12 IB**

**88-91 Points Burghound**

“A very appealing style of village Nuits. A big, dark powerful wine with plenty of sweet fruit yet rounded and supple tannins. The domaine’s style for friendly, earlier drinking wines should mean this will drink nicely within a year from release.”

*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2025

**Domaine Jean Chauvenet ‘Les Damodes’  
Nuits-St-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£275 per 6 IB**

**90-92 Points Burghound**

“Much more akin to a Vosne-Romanée than a Nuits-St-Georges, this is the perfect marriage of elegance and power. Ripe red fruit and super fine tannins.”

*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2028

**Domaine Jérôme Chezeaux**

Nuits-St-Georges and particularly Vosne-Romanée is in great demand and finding good quality sources is not easy given the global clamour for these wines. To come across an under the radar family estate, like Domaine Chézeaux, turning out classic, minimal-intervention reds was a real boon and we quickly snapped up their wines. Charming and expressive of their terroir, these wines will not disappoint Burgundy fans.

**Domaine Jérôme Chezeaux ‘Aux Boudots’  
Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru**

**£195 per 6 IB**

“For me this was the real highlight from what is a new Domaine to our range this year. The nose is absolutely beautiful with distinctive cinnamon, and other sweet spices. A really rounded style of Nuits and one I could drink all day.”

*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2028+

**Domaine Jean Chartron**

Massive quality improvements at any particular estate tend to take a few years for consumers to notice. Subsequently prices tend to rise accordingly. Chartron are in that sweet spot for consumers of producing excellent wines, but the market not yet recognising this, although as you can see from the quote below, some of the critics have. These wines will appeal greatly to those drinkers who appreciate a more elegant, food friendly style of white Burgundy. That said, the 'Benoites' traditionally suits those who prefer a weightier style.

*"His wines have tended to be a little underrated out there in the market place." "A producer that is improving with every passing vintage." Neal Martin*

**Domaine Jean Chartron 'Montmorin'  
Rully**

**£130 per 12 IB**

**86 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Rully Montmarin has a slightly austere bouquet at first, gradually opening with fresh green apple and Conference pear aromas. The palate is sharp on the entry with brisk acidity, nicely weighted in the mouth with a slightly resinous finish. This is par for the course."



*86 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2021

**Domaine Jean Chartron 'Perrières'  
St-Aubin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£280 per 12 IB**

**89-91 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Saint Aubin 1er Cru Les Perrières comes from a parcel bought from Chateau de Pommard in 2008 (I never knew they owned parcels outside Pommard!). It has a nicely focused, quite floral bouquet with fresh green apple, pear and white flowers. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry with a keen thread of acidity, plenty of citrus fruit with good weight and concentration on the finish. It is a little conservative but it will drink well for 4 or 5 years."



*89-91 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2024

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

**£385 per 12 IB**

**88-90 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Chassagne Montrachet les Benoites felt closed on the nose at first, but it opens nicely with limestone and pine cones scents infusing the green apple notes. I admire the detail here. The palate is fresh and taut on the entry, a fine thread of acidity, a brush of clear honey toward the gentle but caressing finish. Simple but lovely."



*88-90 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2026

**Domaine Jean Chartron  
Puligny-Montrachet**

£195 per 6 IB

86-88 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Puligny Montrachet Village felt a little tight on the nose with light granitic, almost marine-like scents emerging. The palate has weight and body, clean and fresh with a touch of wild honey, although I think the previous two vintages showed more tension. Still, this is a delicious, easy-going Puligny that will drink well over 2 or 3 years."

86-88 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017

Drink to 2022



**Domaine Jean Chartron 'Folatières'  
Puligny-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£255 per 6 IB

90-92 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru les Folatières offers quite a generous bouquet with subtle hints of passion fruit and lychee filtering through the citrus fruit. The palate is rounded, quite rich with a honeyed texture, powerful and lightly spiced with an insistent finish that lingers in the mouth. It is a bullish and comparatively outgoing Folatières that will hopefully gain mineralité before bottling to "complete" the wine."

90-92 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017

Drink to 2028



**Domaine Jean Chartron  
Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru**

£875 per 6 IB

94-96 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Bâtard Montrachet Grand Cru was reduced from four to three barrels because of the frost. It has a fine peach skin, red apples and cold slate-scented bouquet that opens with confidence with aeration. The palate is fresh on the entry, very focused and with a keen line of acidity. Very harmonious with superb salinity on the finish that keeps you coming back. Due to be bottled by Easter, try and bag one of the 750 odd bottles."

94-96 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017

Drink to 2035



**Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire**

Chofflet-Valdenaire is located in the picture-book hillside hamlet of Russily, 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. Marketed by a group of like-minded winemakers who don't like their wines to be sold through an agent, we tasted this range as part of quite a large 80+ wine tasting and pound for pound, this was clearly the most impressive producer.

**Domaine Chofflet-Valdenaire 'Clos Jus'  
Givry 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£175 per 12 IB

"Beautifully aromatic with plenty of sweet spice from the well judged oak. The Clos Jus vineyard is an East-facing site towards the North of the appellation with predominantly stony soils. This gives the wine a mineral note to balance the primary fruit. A great value Premier Cru."

Joe Fogg, Fine Wine

Drink to 2022+



### Domaine Derey

Domaine Derey dates back to 1850 when Claude Derey established the estate in the commune of Couchey, Marsannay. The six generation wine estate has slowly grown over the decades acquiring clay-limestone plots in Dijon, Marsannay la-Côte, Fixin, Couchey and Gevrey-Chambertin. Today the estate is run by Maxime and his parents who ensure the family's vast experience and expertise. Investment in the most environmentally-friendly modern technology ensures gentle vinification with great care being taken in every action of the winemaking process. However, traditional methods such as horses to reduce the impact on the land, are still used in the vineyards. Yield management is controlled through selective pruning and manual harvesting to ensure the finest grapes selected.

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**Domaine Derey 'Les Champs Perdrix'  
Marsannay**

**£160 per 12 IB**

"What a lovely wine this is. An easy going Burgundy with crunchy cranberry and raspberry fruit. Really crisp acidity and fine tannins. Not the most concentrated but very pleasant for early drinking."  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2023

### Domaine Edmond Cornu

Domaine Cornu was established in Ladoix-Serrigny back in 1875, with Edmond himself taking control in 1956. Today the estate is run principally by his son Pierre. 2016 was a very successful vintage for this Domaine, offering not only an excellent quality and value 1er cru from the often overlooked appellation of Ladoix, but also wines from one of the vintage's stand out villages Aloxe-Corton, as well as a Grand Cru from the famous hill itself. The dark, rich style of the estate's wines made them stars of our tastings and ensured they were musts for our list this year.

***"This Domaine produces fine and elegant wines that can be drunk young, but which for the most part have good ageing potential"***  
*LeFigaro.fr*

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**Domaine Edmond Cornu 'Bois Roussot'  
Ladoix 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£120 per 6 IB**

"We really enjoyed the dark brooding style of the wines from this Domaine and it backed up our previous assessment that the hill of Corton and its surrounding appellations produced some really great wines in 2016. This has beautiful dark fruit and ripe tannins. Very concentrated given the supposed modest appellation"  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2025++

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**Domaine Edmond Cornu 'Les Valozières'  
Aloxe-Corton 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£225 per 6 IB**

"Another really lovely Aloxe in 2016. This is richer than the Ladoix with quite chunky tannins, masses of sweet, perfumed dark fruit and great concentration. A real wow wine"  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2025++

**Domaine Edmond Cornu  
Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru**

£350 per 6 IB

"It is hard to believe that this could be bigger still than the quite considerable heft of the Aloxe 1er Cru but that is what this Grand Cru site delivers. Still a baby in the context of its evolution of course, the sheer weight of fruit concentration and tannin is remarkable but given say 10 years this should be spectacular." *Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2030+

**Domaine Dujac**

Domaine Dujac is unquestionably one of the modern superstars of Burgundy – with demand to match. It all started in 1967 when visionary Jacques Seysses acquired a small four hectare estate in Morey-St-Denis (Domaine du Jacques = Dujac). Their Fils et Père range is made from fruit sourced from growers with whom Dujac have long standing and very close relationships and offers an affordable taste of this outstanding property. These wines in our view rival Méo-Camuzet's for the best village level négociant wines in Burgundy.

Jacques Seysses' winemaking philosophy is simple – "use knowledge and technology to counter accidents, like bad weather – but, if all is going well, don't interfere." Son Jeremy adds, "stylistically, we aim for elegance, finesse, complexity and charm ahead of alcohol and tannic structure."

