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# Burgundy

2018 VINTAGE





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## Overview

Burgundy is a region defined by terroir, so this brochure is set out accordingly. Starting with wines from Chablis, we work our way south, to the Côte d'Or, and then on to the Mâconnais and Beaujolais. Some domaines make wines from numerous villages; they are listed in the village that we feel best defines them.

## Prices

At the time of print, all listed prices are up-to-date. Please be aware that they are subject to change, and not all are yet available. Please note that some prices have not yet been confirmed so we have marked them with £ - ££££ as a guide. Prices will be confirmed on our website as they are released.

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# Vintage Report

## 2018: IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFINE

Over the last couple of months, I have spent almost three weeks in Burgundy, visiting dozens of producers, tasting hundreds of wines, driving thousands of kilometres.

And I leave more intrigued, beguiled and passionate about Burgundy than ever before.

2018 has taken some time for me to figure out. It's a vintage which can undoubtedly tend towards greatness in both reds and whites, where the highs are incredibly high.

But it's also a vintage where not every wine has succeeded, and where picking your producer, and your wine, is key.

This is a carefully curated selection, with wines that I wholeheartedly believe will give huge pleasure, in the short, medium, and long term.

It's a year that can amaze and impress: I encourage you to allow it to do just that.

### The growing season: lights, camera, action

2018 was hot. As far as the stats go, it was the hottest since 2003, and one of the driest, too. But, of course, the story is far more nuanced than that.

Whereas years like 2003 were defined by intense periods of hot weather, 2018 lacked heat spikes. Rather, it was warmth from April onwards that tipped the averages up, while nights that kept their heat also counted.

Olivier Lamy explained that, more importantly than warmth, it was the amount of sunlight in 2018 that defined the vintage. Red grapes, with their dark skins, were more affected by this sunlight, meaning that sugars, and in turn alcohol, could rise incredibly fast, even if the grapes were not totally ripe phenolically.



This made work in the vineyard, and ultimately picking date, vital. The earliest pickers started around 21st August, and even on the Côte de Nuits some were forced to harvest early: Ghislaine Barthod picked her Beaux Bruns on 26th August (the quality of the wine justifies the decision).

But you did not need to pick early to make great wines: Domaine Grivot in Vosne-Romanée did not start until after many of their peers had finished. They made some of the most thrilling, remarkable wines I've tasted in Burgundy.

While yields were, on the whole, impressive - or to use the Bourguignon term, "très correcte" - some were unlucky: as France settled down to watch the World Cup Final on 15th July, the southern tip of Nuits-Saint-Georges, and much of Côtes de Nuits Villages, was decimated by a hailstorm. Fortunately, while yields here were hit, in my experience quality at affected domaines remains high.

### The reds: the time for the little guys

At the time of the Hospices de Beaune last year, a couple of months after the 2018 harvest, some were speaking of 2018 as the heir to 1947: one of the greatest vintages ever.

So has it lived up to the hype?

There's no easy answer to that. Certainly, some of the reds made in 2018 are remarkable. Frédéric Lafarge continues this theme, calling 2018 a

successor to 1990, or indeed 1947. Tasting the wines at that venerable estate, you can see why.

But greatness is not uniform, and there are wines that, while silky, ripe and delicious in their own right, lack the terroir definition that I'd hope for from great Burgundy.

So it's a vintage to be selective. I've done just that in the buying process, but I encourage you to chat to our team, to make sure that you're finding wines that will suit your tastes, and your budget.

Where I feel 2018 is most exciting, is in the appellations that might once have been overlooked as rustic, or unattractive. Here, the extra warmth has given a ripeness of tannins that was once missing, while terroir definition is still beautifully present.

Beaune, Corton, Savigny, Pommard, Nuits, Marsannay: it's your time to shine.

### The whites: a stunning surprise

If it is the reds that will receive the greatest attention, it is the whites that are the greatest surprise: these are some of the most impressive white wines I have tasted from barrel in Burgundy, with examples matching, or even surpassing, vintages like 2014 or 2017.

Chardonnay is a grape variety that hugely benefits from high yields, allowing freshness to balance ripeness of fruit. What makes the 2018s special is their texture and freshness, with thick skins releasing loads of phenolics into the wine, which in turn makes the mouth water. They're wines you simply want to drink.

I'm adamant that in a few years time, these will be the bottles we will all be seeking out on restaurant wine lists, or desperately trying to secure for our own cellars, so now's the time to get ahead.

If reds in 2018 are wines to be selective over, whites are wines to stock up on: I'm positive that they will surprise and astonish you, as much as they have me.

### Chablis, Mâcon, Beaujolais: stock up at these prices

Once again, there is remarkable value to be found away from the Côte d'Or.

Chablis, for the first time in years, has good yields: it was a pleasure to see smiles on the faces of the vignerons there. We're lucky to work with some of the region's greatest names, and in 2018 they're at the top of their game. It still astonishes me the value that can be found in this corner of Burgundy.

Further south, the wines of the Mâconnais continue to be incredibly rewarding. Like on the Côte de Beaune, high yields were the telling factor, allowing the wines to find a natural balance. These are the wines to seek out for everyday drinking: Chardonnay's historic home remains the place to go.

Meanwhile, I find myself increasingly drawn to Beaujolais, with lifted, saline wines the perfect bottles for the table, and for sharing. The '18's are charming, and in many cases profound. I intend to stock up.

### The market: look behind the labels

With consistent price rises over recent years, it's understandable why Burgundy is gaining a reputation for expense.

However, this only tells part of the story. And in 2019, there are reasons to be cheerful. With cellars full, many prices have remained stable, while a slightly improved exchange rate will also help.

And more importantly, when you look away from a very few prized names, there is superb value to be found, whether in regional appellations, or in villages like Savigny-Lès-Beaune or Marsannay, St-Aubin or Chablis, Morgon or Pouilly-Fuissé.

Burgundy remains unique: a region that has the ability to beguile and amaze unlike any other. And in a vintage like 2018, it does so at every level.