**Late release**

**Domaine Feletig**

Both Allen Meadows and Neal Martin have earmarked siblings Gilbert and Christine Felletig's Chambolle-Musigny Domaine as a rising star and our first visit here really reinforced this view. We tasted a delicious range of well-made reds where Gilbert's judgment of the optimum levels of new oak use and whole bunch fermentation seemed absolutely spot on for every wine. The wines here showed a beautiful purity of fruit as well as supple tannins and were simply delightful to taste. We are delighted to offer these for just the second vintage.

*"Keep an eye on Feletig. Actually, I have been saying that for a couple of years now. The interesting thing about 2016 is that it cajoled Gilbert Feletig into using stems in order to increase volume, between 20% and 100% depending on the cru, and you know what? He did it bloody well."*  
*Neal Martin, December 2017*

*"I would again call to your attention that the quality at this domaine has skyrocketed over the past few vintages"* Allen Meadows, January 2015

**Domaine Feletig  
Bourgogne Aligoté**

£60 per 6 IB

Although we didn't get the chance to taste Feletig's 2016 offering of Bourgogne Aligoté, based on the strength of their 2015 which was delicious we felt at just £60 per 6 this would be an excellent addition to our range. Not seen that often with UK merchants Aligoté seems to be making something of a comeback. We tried a number of excellent examples this year and with Gilbert and Christine's pedigree feel this could be a very smart buy for earlier drinking.



**Domaine Felettig  
Bourgogne**

£75 per 6 IB

**87-89 Points Allen Meadows**  
**84-86 Points Neal Martin**

“An appealingly fresh nose combines notes of cherry and plum with earth and floral hints. The energetic, pure and attractively detailed and delicious flavors terminate in a lingering finish that exhibits only a trace of rusticity. Moreover the supporting tannins are notably ripe and overall, this is a first class example of the genre that would make for an excellent all-around house red.”

*87-89 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2020+



**Domaine Felettig  
Nuits-St-Georges**

£190 per 6 IB

**88-90 Points Neal Martin**

“The 2016 Nuits-Saint-Georges Village comes from parcel located near Prémieux and therefore it was badly hit by the frost, half the production lost. Matured with 30% whole-bunch fruit, it has a classic, earthy, undergrowth-scented bouquet that actually reminds me more of a Morey-Saint-Denis. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chewy tannin, a keen line of acidity, spicy in the mouth with a broad-shouldered, assertive finish that will hopefully find more grace and precision by the time it is in bottle. Not bad, although I preferred the 2015 last year.”

*88-90 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2025+



**Domaine Felettig  
Vosne-Romanée**

£220 per 6 IB

**89-91 Points Allen Meadows**  
**86-88 Points Neal Martin**

“Here the expressive nose is very Vosne in basic character with its overtly spiced array of dark currant and Asian-style tea scents. The supple and utterly delicious flavors are highly seductive with a rich and opulent mouthfeel, all wrapped in a balanced and lingering finish. While this should be capable of rewarding 6 to 8 years of cellar time it should also drink well in its youth.”

*89-91 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2025+



**Domaine Felettig  
Vosne-Romanée 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£360 per 6 IB

**91-94 Points Allen Meadows**  
**89-91 Points Neal Martin**

“Felettig noted that this had just completed its malo and not surprisingly the nose was reduced. On the plus side there is both good freshness and energy to the impressively rich and broad-shouldered flavors that possess a taut muscularity while flashing outstanding length on the firm but not austere finale. This is quite serious yet the velvety texture is seductive. Lovely stuff.”

*91-94 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2028+



**Domaine Felettig  
Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£360 per 6 IB

**92-94 Points Allen Meadows**  
**92-94 Points Neal Martin**

“(this *cuvée* is composed by 7 different *lieux-dits* that include both Les and Aux Combottes, Feusselottes, Gruenchers, Les Plantes, Chabiots, Chatelots; from an incredibly low 6 hl/ha and 50% whole cluster). An ultra-fresh mélange features notes of cassis, blue pinot fruit, violet and a whisper of sandalwood. The rich, concentrated and impressively powerful big-bodied flavors possess ample of minerality and an almost painful intensity while delivering superb persistence on the balanced finale. This is an imposing effort of power and grace. If you can find it, buy it provided that you intend to cellar it as it’s not likely to drink especially well young.”

*92-94 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2028+



**Domaine François Bertheau**

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’ and allows the fruit to determine the style of the wine and gives it every chance by limiting manipulation in the vineyard and winery, minimal new oak and minimal racking gives a wonderfully delicate, perfumed style and has earned this Domaine cult status with sommeliers around the world.

**Domaine François Bertheau  
Chambolle-Musigny**

£250 per 6 IB

**89 Points Decanter**  
**88-91 Burghound**

“From a single parcel by the village - the fruit from other parcels near the 974 being sold off to négoce. It offers up a pure bouquet of griotte cherry, strawberry and flowers, while on the palate the wine is supple, open-knit and charming, dominated by delicate berry fruit.”

*89 Points – William Kelley, Decanter.com, October 2017*

Drink to 2028



### Domaine Gaston Ravaut

The first visit we've made to this estate based in Ladoix-Serrigny, just south of Nuits-Saint-Georges. 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're delighted to be one of the first to offer them in the UK.

As alluded to in our Vintage report, Ravaut are one of the Domaines we were keen to focus on given the relative strength this year of villages like Ladoix, Aloxe-Corton and Corton.

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**Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Le Bois Roussot' £135 per 6 IB**  
**Ladoix 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

"One of the most charming and best value wines we tasted from hundreds of samples. The wines here were all so instantly appealing and this was no different. Bright red fruit, great concentration and ripe tannins all perfectly in balance."  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*

Drink to 2023+



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**Domaine Gaston Ravaut £170 per 6 IB**  
**Aloxe-Corton 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

"The best 1er Cru we tasted from the Domaine which just had a bit more complexity than its peers. This has impressive structure but plenty of sweet dark fruit to handle it."  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*

Drink to 2028+



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**Domaine Gaston Ravaut 'Bressandes' £285 per 6 IB**  
**Corton Grand Cru**

"I would go as far as saying that this was not only the star of this particular domaine, but one of the stars of all the wines we tasted. There is so much sweet fruit on the palate it masks the considerable structure that carries it through to a long, long finish. Excellent!"  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*

Drink to 2028+



### Domaine Génot-Boulanger

Another relatively new estate which we first purchased in 2014 and quality appears to be rising every year. Founded in the 1970s, the wines are now made exclusively from estate owned vines rather than from bought-in fruit where you tend to have less control over methods and ultimately quality. With over 30 appellations covered, they are by no means a small Domaine either. They started organic viticulture in 2008 and are now fully certified as such.

Stylistically the whites are on the richer end of the spectrum relative to their peers, though are well balanced with much needed freshness. Conversely, their reds are far more delicate on the whole with gentle extraction allowing the individual vineyard expression to take a front seat.

**Late release**

**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini**

An up and coming Domaine based right in the heart of Gevrey-Chambertin, 2016 is the second vintage we have offered from this Domaine. 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.

*“There is nothing that gives me more pleasure than seeing a winemaker, a domaine, ratchet up the quality a few notches—and that is undoubtedly the case here with Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini... For sure, their name does not quite trip off the tongue like Rousseau or Dugat, but the contents can be described in a two syllable word...yummy.” Neal Martin, December 2016*

**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Vieilles Vignes' Gevrey-Chambertin**      **£220 per 6 IB**

**93 Points Tim Atkin**  
**88-90 Points Neal Martin**

“There is 55% whole bunch fruit in the 2016 Gevrey Chambertin Vieilles Vignes with 30% new oak. I love the nose here: real energy, beautifully defined with blackberry and briary fruit, woodland/autumn leaf aromas, just a hint of tobacco in the background. There is a lot going on for a modest village cru. The palate is medium-bodied with more red fruit than the Clos Village, supple tannin, quite spicy toward the finish that feels a little withdrawn at the moment and deserves more fruité to come through. As such, I will be prudent with my score for now but I am intrigued to see how this shows in bottle.”

*88-90 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2025



**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Clos Village' Gevrey-Chambertin**      **£240 per 6 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin**  
**87-89 Points Neal Martin**

“The 2016 Gevrey Chambertin Clos Village includes 50% whole bunch fruit with 30% new oak, albeit with a different origin of wood from Fontainebleau, which gives less toastiness. It has a bright, cranberry and crushed strawberry scented bouquet with sous-bois and light tobacco scents emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannin, a little stalky perhaps but it remains cohesive and there is decent weight towards the black pepper/spice infused finish. Fine.”

*87-89 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2027



**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Les Goulots' Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**      **£325 per 6 IB**

**94 Points Tim Atkin**  
**90-92 Points Neal Martin**

“Including 55% whole bunch fruit and matured in 35% new oak from Chassin and Remond, the 2016 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru les Goulots has a tightly wound bouquet, more introverted than the La Perrière. The palate is medium-bodied with supple ripe tannin, red cherries and crushed strawberry that frame light tannins on the pure finish. It does not quite have the nerve of energy of the La Perrières and I suspect it will be the more forward of the two, once the aromatics awaken.”

*90-92 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2028



**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Perrières'  
Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£325 per 6 IB

**93 Points Tim Atkin**  
**91-93 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru la Perriere includes 50% whole bunch and is raised in 35% new oak, mainly from Chassin. It has a riproaring bouquet with plenty of lifted black cherry, boysenberry and mineral aromas all very well defined. The palate is medium-bodied and defined by very elegant, slightly chalky tannin, perfectly judged acidity, very pure and focused with a very harmonious and quite complex, tensile, sappy finish. Superb! This comes highly recommended."

*91-93 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*



Drink to 2034

**Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 'Les Millandes'  
Morey-St-Denis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£340 per 6 IB

**94 Points Tim Atkin**  
**92-94 Points Neal Martin**

"Raised in 35% new oak with 55% whole bunch fruit, the 2016 Morey Saint Denis 1er Cru les Millandes has an engaging bouquet with black fruit, wet limestone and sea spray scents. It is beautifully defined and very focused. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, slightly grainy tannin. There is plenty of smoke-tinged, almost flinty black and red fruit with a very harmonious, quite structured finish that feels persistence and satisfying. This is one of the strongest contributions from Heresztyn-Mazzini."

*92-94 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*



Drink to 2035

**Domaine Vincent & François Jourd**

Established around 1820, and today looked after by the fifth generation at their estate in Chassagne-Montrachet, with Vincent taking care of the vineyards and his brother François the winemaking. Of their 11 hectares of vines, 10 are in Chassagne, so it is fair to call them specialists in the area. Not only are their holdings enviable, but nearly all their Chardonnay vines are classified as old at between 45 and 85 years of age, helping these wines stand out for their concentration of flavour, as well as their transparent minerality.

*"Francois Jourd, one of Chassagne's lesser know but worthwhile vigneron... readers should seek him out."*

*Neal Martin, December 2014*

**Domaine Vincent & François Jourd  
'Vieilles Vignes'  
Chassagne-Montrachet**

£350 per 12 IB

**17 Points Jancis Robinson**  
**87 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes has a clean and well-defined bouquet with traces of dried apricot and yellow plum. The palate has a pleasing fatness, albeit in lieu of tension and terroir expression. Yet for all its shortcomings, it is still a Chassagne that I would contentedly drink down to the very last drop."

*87 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*



Drink to 2021

**Domaine Vincent & François Jouard  
'Les Chaumées - Clos de la Truffière'  
Chassagne-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£255 per 6 IB

"Typically this cuvée is a grown up version of the village Chassagne, with everything turned up a notch or two, but interesting this year (perhaps as a result of the frost) it is in a different style altogether. Far greater minerality than I'd expect, with more finesse and complexity, this is a remarkably sophisticated Chassagne rather than the focus being primarily on power and concentration."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2024+



**Domaine Hudelot-Baillet**

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. Dominique Leguen looks after the Domaine, taking over from Joel Hudelot-Baillet in 1998. It seems there is a general consensus that the estate has been on the rise since with bottling done at the Domaine and no nonsense winemaking techniques to carefully manage the extraction of tannins from the skins and minimising the influence from the pips allowing for softer, finer tannins.

***"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, December 2014***

**Domaine Hudelot-Baillet  
Bourgogne**

£155 per 12 IB

**86 Points Neal Martin  
87 Points Burghound**

"The 2016 Bourgogne Rouge has a tightly wound bouquet that may be suffering bottle shock (it was bottled three weeks earlier). The palate is quite dense and concentrated. Maybe the tannins show a little coarseness compared to others, while it tightens up on the tough finish. Give this 18 to 24 months in bottle, because it is surprisingly dense and may soften with age."

*86 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2023



**Domaine Hudelot-Baillet 'Vieilles Vignes'  
Chambolle-Musigny**

£415 per 12 IB

**89-91 Points Neal Martin  
88-90 Points Burghound**

"The 2016 Chambolle Musigny Vieilles Vignes includes three barrels rescued from the Chambolle Villages. I could not quite read the nose: tight-lipped and not wishing to give anything away. The palate is much more expressive with succulent black cherry and cassis fruit, sweet and a little chewy, a tingle of Sichuan pepper leaving the mouth tingling on the finish, perhaps from the limestone soil. Give it 3 or 4 years in bottle before broaching."

*89-91 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2034



**Maison Joseph Drouhin**

It's commonplace in the wine trade to favour the wines of the smaller, boutique estates ahead of the bigger names. But, if what is in the bottle is more important I'd challenge consumers in a blind tasting not to favour yet another terrific line up of wines from Joseph Drouhin. 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 when Burgundy was a duchy separate from the rest of modern-day France. 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.

*“Check out their Clos de Vougeot or gorgeous Vosne-Romanée Les Petits Monts. Suffice to say that the wines here maintain the standard set in recent years.”*  
*Neal Martin, December 2017*

**Maison Joseph Drouhin  
Volnay**

£325 per 12 IB

Not tasted this year – critics note to be confirmed.

Drink to 2025



**Maison Joseph Drouhin  
Pommard**

£365 per 12 IB

Not tasted this year – critics note to be confirmed.

Drink to 2025



**Maison Joseph Drouhin 'Procés'  
Nuit-Saint-Georges 1er Cru**

£325 per 6 IB

**93 Points Tim Atkin**  
**17 Points Jancis Robinson**

“Mid crimson with quite a bit of blue. Pure cherry fruit, dark and red, seasoned with peppery spice and a light but sure dark, mineral note adding freshness. Dry, firm, so elegant in texture, subtle, dark and incredibly long. Lovely even in its infant state.”  
*17 Points – Julia Harding, jancisrobinson.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2028+



**Maison Joseph Drouhin 'Clos des Chênes'  
Volnay 1er Cru**

£350 per 6 IB

**94 Points Tim Atkin**

Not tasted this year – critics note to be confirmed.

Drink to 2028+



**Maison Joseph Drouhin 'Clos des Mouches' £350 per 6 IB  
Beaune 1er Cru**

**95 Points Tim Atkin  
92 Points Jasper Morris**

“Dense purple with dark centre, the nose shows some reduction. Yet fine density behind, keeps the blackcurrant notes of reduction, concentrated linear style, more direct than the more typical smoother Beaunes.”

*92 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2025

**Maison Joseph Drouhin 'Cazetiers' £435 per 6 IB  
Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru**

**94 Points Tim Atkin  
92-94 Points Jasper Morris**

“Paler purple and rather reductive. Bright deep dark fruit behind with less reduction showing on the palate, dark cherry and ripe raspberry with an excellent persistent fresh finish, the expected minerality.”

*92-94 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2030+

**Maison Joseph Drouhin £360 per 12 IB  
Meursault**

**92 Point Tim Atkin  
90 Points Jasper Morris**

“The 2016 Meursault Village had been bottled three weeks before my visit in Beaune. It has quite a showy, brioche and peach skin-scented bouquet with a smudge of yellow plum in the background. The palate is well balanced with plenty of peach and nectarine on the entry, perhaps a more commercial Meursault, but there is nothing wrong with that if it is well made. And I feel that this is well made.”

*89 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018*



Drink to 2023+

**Maison Joseph Drouhin £395 per 12 IB  
Puligny-Montrachet**

**92 Points Tim Atkin  
90 Points Jasper Morris**

“Good faint light lemon. A little bit of a very attractive reduction and good fruit and flower balance. Medium bodied, balanced, acidity exactly as it should be. An attractive middleweight Puligny.”

*90 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2025

**Maison Joseph Drouhin 'Embazées'  
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru**

£295 per 6 IB

**93 Points Tim Atkin**  
**90 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Embazées, located on the border with Santenay, was only slightly touched by the frost. It has a lovely beeswax and honeysuckle-scented bouquet that blossoms with aeration. The palate is very well balanced with a keen thread of acidity, moderate weight and a welcome spicy edge toward the saline finish. It does not quite deliver the length, but there is plenty of personality here."