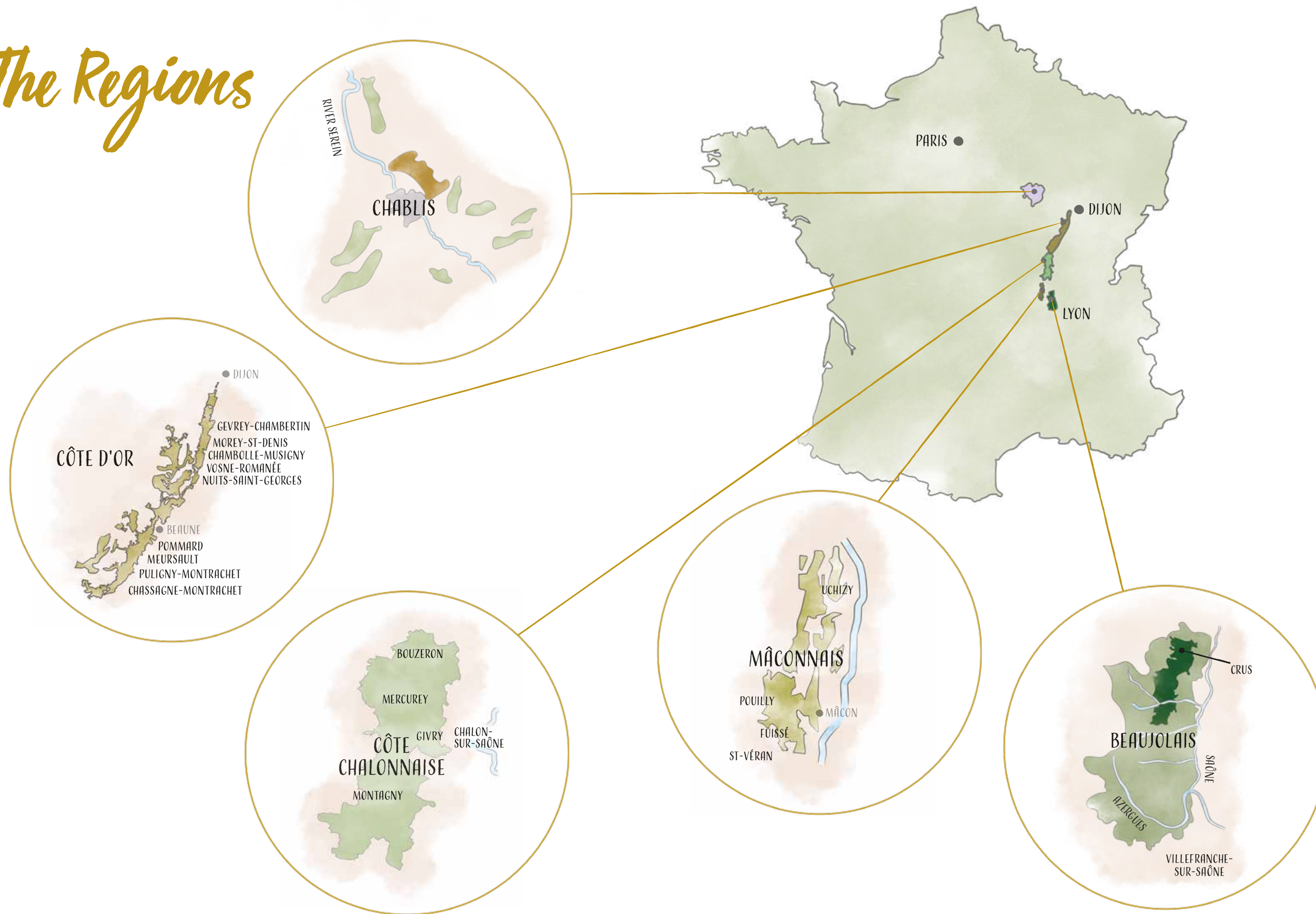
There's no reason not to allow yourself to be charmed.

### Robbie Toothill

Buyer  
December 2019



# The Regions



# Chablis

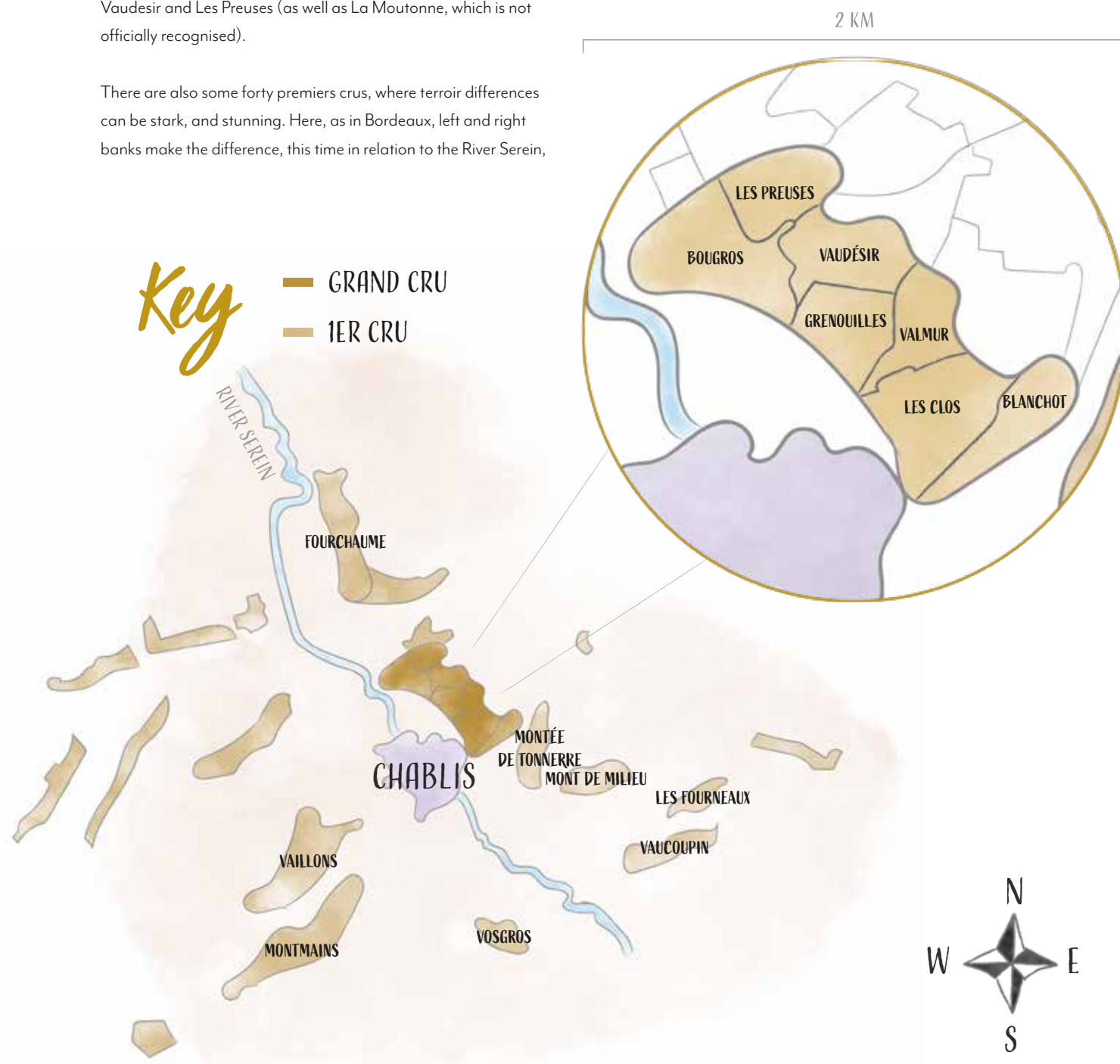
**Chablis has the distinction of being the northernmost part of Burgundy**, and of being solely devoted to Chardonnay. Here, on the outskirts of the charming town of Chablis itself, there's intense focus on making terroir-driven whites at this edge of where Chardonnay can reliably ripen.

The spotlight is on a single hillside where all seven grands crus are planted, and we've examples from Blanchot, Valmur, Les Clos, Vaudesir and Les Preuses (as well as La Moutonne, which is not officially recognised).

There are also some forty premiers crus, where terroir differences can be stark, and stunning. Here, as in Bordeaux, left and right banks make the difference, this time in relation to the River Serein,

that flows through Chablis itself. The wines of the left are more mineral and cool, while those on the right have more richness and intensity.

Chablis is renowned for its minerality and its ageworthiness, and the best examples are exactly that. Tasting older examples, they develop more of a yeasty note than their brethren from the Côte de Beaune, and arguably remain fresher and more complex.



## DOMAINE J.P. ET BENOÎT DROIN

Present in Chablis since at least 1620, nobody understands Chablis better than the Drouin family. It was Jean-Paul who put the estate on the map, working with some of the region's finest vineyards, with his son Benoît, the fourteenth generation, now in control. Benoît has upped the quality considerably since taking charge. He uses less new oak than his dad, making Chablis that's crisp, precise, and that shows the differences between each of the vineyards clearly. In other words, Chablis at its very best.