*90 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2018*



Drink to 2025

**Maison Joseph Drouhin 'Clos des Mouches'  
Beaune 1er Cru**

£420 per 6 IB

**95 Points Tim Atkin**  
**92 Points Jasper Morris**

"Very little affected. Pale lemon colour, some salinity even on the nose. Lemony touches, greengage, mirabelle, lovely mid palate complexity, then some whiter fruit behind, good weight and class. A little youthful astringence and the usual reasonably prominent but well managed oak."

*92 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine Faiveley**

Over the course of the last four years, the low yields in Burgundy have caused a number of issues for the consumer, none more so than the prices being paid for fruit going through the roof. It is for this reason that we wanted to explore Domaines who own their own vineyards, where there is less of an impact from the open market for fruit making its way through to the price ultimately paid for the finished bottle. Along with sheer quality, this was one of the main reasons for bringing this Domaine back into our range two years ago.

Of course, that would be futile if the wines were not up to scratch. These may appeal more to the traditionalist who is looking for more structure and 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.

**Domaine Faiveley 'La Framboisière'  
Mercurey**

£170 per 12 IB

**90 Points Tim Atkin**  
**90 Points Decanter**

"Faiveley produce 40,000 bottles of this lovely cuvée, which represents superb value. An appealing bouquet of strawberry, raspberry and coniferous forest floor, with subtle meaty bass notes, precedes a medium-full, supple and flavourful wine with a nice core of sweet fruit and fine, melted tannins."

*90 Points – William Kelley, Decanter.com, October 2017*



Drink to 2022

**Domaine Faiveley 'Vieilles Vignes'  
Gevrey-Chambertin**

£315 per 12 IB

Not tasted this year – critics note to be confirmed.



**Domaine Faiveley  
Chambolle-Musigny**

£450 per 12 IB

Not tasted this year – critics note to be confirmed.



**Domaine Faiveley 'Cazetiers'  
Gevrey Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£325 per 6 IB

**93 Points Tim Atkin  
92-94 Points Burghound**

“Reduction and wood currently overshadow the underlying fruit. There is first-rate intensity and power to the concentrated broad-shouldered flavors that possess a velvet-textured mid-palate while delivering outstanding length on the balanced and only mildly rustic finale. If this can add even more depth it could very well merit the upper end of my predicted range. In sum, this is a classic example and as such, it’s very much destined for a long snooze in a cold cellar.”

*92-94 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2030



**Domaine Faiveley 'La Combe Aux Moines'  
Gevrey Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£345 per 6 IB

**90-93 Points Jasper Morris  
91-94 Points Burghound**

“Discreet wood easily allows the overtly *sauvage* and earth-infused aromas of dark berries and humus to shine. The intense, muscular and powerful big-bodied flavors possess good minerality that really comes up on the austere and sneaky long finale. Textbook CAM.”

*91-94 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2030



**Domaine Faiveley 'Les Referts'  
Puligny-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£275 per 6 IB

“Generally speaking, my focus when I taste Faiveley’s wines is on the reds, that is their bread and butter. However, two Pulignys really stood out at their tasting, their village Puligny & this, their flagship 1er Cru. The latter is the one of which we managed to get an allocation. This is everything you want from a Puligny, refined; full of racy acidity, but with plenty of rich fruit, in this instance on the more tropical end of the spectrum.”

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2025+



**Domaine Henri Gouges**

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' wines. However, Gregory has been working towards a more approachable style.

*"A producer that I greatly admire"  
Neal Martin, December 2017*

**Domaine Henri Gouges  
Bourgogne**

**£105 per 6 IB**

**91 Points Tim Atkin  
87 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Bourgogne Pinot Noir has a healthy dark garnet color. The bouquet is clean, pure and quite generous with blackberry, raspberry preserve and undergrowth scents, all well defined. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh, tart entry. Higher acidity than the 2015, this feels sharp, almost citric at the moment, but there is sufficient fruit here to maintain balance and the length is reassuringly long enough."

*87 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2022



**Domaine Henri Gouges  
Nuits-St-Georges**

**£210 per 6 IB**

**93 Points Tim Atkin  
88-90 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Nuits Saint Georges Village includes what could be saved from the vineyards of Chaines Carteaux and Les Chaignots after the frost. It has a very satisfying bouquet with dark berry fruit, touches of undergrowth, a palpable sea influence (oyster shells and a touch of kelp). The palate is medium-bodied with a slightly green entry, but very fresh with a fine bead of acidity, quite cohesive with a slightly compact, again, citric-fresh finish. Enjoy over the next decade."

*88-90 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2027



**Domaine Henri Gouges  
'Clos des Porrets St Georges'  
Nuits-St-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£255 per 6 IB**

**94 Points Tim Atkin  
91-93 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Clos des Porrets Saint Georges, matured in 20% new oak, offers attractive dusky black berries on the nose mixed with cold black tea and bay leaf. Give it a couple of swirls and a lovely crushed rose petal note leaps from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, finely judged acidity, a little grainy in texture toward the finish. There are wonderful pure black and red fruits with a vein of blood orange on the finish. Though not as good as the 2015 maybe, this remains a fine contribution to the vintage."

*91-93 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2035



**Domaine Henri Gouges 'Pruliers'  
Nuits-St-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£325 per 6 IB

**94 Points Tim Atkin  
92-94 Points Neal Martin**

“The 2016 Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru les Pruliers, aged in 20% new oak like Gouges’ other premier crus, has more red fruit on the nose than the Clos des Porrets, a little ferrous in style with subtle damp earthy aromas developing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin that feels a little chalkier and sharper at the moment. This is replete with wonderful freshness and tension toward the finish that is tensile and linear, captivating from start to finish. Superb.”

*92-94 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*



Drink to 2040

**Domaine Henri Gouges 'Les Vaucrains'  
Nuits-St-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£440 per 6 IB

**96 Points Tim Atkin  
91-95 Points Jasper Morris**

“Just 11hl/ha. Rich purple. Lots going on with the nose but some muddled notes too and a suggestion of volatility. A rich hearty mouthful even some briary notes and minerals which resemble stems but cannot be. The volatility blows off. This is incredibly dense. As the notes suggest, I found interpreting this wine very difficult, but if the positive aspects prevail it will be brilliant.”

*91-95 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2032

**Domaine Henri Gouges 'Pinot Blanc'  
Bourgogne**

£105 per 6 IB

**85 Points Jasper Morris**

“Made from 40 year old pinot blanc vines in the Dames Huguettes vineyard, above Nuits. Pale colour with a light fresh green tint, delicious bouquet, narrower than expected on the palate, with balanced acidity. Fresh apples.”

*85 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2022

**Domaine Henri Jouan**

Wonderfully stubborn in his winemaking approach, Philippe (Henri's son) has a method and he sticks by it – gentle extractions, no green harvesting, the fruit always 100% destemmed and all of his new oak sourced from a single cooper, François Frères. The resultant wines are frankly rather delicious; fruit- rather than tannin-driven, with the word 'succulent' coming up several times in our notes. The only fly in the ointment? Availability, as alluded to by Bill Nanson in his quote below. Production here is a mere three hectares.

***“Understated but with an excellent baseline of quality – I just need to work out how I will now buy some wine!”***

***Bill Nanson, November 2011***

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**Domaine Henri Jouan  
Morey-St-Denis**

**£190 per 6 IB**

“Very drinkable, with a structure that invites you to enjoy this wine at a young age rather than to lay it down for many years. That's down to the decision to destem all his fruit, no doubt.”  
*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2025+

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**Domaine Henri Jouan 'Clos Sorbé'  
Morey-St-Denis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£385 per 6 IB**

“Their stand out wine this year, absolutely superb. Very much a 'plus' version of the village wine, the Clos Sorbé is even more delicious with its extra intensity and ripeness. Similarly, this is a wine for drinking in the first few years of its life, rather than for long ageing. In our opinion that's no bad thing.”  
*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2028+

**Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils**

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 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.

*"This is an estate whose wines I recommend with much enthusiasm." Robert Parker*

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**Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Fremiers' £150 per 6 IB**  
**Pommard 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

"This has to be one of my absolute best buys from the 2016 vintage. This was showing wonderfully well when we tasted at the domaine. Very fruit forward and ripe in style with aromatic red fruit and silky tannins. One of the best Pommard we had at any price and what a price it is too. Very good value."  
*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2026+

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**Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Vieilles Vignes' £260 per 12 IB**  
**Meursault**

"Very expressive and open on the nose with some citrus as well as tropical fruit notes. The palette is nicely rounded and the oak extremely well judged. A very solid Meursault village at an equally reasonable price."  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2023+

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**Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils £280 per 12 IB**  
**Puligny-Montrachet**

"Made from two separate parcels, one old vines which bestow a lovely rich texture to this Puligny. There is also a distinct minerality which keeps everything fresh and the clarity of fruit would suggest a much higher price point."  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2023+

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**Domaine Jean Monnier et Fils 'Genevrières' £195 per 6 IB**  
**Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

"Like the Meursault village this is also packed full of ripe expressive fruit yet in no way feels unbalanced. The acidity is so clean, fresh and lively that it marries perfectly with with the wines richness. Yet again, astonishing value for one of Meursault's finest vineyards."  
*Joe Fogg, Fine Wine*



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine Jean Grivot**

One of the Côte d'Or's greatest and longest-established Domaines, Grivot is today in the hands of Etienne (and increasingly his daughter Mathilde), whose vision of red Burgundy, which while initially controversial has proved, to our minds certainly, 100% correct. Considering the Pinot Noir grape, when grown in the right sites (of which Domaine Grivot luckily own several) as more robust than most do, Grivot advocates late harvesting and extended periods in oak. The result is a muscular, structured style that can be difficult to taste when young, but which after a few years in the cellar opens up to reveal beautiful black-fruit driven wines.

*"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, December 2014*

*"I have been an absolute believer in Etienne Grivot's wines over the last few years... The future looks to be assured with his daughter Mathilde's involvement. There are some superb wines here in 2016, though the domaine lost all their village Chambolle, one third of the Clos de Vougeot, nearly half Suchots and Echezeaux, and two thirds of their Nuits-St-Georges 1ers crus Roncière and Pruliers." Jasper Morris MW, January 2018*

**Domaine Jean Grivot  
Coteaux Bourguignons**

£85 per 6 IB

**89 Points Tim Atkin**  
**86-88 Points Neal Martin**

"Etienne Grivot told me that his grandfather Louis used to make a very fine Gamay back in the day, and so in some ways his 2016 Côteaux Bourguignon is nothing new. In fact, when Etienne began at the domaine in 1982, his mother Jacqueline Mayer reminded him that Louis had made his money through this wine! Raised in 10% new oak, it has plenty of brambly red berry fruit tinged with balsamic on the nose. The palate is quite sharp on the entry with slightly darker fruit than the nose suggests, but there is good substance on the fresh, briny finish. Superb!"

*86-88 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2023



**Domaine Jean Grivot 'Roncière'  
Nuit-Saint-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£575 per 6 IB

**95 Points Jasper Morris**  
**92-94 Points Neal Martin**

"Medium intense purple. A little bit of barrel toast but it is mostly pure fruit that emerges. This is absolutely singing, it has taken on more of a Vosne character while retaining its usual spots of garrigue spice. Vibrant aftertaste."

*95 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2035



**Domaine Des Deux Roches & Collovray et Terrier**

Jean-Luc Terrier and Christian Collovray run this firm customer-favourite estate and with great success. One of the first wines Gus ever worked with when he first got into the wine trade 15 years ago was one of Jean-Luc's and I've been enjoying them every since. The Mâconnais has a slightly patchy reputation with some producers focusing on quantity over quality, but not here. The cellars are utterly pristine and the care and attention given to the wines are comparable to what you may see at the top estates in the more fashionable Côte d'Or. Aside from the quality of the wine, Jean-Luc is a tremendous, humble and hardworking character and we feel that always makes the wine taste even better!

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**Domaine Des Deux Roches  
'Rives de Longsault'  
Saint-Véran**

**£115 per 12 IB**

"For over 10 years now this has been my 'house' white Burgundy. It just ticks all the boxes each year. On the nose, the oak lets you know exactly what you've got in the glass, opulent without being coarse. The fruit tends to be on the riper side, but retaining the clear distinction as a classic white Burgundy. The acidity is always enough to balance the richness of the fruit and the oak. It's just textbook."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2021+



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**Collovray et Terrier 'Vieilles Vignes'  
Pouilly-Fuissé**

**£155 per 12 IB**

"Although it's not been in our range as long as the St-Véran above, such was the success of its little brother many wanted to see what Jean-Luc could do at a level up. This is leaner, more tightly wound than the 'Rives de Longsault' and will benefit from 12-24 months in bottle."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2022+



**Benjamin Leroux**

Along with Bachelet-Monnot, one of the producers we have been most excited about...as are Jancis Robinson and Neal Martin based on the quotes below. Having started studying viticulture at the age of 13 and 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 new winery in the heart of the town of Beaune he is buying new vineyard sites at quite a rate, but the quality is rising just as quickly as his vineyard holdings. Given the number of wines made, it is remarkable how consistently excellent these wines are from top to bottom.

*"You may remember that when I asked Allen Meadows, aka Burghound, on this video who he thought might be a natural heir to the late great Henri Jayer of Burgundy, one of the two people he cited was young Benjamin Leroux of Domaine Comte Armand."  
Jancis Robinson, January 2009*

*"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, December 2016*

**Benjamin Leroux  
Vosne-Romanée**

£288 per 6 IB

**92 Points Tim Atkin  
89-91 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Vosne Romanee Villages is an expanded cuvée since Leroux takes all the fruit from his contractors. It has an engaging bouquet with a gorgeous red cherry and strawberry bouquet laced with violets. The palate is medium-bodied with supple red and black fruit, quite a good backbone for a village cru partly from whole bunch (50+%) with a detailed finish. Recommended."  
89-91 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017



Drink to 2029

**Benjamin Leroux 'Sous le Château'  
St-Romain**

£105 per 6 IB

**91 Points Tim Atkin  
89-91 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Saint Romain Sous Le Château had absolutely no frost at all according to Leroux. It has an attractive, mineral-driven bouquet that conveys a sense of energy and tension. The palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity that neatly cuts through the slightly honeyed fruit. There is clearly great length here. This is a very fine Saint-Romain and comes highly recommended."

89-91 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017



Drink to 2022

**Benjamin Leroux 'Baudines'  
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru**

£270 per 6 IB

**94 Points Tim Atkin  
92 Points Jasper Morris**

"The nose is a little steelier, the colour equally fresh and bright. Much tighter behind, lemon and lime, an electric feel after the plusher style of Embazées. I fractionally prefer this."

92 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018



Drink to 2025

**Domaine Georges Lignier**

Among one of the most humble and charming people you would want to meet, Georges Lignier and perhaps crucially Benoît Stehly, are producing some delightful wines at their Domaine in Morey. Benoît has been working there since 1998 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 some range of elegant wines across the hierarchy. Prices at Lignier, whose front door is a mere 10 second walk from Domaine Dujac's, are very reasonable indeed!

*"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, January 2016*

**Domaine Georges Lignier  
Morey-St-Denis**

**£250 per 12 IB**

"This mid-weighted Morey is a great option for relatively early drinking. Lignier's wines are so distinctive and this is the perfect introduction to their charming style. Elegant, soft and enormously appealing, the classic style of 2016 suits this down to the ground with crisp acidity and a clean perfumed fruit profile focusing on soft red fruit and gentle tannins."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2024+

**Domaine Georges Lignier  
Gevrey-Chambertin**

**£310 per 12 IB**

"A very distinctive Gevrey, although perhaps unsurprisingly so given it's made by a Morey producer such as Lignier. A more mineral, red-fruit driven style packed full of sappy cherry and cranberry fruit on the palate. Typically in 2016 though, this has a little more structure to match the additional power of Gevrey."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine Georges Lignier 'Clos des Ormes'  
Morey-St-Denis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£185 per 6 IB**

"Certainly the best value wine in Lignier's range this year, this really stood out when tasted alongside their Grands Crus. The site sits just below Clos de la Roche and this 'Clos des Ormes' shares the same vibrant red fruit character as their Grand Cru, but is perhaps just slightly more approachable for earlier drinking. One of the best priced Premiers Crus this year."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



Drink to 2025+

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**Domaine Georges Lignier 'Les Combottes' £320 per 6 IB**  
**Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

"Benoît equates his 'Combottes' to the Grands Crus by which this vineyard is surrounded; Latricières-Chambertin, Mazoyères-Chambertin and Clos de la Roche. A step up in power and structure, this ought to cellar well and has a peppery, savoury edge to it. That being said, it's still unmistakably Lignier."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2028+



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**Domaine Georges Lignier £475 per 6 IB**  
**Clos St Denis Grand Cru**

"An exceptionally well priced Grand Cru, and one of the highlights of our tasting—my note just says 'Great!' Fine, ripe tannins, concentrated red fruit, and wonderfully perfumed aromatics lead to a long, pleasant finish. There won't be many better priced Grands Crus than this in 2016."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*

Drink to 2030+



**Domaine Bernard Moreau**

A trip to Domaine Moreau is always a treat. The tiny winery is attached to the bustling family home and the Moreaus are always very welcoming. The winery's roots stretch back to 1809 and original owner Auguste Moreau, but it took on its current guise in 1930 under Marcel Moreau. Bernard started to look after the vineyards at the tender age of fourteen and Moreau's reputation as one of the top Chassagne producers was well established by the 1980s. Bernard's sons Alex and Benoît now assist in the vineyards and winery.