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons

Sunny and open, there are floral notes and plenty of intense citrus fruit. This is finessed, charming, and impressively long.

**£21 per bottle**

£126 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2027

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaucoupin

One of the more open wines when we tasted last summer, this has notes of grapefruit oil, a silky texture, and plenty of focus on the finish. Immediately charming and loveable.

**£21 per bottle**

£126 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2027

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vosgros

There's plenty of breadth and amplitude on the Vosgros this year, with notes of brioche and peaches, but still Benoît's normal lightness of touch and focus. A really nice balance of power and precision.

**£21 per bottle**

£126 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2028

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains

From deeper soils than a lot of Chablis, this is intense and stony, with notes of nectarine and orange blossom. There's a real mineral tang on the finish, that lasts an age.

**£24 per bottle**

£144 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2029

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu

The sunniest plot in Chablis, and facing due south, this is opulent, bright, and very impressive. Notes of pineapple and ripe peach are brilliantly balanced with spice, and a stunning thread of acidity. Hard not to love.

**£26 per bottle**

£156 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2029

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Blanchot

The morning sun defines this grand cru, which is delicate and finessed, with notes of apple blossom, sea spray, and freshly cut ginger. So pretty and saline, it's one that you won't be able to put down.

**£44 per bottle**

£264 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2034

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Valmur

This is very reserved and reticent at the moment, with so much minerality and focus. Powerful, this is a wine that will need time to come around. When it does, it will be one for the ages.

**£44 per bottle**

£264 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2035

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

Wow. Intense and structured, there is so much complexity and power here. There's a reason Clos is so highly prized. This is remarkable.

**£50 per bottle**

£300 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2040



## DOMAINE SAMUEL BILLAUD

Samuel only established his own domaine in 2009, but has come an awfully long way in a short time. He initially made wine in borrowed facilities, but a move to his own premises has seen the quality of his wines improve still further, and Neal Martin's assertion that he belongs in the "top échelon" of producers seems proven. With an expanded portfolio, including some of the appellation's choicest plots (including that patch of Petit Chablis bordering Les Clos), Samuel's future is bright.

@billaudsamuel

### 2018 Petit Chablis

A delicious Petit Chablis from Samuel, from vines on the top of the grand cru hillside, that punch above their weight. Notes of apple blossom and sea spray, with a fine, long, and complex finish.

**£10.50 per bottle**

£63 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes

Very old vines in Séchet lend this a real complexity, and almost grand cru, oily texture. Always one of our favourites, this is so mineral, with iodine and oyster shell, and just a hint of conference pears. Give this time.

**£24 per bottle**

£144 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre

Montée de Tonnerre is usually considered the closest premier cru to the grands crus, and with showings like this, we can see why. Elegant and refined, yet with stunning depth, there's really remarkable precision here. This is rippling with energy - in five years, it will blow you away.

**£26 per bottle**

£312 per 12 bottles

Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs'

One of the best village Chablis out there, this has plenty of tension and drive, but with a beautifully ripe core of grapefruit and fresh oranges. Lovely texture on the long finish. Tasted blind, you'd call this premier cru.

**£13.50 per bottle**

£81 per 6 bottles

Drink 2010-2025

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu

Intense and pure, with notes of wild, herbal honey, and also a generosity of fruit. There's salinity here alongside breadth of fruit, which gets you salivating. A brilliant premier cru.

**£24 per bottle**

£144 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Valmur

An intense, powerful grand cru, the Valmur in 2018 doesn't disappoint. Plenty of grip on the palate, with ripe oranges, and a hint of exotic spice, too. There's fresh ginger that unfurls on the finish. Complex, and totally delicious.

**£52 per bottle**

£312 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032



### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses

Notes of wild flowers and crushed rocks on the nose of this delicate, soaring grand cru. A touch of iodine and orange blossom on the palate complete the picture. This will be approachable much earlier than some.

**£52 per bottle**

£312 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

The most prized vineyard in Chablis, and with good reason. This is so intense and pure, with notes of peach and spice, and a hint of saffron, too. The finish is linear and mineral, and lasts for minutes. Outstanding.

**£56 per bottle**

£336 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2038

## DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT

Domaine Long-Depaquit was founded in 1791, and the château, the most impressive in Chablis, has occupied a spot at the heart of the village since the 18th century. Now owned by Albert Bichot, and benefitting from the expertise of Technical Director Alain Serveau and his winemaking team, this is a Chablis domaine that is on the rise to the very top of the appellation. With the pick of their production the monopole grand cru La Moutonne, a Chablis that simply has to be tried.

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins

This comes from vines that are on the slope at the top of the vineyard. Lemon oil and orange blossom on the nose, with a nice mealy character, plenty of gunflint and lovely salinity here. Nice density and pretty finesse on the finish, with a lovely phenolic character. This is complex and intense with lovely balance. Beautiful.

**£18 per bottle**

£108 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2028

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru La Moutonne

The monopole of Long Depaquit in the heart of the grands crus, this is the most Côte de Beaune-like Chablis we know. Silky, explosive, with tons of minerality, it remains a benchmark.

**£70 per bottle**

£420 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2038

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir

Rich yet focussed, this is a masterpiece from Samuel. Notes of ripe citrus, with blood orange and grapefruit, and also a real floral character. The palate is silky and full, with tons of energy on the finish. Bravo.

**£52 per bottle**

£312 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2035

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

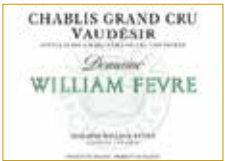
Always incredibly fast to sell, this is a brilliant Clos from Long-Depaquit. Focussed, saline, and very textured, there's crushed rocks and lemon oil here. A great buy.

**£54 per bottle**

£324 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2032





## DOMAINE WILLIAM FÈVRE

William Fèvre started his eponymous domaine in 1957. He benefited from a time when no one wanted to buy the region's premiers and grands crus, so he was able to secure vines in some of the greatest vineyards here. He quickly built an enviable range of terroir, and established the domaine as one of Chablis' largest. He retired in 1998, but the estate has continued to thrive (and William remains a regular sight around the cellar, checking up on his legacy).

### 2018 Chablis

Plenty of elderflower and salinity here, with a pear skin texture and grapefruit pith on the finish. There's an oyster shell character, and loads of energy.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2020-2023

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu

Half a hectare of 55 year old vines. Very open on the nose, intense fresh peaches and plenty of orange flower water. Delicacy and lovely phenolics on the palate, there's grip and also a fine thread of acidity, and good reduction. Very saline on the finish, and very nice length. Finessed and long. Gourmand.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2020-2028

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaurorent

Quite generous and powerful, lots of depth and power, and loads of silky tannins here. Broad but still with that nice phenolic reduction, and plenty of finesse. Long and pure but ample too. With time will be very impressive indeed. 35% oak - approaching grands crus.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir

From 1.2 hectares in the sunniest spot in Chablis where the grapes are first to ripen. Very ripe pears on the palate, plenty of peach fruit and also loads of generosity, too. Lots going on here, and nicely saline palate keeps it all together. Very intense citrus, and also even a note of kiwi. But also plenty of minerality - really feel the rocks here.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2022-2034