The Moreau style is, as Robert Parker puts it, "plump, opulent and delicious". They own plots in six Chassagne 1ers Crus, so it's always a joy and an education to try them alongside each other and note the subtle differences. We only have one problem with this Domaine, we cannot get enough!

*"Readers will already be aware that I revere Alex Moreau as one of the best winemakers in Chassagne-Montrachet..." Neal Martin, December 2016*

**Late release**

**Domaine Matrot**

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 the Elsa Matrot. She is now renowned as “a top-class Meursault producer” (Wine International) and owns some of the best plots in Meursault’s finest vineyards.

Elsa, like Thierry before her believes in using oak only very sparingly. She is a firm believer that quality comes from the vineyard, so she lets his fruit do the talking. The result is a portfolio of white Burgundies that are intensely flavoured, incredibly pure tasting and have excellent ageing potential. With one exception, Elsa does not use new oak for her 1ers crus, instead using the new oak normally reserved for a Domaine’s top labels in her entry level offerings to age the wood ready for the top wines.

**Domaine Matrot  
Bourgogne**

**£125 per 12 IB**

**87 Points Jasper Morris**

“Mostly from below Meursault, along with grape purchases, but the crop was badly hit this year. This is lively, full, fresh and cheerful. Deliberately made this way in contrast to their more senior bottlings.”

*87 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2022

**Domaine Matrot  
Meursault**

**£350 per 12 IB**

**89 Points Jasper Morris**

“Pale fresh colour, not much bouquet, white fruit, tightly knit, rounded and characteristic of Meursault. They can usually make 100 barrels, but this year just 11! The vineyards are mostly lower on the slope plus Chevalières and Vireuils higher up.”

*89 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2023+

**Domaine Matrot 'La Quintessence'  
Puligny-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£255 per 6 IB**

**90 Points Jasper Morris**

“A blend of La Garenne – just three barrels so not enough for a separate cuvee – with part of Les Chalumeaux, fermented and matured in 40% new wood, in complete contrast to the other whites. Pale in colour, but the wood seems to have dumbed down the nose. Faint reduction perhaps. Gives it extra weight and some wood tannins. Good wine in its style, though I cannot quite see the logic in their range.”

*90 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2025++

**Domaine Matrot 'Charmes'  
Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£255 per 6 IB

91 Points Jasper Morris

“Three plots but only the two near the top provided grapes this year. This has a light colour which belies the wealth of fruit on the nose. A typical Charmes richness suffuses the palate. It has not developed individual flavours yet, but a promising start.”

91 Points – Jasper Morris MW, *insideburgundy.com*, Jan 2018

Drink to 2025++



**Domaine Matrot 'Perrières'  
Meursault 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£325 per 6 IB

94 Points Jasper Morris

“Bottled yesterday having had two extra months in barrel, then two in tank. Pale colour. The nose suggests a major wine here. Real intensity and perfect balance. Discreet in one sense but the palate demonstrates both the beautifully balanced weight of fruit with a strong mineral undercurrent. Beautiful finish with exceptional persistence.”

94 Points – Jasper Morris MW, *insideburgundy.com*, Jan 2018

Drink to 2028++



**Domaine Méo-Camuzet**

The Méo-Camuzet tasting was, not surprisingly 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.

*“Domaine Méo-Camuzet boasts one of the most enviable portfolios in Vosne-Romanée, crowned by Richebourg Grand Cru and Cros Parantoux, the latter essentially grand cru in all but name thanks to the late Henri Jayer, who decided that vines might profit more from the land than a few veg.”*  
Neal Martin, December 2013

**Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs  
Fixin**

£174 per 6 IB

91 Points Tim Atkin  
87-89 Points Neal Martin

“The 2016 Fixin has a perfumed, violet-scented bouquet, a little more cohesive than the Marsannay with a pleasing oyster shell scent developing. The palate is sweet and poised, a fine line of acidity, not a deep Fixin and one that I feel will be approachable once in bottle.”

87-89 Points – Neal Martin, *RobertParker.com*, December 2017

Drink to 2026



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**Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs  
Morey-St-Denis**

£240 per 6 IB

92 Points Tim Atkin  
87-89 Points Burghound

"A much more expressive nose offers up the perfumed essence of red currant along with subtle earth and herbal tea hints. The delicious, energetic and well-detailed flavors also culminate in a mildly rustic but sneaky long finish that is reasonably well-balanced."

*87-89 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*

Drink to 2025



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**Domaine Méo-Camuzet  
Vosne-Romanée**

£360 per 6 IB

92 Points Tim Atkin  
88-90 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Vosne-Romanée Village comes from parcels in the lieux-dits of Aux Communes and Au Bas de Combe and matured in 30% new oak. It was showing a touch of reduction on the nose, but underneath resides attractive brambly black fruit laced with violet and iris. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh opening, a Vosne that is nimble on its toes, not a deep and concentrated Vosne-Romanée but there is satisfying precision on the finish. Fine."

*88-90 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2025+



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

£138 per 6 IB

92 Points Tim Atkin

"Though just a small proportion of Pinot Blanc in this fascinating cuvée, I always think I can taste more. This is perennially one of my must buys from Burgundy, I love its combination of richness, aromatic orchard fruit and a good dollop of sweet oak. A hedonistic white Burgundy from a great producer at a very affordable price."

*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



**Château de Puligny-Montrachet**

Château de Puligny has always possessed some of Puligny-Montrachet's finest vineyards, but the Domaine was in need of a visionary capable of making the most of these fine natural gifts. So up stepped Etienne de Montille in 2002. Etienne – a Burgundian by birth – awoke this sleeping giant by increasing the focus on quality. The wines now sit in Puligny's top tier – "Château de Puligny is a very good domaine – you can buy wines with confidence here" (Clive Coates MW).

*"I have always liked their take on the Côte de Beaune and the vines benefit from their uncertified biodynamic approach and the fact that there is now a far more prudent approach to new oak than a decade ago. This has given them a lighter, more nuanced touch." Neal Martin, December 2014*

**Château de Puligny-Montrachet  
'Clos du Château'  
Bourgogne**

**£210 per 12 IB**

**89 Points Tim Atkin  
84-86 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Puligny-Montrachet Clos du Château uses minimal new oak, less than 5% according to winemaker Brian Sieve. It has a pretty apple blossom and limestone-scented bouquet. The palate is medium-bodied with light malic notes on the entry, but perhaps just needing a little more tension on the finish. Drink over the next three or four years."

*84-86 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*



Drink to 2022

**Château de Puligny-Montrachet  
Chassagne-Montrachet**

**£384 per 12 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin  
88 Points Jasper Morris**

"Mostly from Les Houillières and Champs Derniers, where they lost half the crop. Mid lemon colour, prettily perfumed, light yellow fruit, tense and energetic through the middle, a slight youthful bitterness at the back with some citrus notes."

*88 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2025

**Château de Puligny-Montrachet  
Puligny-Montrachet**

**£456 per 12 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin  
91 Points Jasper Morris**

"80% of the fruit comes from the Chalumeaux vineyard which is otherwise 1er cru. Fine pale primrose, with really stylish fruit on the nose. More fruit than floral indeed. Excellent density of fruit, fresh yellow notes, nicely balanced, good acidity behind, complex and energetic. Very persistent."

*91 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2025

**Château de Puligny-Montrachet 'Chalumeaux' £310 per 6 IB**  
**Puligny-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**94 Points Tim Atkin**  
**90-92 Points Neal Martin**

“The 2016 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru les Chalumeaux, matured in just under 15% new oak, has a fine, quite minerally bouquet with touches of limestone and granite. This is nicely detailed. The palate is well defined with a fine bead of acidity, fresh citric fruit with good depth and a brisk saline finish that will keep you coming back for more.”