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre

Over two hectares in three different terroirs here. Some for tension at the top of hill, some in Chapelot for richness and power, and a west-facing 1936 planting that's very mineral. Very pure and elegant, most precise wine in the cellar. Crushed rocks and oyster shell, and a touch of gunflint. Palate is so savoury and almost unforgiving, lip-tingling salinity and amazing purity on the finish. One for the purists.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2020-2028

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons

3.5 hectares in Vaillons itself, with 50 year old vines. A solar parcel, this is one to age: it will develop minerality. Quite reduced, oyster shell, and plenty of struck match. On the palate there's a bit more body and plenty of intense citrus fruit, with a nice clean finish.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Bougros

West facing part of Bougros, this is the grand cru to discover Chablis. Really generous, with oyster shell but also orange pith and plenty of nectarine and white peaches. Quite rich and powerful, and nice salinity on the finish. Very finely judged - but nice and opulent too.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses

Very floral, elderflower, but also richness of fruit, plenty of amplitude, but comes back together from this richness and mouth filling fruit with precision and finesse. An interesting balance.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2022-2034



### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Bougros Côte Bouguerots

From two hectares on this very steep plot. Very mineral nose, plenty of power and fine citrus fruit - also red apples and lots of white peach. So much depth here, intense and powerful but so much minerality. So complex, with that fruit and savoriness all interlinking. Intense and long. Nicely made, this will be brilliant.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2022-2034

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

More than half of the four hectare plot was planted in 1947/1948 by William's dad. So much freshness and minerality, also volume in the mouth with understated fruit; pears and peaches, and also elderflower and crushed shells, and sea spray and hints of fresh ginger, even, and a touch of gunflint. So impressive and integrated - the complexity blows you away.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2022-2034

## DOMAINE JEAN-CLAUDE BESSIN

Situated away from the bright lights of Chablis itself, Jean-Claude's personality and wines are as unassuming as his position in a small courtyard in the tiny hamlet of La Chapelle Vaupelteigne. Although he trained as an architect, he decided to take on his father-in-law's vines, and his first vintage was 1992. His wines are crystalline and pure, showing the very best, unshowy side of Chablis, and he's now been joined by his son, Romain, who had previously worked as a musician.

### 2018 Chablis Vieilles Vignes

From Jean-Claude's old vines, this Chablis is impressive and detailed, with crushed rocks and plenty of focus, too. A benchmark Chablis from one of the region's hidden gems.

£ £15 per bottle

🍷 £180 per 12 bottles

🍷 Drink 2020-2023

### 2018 Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume

From a plot of just over a hectare and a half, this is impressive. Vines planted in 1968 and 1974 give texture and focus, and lovely purity. Explosive and intense.

£ £24 per bottle

🍷 £144 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chablis Grand Cru, Valmur

Always one of the most powerful and intense grands crus, the Valmur from Bessin is an impressive wine of focus and breadth. Notes of sea spray and ripe peaches, and a hint of ginger, too. Complex, long, and ageworthy.

£ £35 per bottle

🍷 £210 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2022-2040



# Côte de Beaune

**T**he Côte de Beaune marks the southern half of the Côte d'Or, extending from about Pernand-Vergelesses and Aloxe-Corton in the north above the town of Beaune itself down to Santenay.

Largely known for its whites from the exalted regions of Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault, the reds here can also be exceptional. Pinots from Savigny-lès-Beaune offer exceptional value, and both Pommard and

Volnay feature red premiers crus which are known to rival the very best. Beaune is also perennially underrated; don't overlook the vineyards of the appellation itself.

However the spotlight here remains firmly on the whites. So besides examples from the three greats, we've also found stunning Chardonnays from St-Romain to the north and St-Aubin to the south. With careful, precise winemaking coupled with well-positioned plots, these are lifted whites to enjoy any night of the week, and in the best hands, some truly profound wines.



## HUBERT LAMY SAINT-AUBIN

Olivier Lamy took over from his father Hubert in 1996, having previously worked at Méo-Camuzet. He's relentlessly revised their production practices since. Now fully organic, with wines widely considered the finest in Saint-Aubin, he continues to seek out the best ways to express terroir. In 2018 he was both the first and last in St-Aubin to be harvesting, starting on the 22nd August and finishing on 12th September. He points out varying maturation within the same plot: one single hectare plot took five different passages to harvest. However the results of such painstaking efforts are remarkable: these are some of the best whites you'll find, anywhere.

📷 @domainelamy

### 2018 Santenay 1er Cru Blanc, Clos des Gravières

Politically the last village of the Côte d'Or, Santenay's wines were once held in higher regard. This shows why it still should be. 50 year old vines in part, but some are seven years old. There's a brilliant balance between ripe, intense fruit and cool minerality in 2018.

£ £29 per bottle

🍷 £174 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2021-2027

### 2018 St-Aubin 1er Cru Clos de la Châtenière

En Remilly is considered the finest vineyard in St-Aubin by many - it's the continuation of the Montrachet hillside. Notes of grapefruit and seville oranges, with remarkable drive and focus. The purity of fruit here is astonishing; as is the length.

£ £39.50 per bottle

🍷 £237 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2022-2034

### 2018 St-Aubin 1er Cru Les Frionnes

Les Frionnes is the vineyard behind Olivier's winery. Vines are as old as 80 years old but some 50 and 30% ten years old. Flowers and delicate spearmint in 2018, there's wonderful energy here. This is very pretty.

£ £29 per bottle

🍷 £174 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2021-2031

### 2018 Santenay Clos des Hâtes

In the very heart of the village of Santenay, surrounded by premiers crus, a 19th century owner of this vineyard, M. Duvault-Bloch, also owned Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. With 50% whole bunch, this is crunchy and very saline, with a beautifully creamy finish. There's lovely fruit here. A red not to be missed.

£ £23.50 per bottle

🍷 £141 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2022-2028



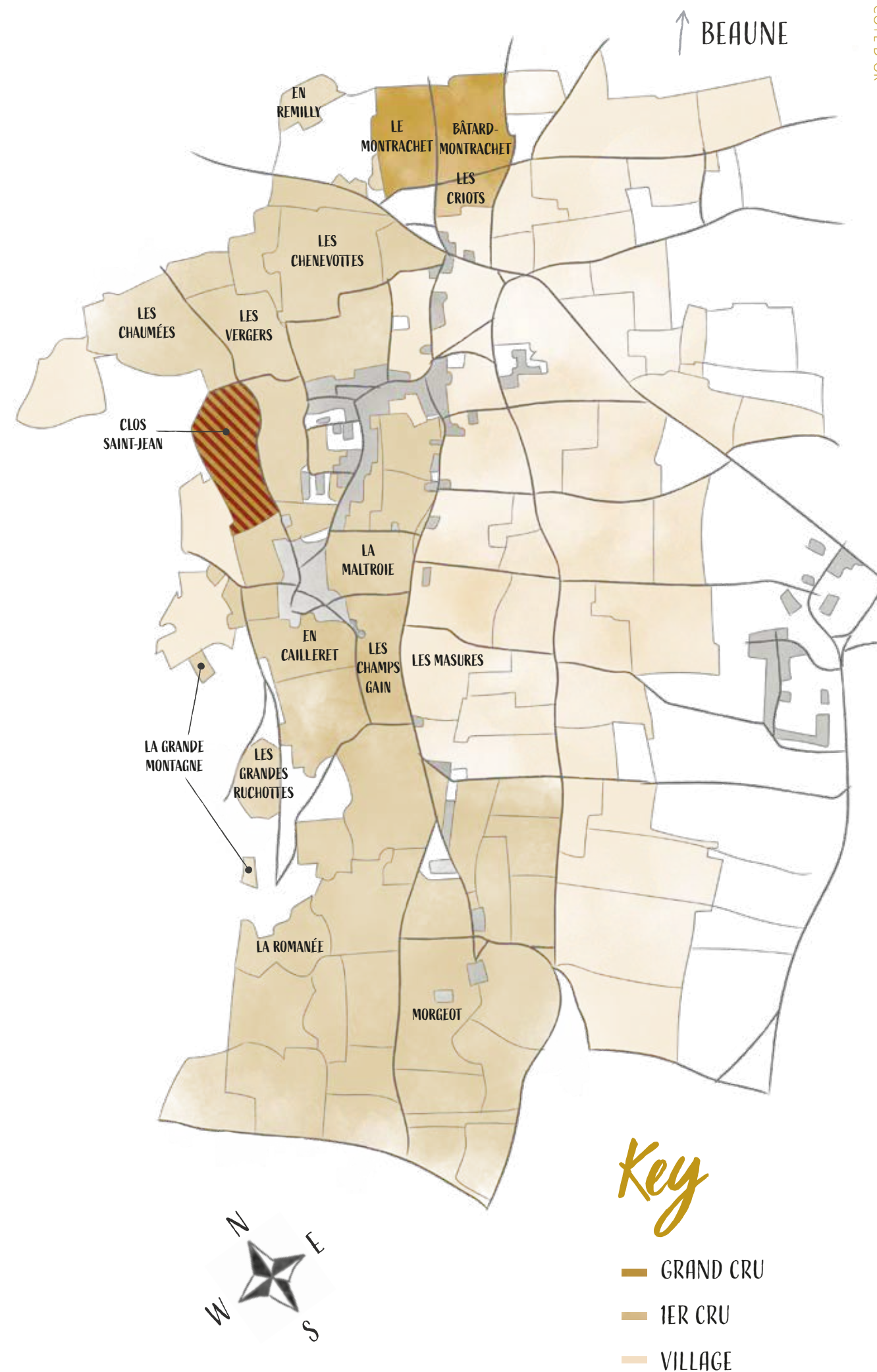


# Chassagne-Montrachet

Chassagne-Montrachet is arguably overshadowed by Puligny, but is not to be forgotten, with half of Le Montrachet, all of Les Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet and a good part of Bâtard-Montrachet all counting as grands crus within its border.

With lots of growers and lots of vineyards, there's still much to be discovered in Chassagne. The whites offer a real lemon oil character, with very pure expressions of the Chardonnay grape.

There are also a few plots of Pinot Noir, and perhaps surprisingly the appellation used to be almost entirely red, up until a few decades ago. So the examples that remain, especially in the hands of careful growers, can be stunning.







## DOMAINE PAUL PILLOT

Thierry Pillot and his sister, Chrystelle (who's married to Arnaud Mortet of Gevrey-Chambertin), both fourth-generation winemakers, have elevated this previously overlooked domaine to one of the stars of Chassagne. Thierry has farmed organically for the last few years. He unashamedly makes wines to suit his own palate: he loves taut wines, with fresh flavours that show their origins. And he hates the flavours of oak.

### 2018 St-Aubin 1er Cru 'Les Pitangerets'

From a plot that borders Chassagne-Montrachet, this is a benchmark St-Aubin. There's orange blossom and sea spray on the nose, with amazing energy and purity on the finish. Finessed and lively.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2020-2028

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean

From the vineyard just up the road from the winery, often better celebrated for its red wines. Cool and saline, with notes of greengage and plenty of nervous energy. Brilliant purity, here.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Grandes Ruchottes

One of Chassagne's finest vineyards, from south of the village (it's part of the stunning trio alongside La Grande Montagne and La Romanée). There's incredible density here, with the mouthfeel of a grand cru. Spicy and floral, with such a mineral character. Elegance and length.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 'Les Mazures'

Thierry's dad, Paul, started bottling Mazures as a single vineyard wine, and its quality year in year out justifies the decision: Thierry considers it premier cru level. This so intense and driven, with elegant acidity and plenty of texture on the long and complex finish.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Grande Montagne

From a small parcel situated by itself up the top of the hill, La Grande Montagne is always one of Thierry's top wines. Still very shy and retiring, but with rippling energy and broad shoulders. This will be incredible.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets

Caille is the old French word for stone, so as you'd expect this is an incredibly stony vineyard. Stony with notes of lemon oil, as well as ginger spice and sea spray. This unfurls on the finish, lasting an age.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2022-2030





## DOMAINE BERNARD MOREAU ET FILS

Alex Moreau, and brother Benoît, have quickly lifted the estate from a producer loved by a few cognoscenti to one challenging the region's best. Their grandfather, Marcel, started the domaine, with their father taking over in 1977, and from 1982 bottling their premiers crus individually. The brothers' first vintage was in 1999, their ever-increasing renown is thanks to their superb set of Chassagnes, each of which shows off the character of its vineyard (even when they're only a few metres apart). It's no surprise that this has fast become one of the region's most sought-after domaines.

### 2018 Bourgogne Chardonnay

From vineyards in Puligny and Chassagne, this is easy, fresh and lifted with plenty of crunchy apples and a surprisingly long and fragrant finish for a Bourgogne.

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Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Maltroie

The vineyard is opposite the winery, and they've got 0.65 hectares here, planted with vines that vary in age between 20 and 55 years old. Pink grapefruit, with a finish of white pepper and grapefruit, this is smoky, precise, and very complex.

£££

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets

This is stony and mineral: no surprise, from a vineyard that takes its name from small stones. There's plenty of fragrance: this is really long.

£££

Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

As you'd expect from a master like Alex, this grand cru is a work of art. Fresh yellow fruit, with a floral character that unfurls. Chapeau.

£££££

Drink 2022-2034

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet

Usually the largest cuvée of the domaine, making up six hectares of their vineyards. With two-thirds from the Puligny side, and one-third from the middle of the village, this has lovely grip and a mouth-watering finish. There's a spicy, lemon sherbert finish, with notes of ginger and grapefruit.

£££

Drink 2020-2025

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot

Morgeot is the largest cru of Chassagne, with individually-named climats within its ten hectares. Moreau has vines in two: Les Fairendes and La Cadeuse, which is a monopole for them, and from which they also make a red wine. There's plenty of depth and grip here, with a really mouthwatering finish. This is gourmand.

££££

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Grandes Ruchottes

The vineyard was planted in 1939, and some of the vineyard has been recently been replanted, so there's much less available than before. Shame, as this is stunningly long and vertical, with immense freshness and purity.

££££

Drink 2022-2032



## DOMAINE FONTAINE-GAGNARD

Now run by Céline Fontaine, with less and less input from her dad (and exciting plans for the coming years) this estate represents the union, by marriage, of Richard Fontaine and Laurence Gagnard. With holdings in the Côte de Beaune's legendary vineyards of Criots-Bâtard, Bâtard and Le Montrachet itself as well as a lovely spread of Chassagne premiers crus, their winemaking reflects the quality of the terroir. Fontaine-Gagnard is an estate defined by brilliance from top to bottom.

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### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet

Notes of lemon oil and crushed rocks, with excellent texture and purity, mark this out as a benchmark Chassagne from one of our favourite producers.