*90-92 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2028



**Maison Roche de Bellene (Nicolas Potel)**

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.

*“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, December 2014*

**Maison Roche de Bellene 'Vieilles Vignes' Bourgogne**      **£95 per 12 IB**

**87 Points Tim Atkin**

“Every year, an absolute staple. Given how much we enjoyed the wines from Volnay and Pommard this year, it ought to be no surprise that a Bourgogne using fruit from those two villages comes up trumps again. Wonderfully fragrant and silky, this is a textbook entry level Burgundy of which I always have a little at home”  
*Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager*



**Maison Roche de Bellene 'Vielles Vignes' Nuit-Saint-Georges**      **£295 per 12 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin**  
**89-91 Points Neal Martin**

“The 2016 Nuits Saint-Georges Village has a potent, feisty bouquet with date-tinged red fruit, a touch of VA just obscuring its delineation (although apparently the analytics showed that it was quite low). The palate is still showing a bit of gas although I was taken by the purity of the black fruit underneath and how well the new oak (20%) is enmeshed. If the aromatics can sort themselves out by the time of bottling this could be quite interesting.”  
*89-91 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*



Drink to 2025

**Maison Roche de Bellene Gevrey-Chambertin**      **£325 per 12 IB**

**90 Points Tim Atkin**

Not tasted this year – critics note to be confirmed.



**Maison Roche de Bellene 'Vieilles Vignes' Vosne-Romanée**      **£395 per 12 IB**

**91 Points Tim Atkin**  
**16 Points Jancis Robinson**

“Barrel sample. Very dark with black core. More immediate, sweeter and riper than the Domaine style. Super-sweet dark cherry aroma. Riper and darker and richer. Still with that firm tannic finesse but more rounded and less precise in its freshness. Rounded and generous on the finish.”  
*16 Points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com, January 2018*



Drink to 2025+

**Maison Roche de Bellene  
Corton Grand Cru**

£295 per 6 IB

17.5 Points Jancis Robinson

"2016 was small so all Cortons blended, 50% new oak. Barrel sample. Very dark with black core. Intense and pure dark dark fruit with an overlay of vanilla sweetness more than spice. Deep and full in the mouth, spreading in generous fruit. The tannins remarkably smooth and supple already. With juicy long finish."

17.5 Points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com, January 2018

Drink to 2030+



**Maison Roche de Bellene  
Bonnes Mares Grand Cru**

£585 per 3 IB

93 Points Tim Atkin  
17.5 Points Jancis Robinson

"Barrel sample. Dark and a little chabby but scented. Compact, with sweet cherry fragrance escaping all around. Already so soft and massively fruity, but dark and dry in tannic finesse and freshness."

17.5 Points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com, January 2018

Drink to 2030+



**Maison Roche de Bellene  
Romanée-St-Vivant Grand Cru**

£1500 per 3 IB

93 Points Tim Atkin  
18++ Points Jancis Robinson

"Barrel sample. This really is black almost to the rim. Smokily reductive and quite a chabby character at the moment. An early phase of life. Moreish and dense but with a lightness of touch. So chabby at the moment it is difficult to see beyond it. So dense, I can barely get to the heart of it. I have to use my imagination here but everything is here, just a bit awkward at the moment."

18++ Points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com, January 2018

Drink to 2030+



**Maison Roche de Bellene 'Vieilles Vignes'  
Chassagne-Montrachet**

£360 per 12 IB

93 Points Tim Atkin  
86 Points Neal Martin

"The 2016 Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes has a perfumed, peppermint-tinged bouquet that feels forward and expressive, if missing a little subtlety. The palate is medium-bodied with sweet candied orange peel and apricot notes, commercially savvy you might say, with a creamy finish imparted by the 30% new oak. Sound."

86 Points - Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017

Drink to 2022+



**Domaine de la Vougeraie**

The International Wine Challenge's Red Winemaker of the Year on multiple occasions Pierre Vincent's range seems to get better and better each year, fully expressing the terroir of each plot and Vougeraie have quite a few of those with an ever increasing range. Aside from Pierre and Sylvie being two of the most welcoming people in Burgundy, their wines never fail to make me smile. Defining precision and clarity from vineyard to winery, Vougeraie are always in my favourite visits of any trip to Burgundy. Regrettably 2016 was the last vintage Pierre Vincent made, having recently been poached by Domaine Leflaive.

*"Domaine de la Vougeraie has almost discretely become a major player in top quality, occasionally profound Burgundy wine. With winemaker Pierre Vincent, there was a significant turnaround in style and quality -- the wines discovering terroir expression, nuance and elegance, poise and complexity. I've lost count the number of times their wines have triumphed in blind tastings and yet still, I don't think this domaine receives the credit that is due."*  
**Neal Martin, December 2015**

**Vougeraie 'Les Marconnets'  
Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

**£135 per 6 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin  
90 Points Jasper Morris**

"Half frosted. Bright vigorous purple. The bouquet has a slightly animal touch to it, perhaps the exuberance of whole bunches. The palate delivers rich oaky creamy notes, easy-going but with some weight of fruit."

*90 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2025



**Vougeraie 'Les Petits Noizons'  
Pommard**

**£360 per 12 IB**

**91 Points Tim Atkin  
90 Points Jasper Morris**

"A vineyard which escaped the frost and yielded well. Decent bright fresh purple. The nose has class and elegance, really high quality fruit with a little touch of whole bunch evident at the back, adding texture."

*90 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2026



**Vougeraie 'La Justice'  
Gevrey-Chambertin**

**£350 per 12 IB**

**92 Points Jasper Morris  
91 Points Tim Atkin**

"Ripe glowing purple. The best grapes from the stonier soil are kept for this while the heavier clays go into village Gevrey. Full mid purple, a pure fruit nose not showing the stems. Decent weight right across the palate, a fresh limestone feel at the back, with excellent length. Well worth the separate bottling."

*92 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2035



**Vougeraie 'Les Corvées Pagets'  
Nuits-St-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£215 per 6 IB

91 Points Burghound

"A spicy and fresh if distinctly ripe and earthy nose reflects notes of mostly dark berry fruit and floral aromas. There is both fine richness and volume to the fleshy medium-bodied flavors that are moderately firm, balanced and delicious while offering solid depth and length. This is so rich and succulent that it could easily be enjoyed now or just as easily held for up to a decade."  
*91 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*



**Vougeraie 'Les Pierres Blanches'  
Côte de Beaune**

£210 per 12 IB

91 Points Tim Atkin  
88 Points Jasper Morris

"Fine pale lemon tint, actually very delicious bouquet, some fresh herbal notes, good stony tension, delicious right across the palate, good fruit acid balance. A lively and classy inexpensive white"  
*88 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*



Drink to 2022

**Domaines Albert Bichot**

Bichot's wines are characterised by their elegance and nuance – think of a ballerina to Domaine Confuron-Gindre's rugby player! The wines feel so unforced and effortless; the very essence of what Burgundy should be about. These are not wines to convert Shiraz drinkers to the joys of Pinot Noir, but they most certainly are wines to bring a smile to the face of many an existing Burgundy fan. Bichot split the labelling of their range based upon the original Domaine names, Domaine du Clos Frantin being their site based in Nuits-Saint-Georges and Domaine du Pavillon their Pommard estate.

*"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 the lo and behold, you are served a bottle of Bichot blind and marvel at how well it shows."  
Neal Martin, December 2015*

**Domaine Albert Bichot 'Clos de la Perrière'  
Fixin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£185 per 6 IB

92 Points Tim Atkin  
90-92 Points Burghound

"Discreet aromas of pretty and very fresh earthy red currant, cherry and lavender can be found on the layered nose. There is excellent delineation and punch to the utterly delicious flavors that are not particularly dense but the precision and minerality of the finish makes this quite attractive nonetheless. In a word, lovely."  
*90-92 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound, January 2018*  
Drink to 2025



**Domaine du Pavillon 'Clos des Ursulines'  
Pommard**

£195 per 6 IB

91\* Points Jasper Morris  
91 Points Tim Atkin

"Alberic Bichot's house overlooks this 4 ha monopole. They feel that the character of this wine has a touch of Volnay to it, despite the predominance of clay over limestone. Noble rich colour, the nose needs time to escape from the reduction, which firms up the back of the palate too along with the Pommard tannins, but there is a really attractive mouthful of fruit through the middle."  
*91\* Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*  
Drink to 2025



**Lupé-Cholet (Bichot) 'Les Evocelles'  
Gevrey-Chambertin**

£195 per 6 IB

87-90 Points Burghound

"In contrast to the fresh nose of the Bourgogne, this is quite firmly reduced. On the plus side there is a lovely sense of vibrancy to the more refined and mineral-inflected flavors that reflect good muscle and punch on the ever-so-slightly rustic finish that also exhibits a touch of bitter cherry character."