££££££££

£165 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2025

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

Caillerets takes its name from the tiny stones that litter the vineyard, and it's one of the village's most highly prized sites. Real tension here, with cool fruit, salinity, and incredible purity. This is stony, suave, and very detailed.

££££££££

£330 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2029

### 2018 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru

With just a third of a hectare of this already tiny grand cru, they don't make much. But wow. There's volume and texture and intense fruit here. Really fragrant, there are notes of rose petal, with a finish that unfurls. So long and complex.

£££££££££

£930 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Le Montrachet Grand Cru\*\*

Clarity and focus here. The nose is layered and citrus, with weight of fruit on the palate. The unfurling fruit and complexity is remarkable. A privilege to taste.

££££££££££

Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru La Maltroie

From a site just up the road from the winery, near the heart of the village, there are two parcels, one of 0.56 hectares and the other 0.17 hectares. It's one of their biggest production wines. Very saline, but with richness of fruit, too, there's notes of orange blossom and grapefruit essence, and a hint of spice on the energetic finish. Long.

££££££££

£228 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2027

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet, 1er Cru La Romanée

A premier cru that's undoubtedly at the very top of its classification. Slightly shy on the nose, it's on the palate that this really shows off. Notes of crushed rocks, a hint of blossom, and so much texture. Awesome.

£££££££££

£384 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2030

### 2018 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Closed and intense, quite fresh and long finish. Ripe fruit, so much intensity and vibrancy. Fruit is excellent; with ginger notes it's so spicy and complex. Very fine and long. Impressive and powerful.

££££££££££

£930 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2034



## JEAN-MARC PILLOT


While surprising today, Chassagne was a village traditionally known for its red wines. Jean-Marc Pillot continues to create wines which hark back to the commune's rich red history, and his Clos St-Jean is one of the finest examples we know. He also crafts whites of definition and complexity that sit squarely between a steely style and fuller examples.

 @jeanmarcpillot

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc

This is from three amazing terroirs: Les Pierres (93 year old vines), Mazures (40+), and Houilleres (30). The latter two give lift, vibrancy and elegance, while the former gives depth and power. Lemon and lime, with salinity and an iodine tang. Brilliant in 2018.

 **£31.50 per bottle**

 £189 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chenevottes

From 70 year old vines, this is very floral and pure. There's a silky palate, with excellent energy, and a lemon oil note, too.

 **£46 per bottle**


 £276 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers, Clos St Marc

Clos St Marc is a single plot within the larger Vergers vineyard. 100+ year old vines make this a powerful, impressive Chardonnay, although at the moment it's a real baby. Jean-Marc calls it *La Bombe*. Who are we to disagree?

 **£56 per bottle**


 £336 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet, Les Noyers Brets

A vineyard on the lower slopes, directly below the grands crus. This is very Puligny, with smoky reduction and small white flowers.

 **£33.50 per bottle**

 £201 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

Mineral and complex, with so much tension, rippling acidity and ginger and orange blossom. The palate is very textured, with real vibrancy. It shows why Caillerets is so highly prized.

 **£49 per bottle**

 £294 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 1er Cru Clos St-Jean

Historically known as a village for reds, Chassagne can still be home to some of the Côte de Beaune's Pinot Noir gems. Here the vines are 100+ years old, Dark fruit and lavender on the nose, it's very expressive. Really cool fruit, and smoky and earthy, this is one you simply have to try.

 **£47 per bottle**

 £282 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2033



## DOMAINE PHILIPPE COLIN

Treading the line between tradition and modernity from his shiny winery on the outskirts of Chassagne-Montrachet bordering Puligny, Philippe Colin produces outstanding wine on his eleven and a half hectares. Having learned from his father, Michel Colin of the late Domaine Colin-Deléger, Philippe also inherited some of the family land. A quiet and thoughtful man, whose qualities are reflected in his elegant wines, the emphasis here is on subtlety rather than power. He's also exploring further afield, having established Topiary Wines in Franschhoek, South Africa, in 2014.

 @phiphiwhy

### 2018 Bourgogne Chardonnay

From St Aubin and Chassagne, this has density and ripe fruit. There's a slight oyster shell note, and good density. Simply delicious.

 **£**

 Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Chaumées

Les Chaumées is situated high up the hill towards St-Aubin, and the paucity of soil here produces tense, linear wines. It comes from a plot called Clos St Abdon. A mineral nose, with lemon oil and floral complexity here. On the palate you feel the limestone: it's delicate and vibrant, and so long.

 **£££**

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles

Les Demoiselles is just 0.6 hectares in total, the very last few vines before Le Montrachet begins, and is one of the most highly regarded premiers crus. Very backward. Lots of volume and intensity. Floral and citrus, very orange and stone fruit. Really impressive, powerful but still elegant.

 **£££**

 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet

This comes from some 15 parcels, that are made into two wines and then assembled - one assemblage of vines on Puligny side and the rest from the other side. There's tension on this Chassagne, with plenty of phenolic, grippy character. Focussed and citrus, it shows off the village well.

 **££**

 Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chenevottes

85 year old vines, with a few of 60 years old, this has ginger and spice, and plenty of elegance. This is nervy and focussed, with lovely texture and purity.

 **££££**

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru

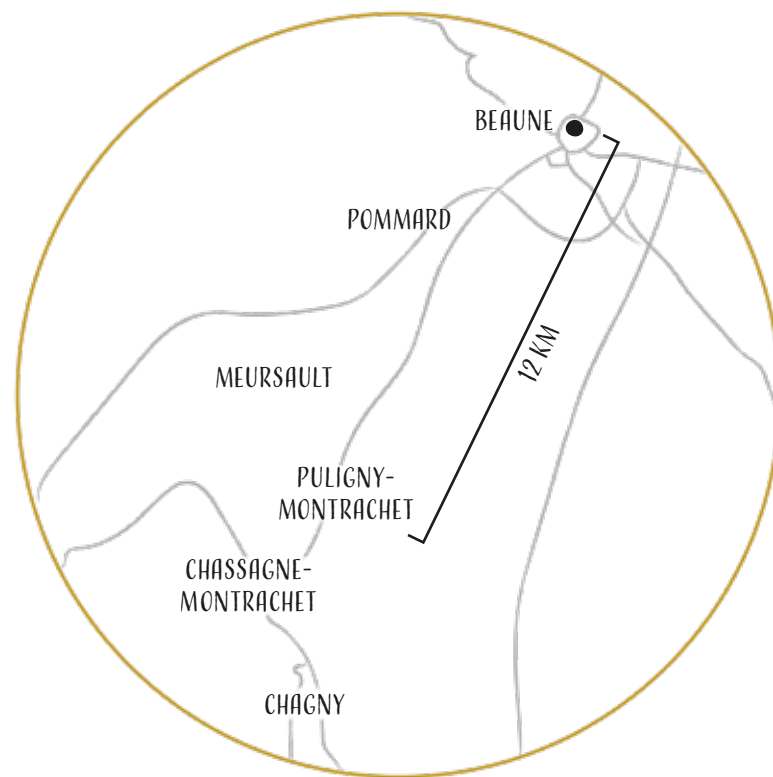
Really intense and floral, with such focus of fruit and a long and unfurling finish, this grand cru is glorious. The finish lasts for minutes: we could almost still taste it at our next appointment.

 **£££££**

 Drink 2023-2032



# Puligny-Montrachet

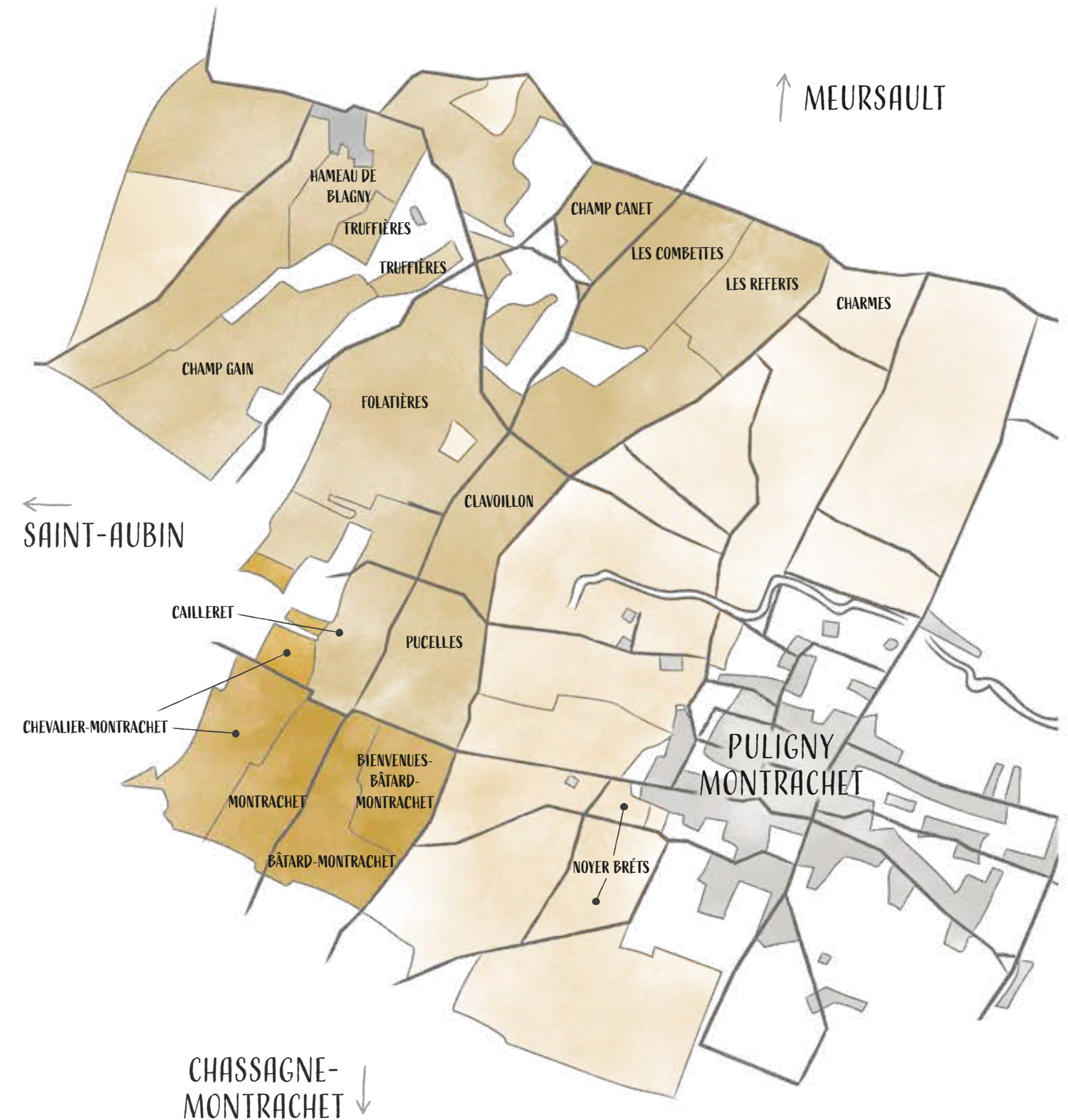


**O**ne of the Côte d'Or's three great Chardonnay villages (alongside Chassagne and Meursault), Puligny-Montrachet is renowned as the source of some of the world's finest white wines.

Sharing Le Montrachet on its southern border with Chassagne, and with all of Chevalier-Montrachet (just above Le Montrachet) and Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet (next to Bâtard-Montrachet, whose southern edge dips into Chassagne) in its bounds, Puligny's prestige is no doubt due to their presence.

There's also no shortage of premiers crus, with 100 hectares of a total of 235 hectares devoted to them, nearly half the entire appellation. These can offer some of that same prestige at a friendlier price. Look for the best plots nestled in the middle of the slope that rises from east to west, where there's the ideal balance of drainage, soil complexity and aspect.

And, we're always on the lookout for excellent value from their village wines, with shining examples from the likes of Alain Chavy and Olivier Leflaive.



*Key*

- GRAND CRU
- 1ER CRU
- VILLAGE







## DOMAINE ALAIN CHAVY

Alain Chavy and his brother, Jean-Louis, split their father's vineyards in 2003, as is often the case in Burgundy. Alain works a great selection of Puligny vineyards with his son, and his traditionally-styled wines convey some of the best of Puligny-Montrachet's chiselled minerality alongside a fullness of body endowed by the wine's classical élevage. His wines get better every year, with more focus, texture, and precision. The 2018s are gorgeous, and not to be missed.

 @domainealainchavy

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet Lieu-Dit Charmes

The plot of Charmes in Puligny borders Charmes in Meursault, so it's a village vineyard next to a premier cru. There's a beautiful fragrance to Alain's 2018 Charmes. Very mineral on the palate, but with depth of yellow fruit, there's excellent complexity for a village wine here.

 ££

 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon

The only other owners of Clavoillon are Alain's brother, and Domaine Leflaive. Alain's part was planted in 1950. Plenty of gun flint and salty minerality here. It's floral, with silky acidity and excellent persistence on the finish. This is the sweet spot for Puligny.

 £££

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières

Puligny's largest vineyard, and the pick of Alain's premiers crus. Folatières in 2018 is a great success for Alain. Notes of pink grapefruit and orange blossom, there's real intensity and length here. Very pure and long, with wonderful energy.

 £££

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru

This was the final wine tasted one day in Burgundy, and it blew us away: what a way to finish the day. Lime and grapefruit, and such salinity: you really feel the soil here. Open and energetic, it's an explosion on the palate. Brilliant.

 ££££

 Drink 2023-2030







# MAISON OLIVIER LEFLAIVE FRÈRES

Co-manager of Domaine Leflaive from 1982 to 1994, when he left to concentrate on his blossoming negociant business, Olivier Leflaive and now talented winemaker Franck Grux create elegant wines of breeding from a variety of appellations. Olivier is a well-known figure around the village of Puligny, splitting his time between the winery and his restaurant. Quality is on show all the way through the range here: these are masterful Chardonnays.

@olivierleflaive

## 2018 Bourgogne Blanc Les Sétilles

Nice lemon oil, floral nose. Plenty of elegance here: it's crunchy apples and pears, with lovely energy and finesse. So delicious and floral, but saline too. Beautiful energy, and excellent length. Once again, it's brilliant.

£ **Sold out**

Drink 2020-2024

## 2018 Montagny 1er Cru

80% of the wine comes from Bonneveaux, one of the best sites in Montagny, with the rest from Coeres, and a touch of Perrières. Nice texture and finesse, pretty pure and juicy with lovely energy, too. Very saline and silky, and excellent juicy finish. Not overripe, just lovely balance.

£ **£15.50 per bottle**

£193 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2025

## 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet

Just three barrels made. Very good energy, mineral and lifted, plenty of depth of flavour. I like the purity here, it's very fine and saline, and there's tons of definition. So long and silky, and so precise. Brilliant.