87-90 Points – Allen Meadows, *Burghound*, January 2018



Drink to 2025

**Domaine Albert Bichot 'Les Sorbets'  
Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru**

£225 per 6 IB

94 Points Tim Atkin  
90 Points Jasper Morris

"Lovely, even mid purple, very suave fruit across the palate, elegant and savoury at the same time and with a lively finish. Seamless, understated and certainly fine."

90 Points – Jasper Morris MW, *insideburgundy.com*, Jan 2018



Drink to 2025+

**Domaine Albert Bichot 'Château Gris'  
Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru**

£255 per 6 IB

94 Points Tim Atkin  
91 Points Jasper Morris

"The vineyard is actually called Les Crots but since 1920 the name Château Gris has been allowed. Deepish colour with inky depths to the nose. Just when it looks as though it might be heavy there is a fresher finish, typical of this vineyard. Lovely finish, with a touch of velvet to the deep red fruit."

91 Points – Jasper Morris MW, *insideburgundy.com*, Jan 2018



Drink to 2028++

**Domaine Albert Bichot 'Les Sentiers'  
Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£305 per 6 IB

94 Points Tim Atkin  
91-93 Points Burghound

"A layered and cool blend features notes of red cherry, dark raspberry, spice and lavender nuances. There is slightly less minerality but an equally lovely mouthfeel to the tautly muscular flavors that exhibit excellent intensity to the dusty, youthfully austere and built-to-age finish. A classic Sentiers."

91-93 Points – Allen Meadows, *Burghound*, January 2018



Drink to 2028+

**Domaine du Pavillon 'Rugiens'  
Pommard 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£335 per 6 IB

**92-94 Points Jasper Morris**  
**93 Points Tim Atkin**

"The 2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens (Domaine du Pavillon), released under the Domaine du Pavillon label by Albert Bichot, includes 40% whole-bunch fruit and 40% new oak. It has a clean and pure bouquet with wild strawberry, raspberry preserve and redcurrant aromas, the oak nicely integrated and gaining vigor in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with a juicy entry, harmonious and pure with well-judged acidity and a sense of energy conveyed by the finish. Excellent."

*90-92 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2028+



**Domaine Albert Bichot 'Les Chabiots'  
Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru**

£335 per 6 IB

**93 Points Tim Atkin**  
**17.5 Point Jancis Robinson**

"The 2016 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru les Chabiots was picked on 25 September, includes 30% whole bunch fruit and 35% new oak barrels. It has a pretty bouquet, quite pure considering that the appellation was affected by frost, with subtle rose petal scents filtering through the crushed strawberry fruit with a touch of cold stone. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, nicely poised with a fresh, quite lithe and harmonious finish that lingers in the mouth. Very fine."

*90-92 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, December 2017*

Drink to 2035



**Domaine du Clos Frantin 'Les Malconsorts'  
Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru**

£565 per 6 IB

**94 Points Jasper Morris**  
**94 Points Tim Atkin**

"Significantly rich deep purple. A wonderful richness of flavour sweeps across the palate in a way that didn't quite happen with their Amoureuuses. It is still held in check a bit by the wood. A solid, rich, firm wine at the finish, with impressive density."

*94 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2035



**Domaine du Clos Frantin  
Échezeaux Grand Cru**

£725 per 6 IB

**96 Points Tim Atkin**  
**18 Points Jancis Robinson**

"From Champs Traversins. Escaped the frost. Excellent rich noble purple, a little trace of reduction but very promising. Some sand in the soil. High class fruit here with a little touch of velvet, then almost a chocolate note at the back but without falling into obvious over-ripeness. Lower acidity and tannins."

*92-94 Points – Jasper Morris MW, insideburgundy.com, Jan 2018*

Drink to 2040



**Domaine Servin**

*"Readers will be aware that I have a lot of appreciation for the wines of Domaine Servin. The domain has an array of propitious parcels scattered over the region and Marc Cameron is a thoughtful and talented winemaker. Most of his 2016s were still in barrel as Marc inclined to extend the élevage because he sees no rush to bottle them early, unlike some other growers. One quality I appreciate is that the domain often chose the right percentage of wood to stainless steel—not easy since they had to estimate quantities after a topsy-turvy season." Neal Martin, August 2017*

**Domaine Servin 'Les Forêts'  
Chablis 1er Cru**

**£150 per 12 IB**

**91 Points Tim Atkin  
87 Points Neal Martin**

"The 2016 Chablis 1er Cru les Forets has a pure and refined bouquet, quite floral in style with subtle lime and green apple scents. The palate has a crisp, slightly pithy entry. Not the most complex of premier crus, which is no surprise given that this is les Forets, but it conveys a sense of elegance if not quite the body and depth of the 2015."

*87 Points – Neal Martin, RobertParker.com, August 2017*

Drink to 2022+



**Domaine Servin 'Butteaux'  
Chablis 1er Cru**

**£150 per 12 IB**

**92 Points Tim Atkin  
89-92 Points Burghound**

"Once again there is ample mineral reduction character present on the ripe yet cool aromas of sea breeze, essence of pear and plenty of floral elements. As is usually the case there is a bit more mid-palate volume and power to the medium-bodied flavors that possess a sleek muscularity on the drier, longer and decidedly more complex finale. While this should be approachable young, it should also reward a few years of development potential."

*89-92 Points – Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, October 2017*

Drink to 2030+



### Select Burgundy Back Vintages

As well as offering the 2016s for reservation ahead of delivery later this year, we have a number of cases of back-vintage Burgundy available for immediate despatch which have been put up for sale by our customers, having stored them in our warehouse since purchase. Many of these lines, especially the older vintages, are available only in single-case quantities.

Where cases are listed 'IB' they exclude duty and VAT, which would be due on despatch. Cases listed 'DP' include duty and VAT.

<u>Red Back Vintages</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Vint.</u>	<u>Case Size</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine des Lambrays	Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru	2002	12	£3300 DP
Domaine des Lambrays	Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru	2003	12	£2628 DP
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton Grand Cru	2004	6	£575 IB
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton Grand Cru	2004	6	£575 IB
Dom. Henri Gouges 'Clos des Porrets St Georges'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	2004	12	£440 IB
Domaine Anne-Françoise Gros	Richebourg Grand Cru	2005	6	£2300 IB
Domaine du Clos Frantin	Echézeaux Grand Cru	2005	6	£660 DP
Dom. Henri Gouges 'Clos des Porrets St Georges'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	2005	6	£390 DP
Domaine Henri Gouges 'Les Pruliers'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	2005	6	£325 IB
Domaine de la Vougeraie	Bonnes Mares Grand Cru	2006	6	£900 DP
Domaine Henri Gouges 'Vaucrains'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	2008	6	£336 DP
Dujac Fils et Père	Morey-Saint-Denis	2008	6	£240 DP
Domaine Jean Chauvenet	Nuits-Saint-Georges	2009	12	£335 IB
Domaine Grivot	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	2010	6	£1104 DP
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton Grand Cru	2011	6	£595 IB
Domaine Grivot	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	2011	6	£595 IB
Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Aux Murgers'	Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru	2011	6	£650 IB
Benjamin Leroux 'Suchots'	Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	2012	6	£625 IB
Maison Roche de Bellene	Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru	2012	6	£650 IB
Domaine Grivot	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	2013	6	£720 IB
Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Brûlées'	Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru	2013	3	£1125 IB
Domaine Grivot	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	2014	6	£820 IB
<u>White Back Vintages</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Vint.</u>	<u>Case Size</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
Domaine Michel Niellon	Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru	2006	6	£1500 IB
Domaine Bonneau du Martray	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	2007	6	£660 DP
Domaine Bernard Moreau	Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru	2012	3	£650 IB
Maison Joseph Drouhin (White)	Côte de Beaune	2012	12	£264 DP
Domaine Méo-Camuzet 'Clos St Philibert'	Bourgogne H.-Côtes de Nuits	2013	6	£120 IB
Château de Chamilly 'Les Burnins'	Montagny 1er Cru	2014	12	£170 IB

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