£ **£45 per bottle**

£270 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

## 2018 Saint-Romain

From Sous le Château and Poullange. Floral and crunchy on the nose, with lovely acacia blossom and fresh pears. Nice mealy character, and plenty of citrus on the palate, with sea spray and oyster shell. Textured and lively.

£ **£18 per bottle**

£108 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2025

## 2018 St-Aubin 1er Cru Champlots

Quite reticent on the nose, though the potential is obvious. Really nice texture, with loads of salinity, orange blossom and length. It's a bit of a baby, but is clearly premier cru quality. Nicely focussed, but also with concentration.

£ **£25 per bottle**

£150 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2026

## 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Truffières

Intense, soaring aromatics and amazing purity here; so much lemon oil, grapefruit, oyster shell and weight on the palate. This is spectacular: flavours unfurl, great intensity and balance, and so much purity. Very finely judged, and very long.

£ **£45.50 per bottle**

£273 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2029

## 2018 Meursault Les Vireuils

Nice richness to the fruit here, but still citrus, with plenty of acidity and purity. Lovely texture and salinity, very pure on the palate, notes of fresh ginger and also crunchy red apples. Long and generous.

£ **£33.50 per bottle**

£201 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

## 2018 Puligny-Montrachet

Very floral on the nose. Quite delicate and fine, with plenty of balance, and great length. Very mineral, saline and tangy on the finish. Very Puligny, with excellent balance.

£ **£35 per bottle**

£210 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2027

## 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Foliatières

Quite closed on the nose. But on the palate you feel that rippling energy, with plenty of citrus fruit, saline minerality, and tons of depth, too. This is brilliant, with such good definition.

£ **£65.50 per bottle**

£393 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

## 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Les Houillères

So fine and lemon oil, delicate and floral with so much purity. Very saline and driven, with plenty of energy and nice concentration of citrus. Very well put together: again an absolute belter, and awesome value for money.

£ **£33 per bottle**

£198 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2028

## 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos Saint-Marc

Very floral and pure on the nose, sea spray and wild flowers. There's very fine acidity with conference pears and lovely purity. Really nice integration, beautiful balance and lovely length and elegance. Very Chassagne, it's focussed and driven with elegance.

£ **£44.50 per bottle**

£267 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028



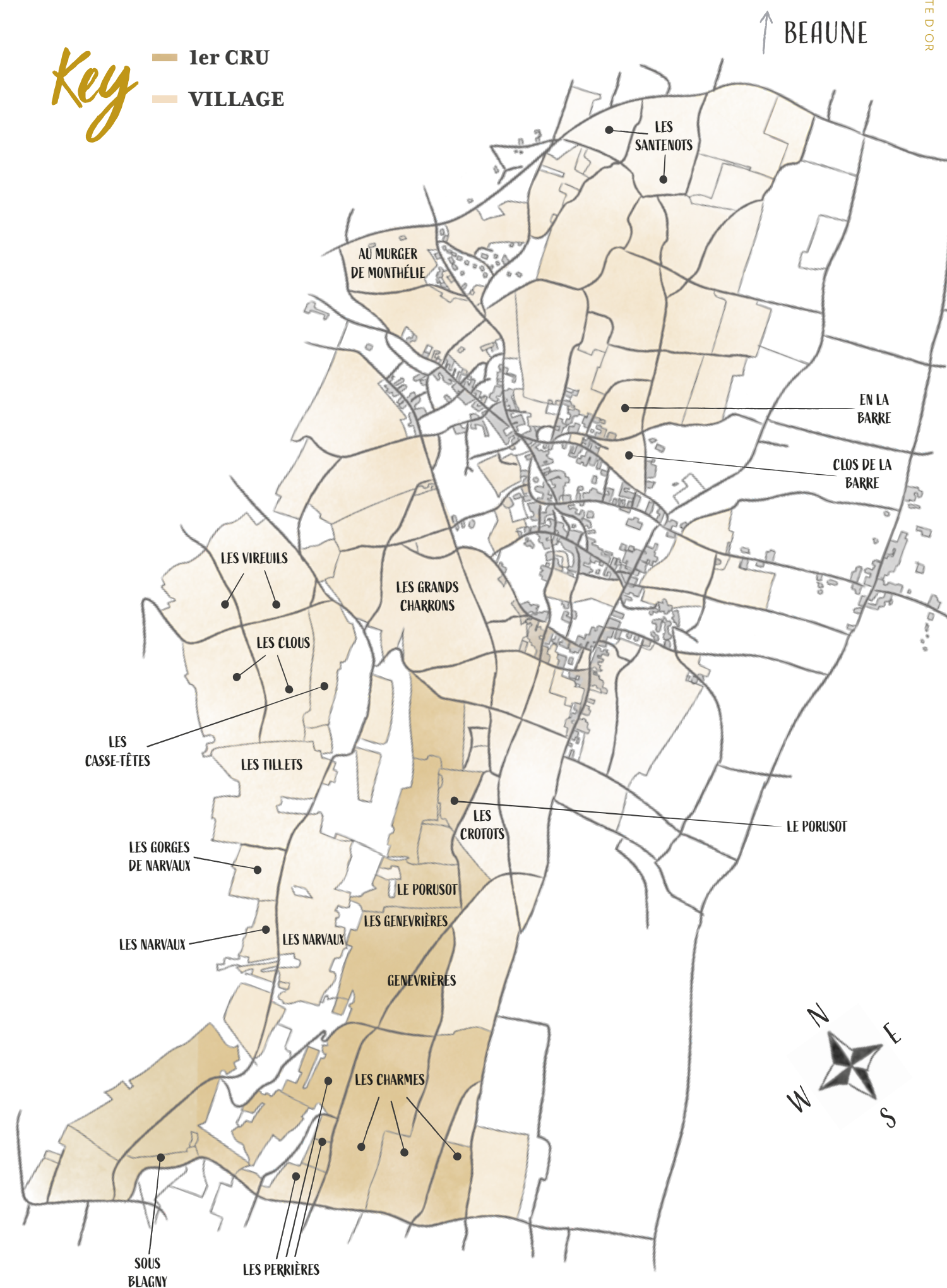
# Meursault

**M**eursault is larger than its brethren Chassagne and Puligny, and has no grands crus to call its own. So its premiers crus take the spotlight, and deservedly so.

With great plots like Les Charmes, Les Perrières and Les Genevrières on the southern end towards Puligny, Meursault handily holds its own. These brilliant Chardonnays tend to be expressive, powerful and long.

We've sought mineral, nervy examples, with tension and precision in spades.

**Key** — 1er CRU  
— VILLAGE







## DOMAINE MICHEL BOUZEREAU

Michel Bouzereau is a man of great sway in Burgundy. He's both head of the Bouzereau clan as well as President of the prestigious Burgundy Growers' Union. There is undoubtedly quite a shadow for his son Jean-Baptiste to have stepped into. However, he has been able to tread his own path, combining his father's traditionalist philosophy with a fresher, more vibrant style. The result is expressive wines from his eleven hectares of vines in Meursault and Puligny. Each cuvée is treated individually and sympathetically, leading to wines of great depth and balance.

### 2018 Bourgogne Chardonnay

60% Meursault, 40% Puligny, with three plots in Meursault and one in Puligny. This is a beautiful Bourgogne in 2018. There's notes of lime blossom, with lifted fruit and plenty of energy. Delicious.

£ **£16 per bottle**

£96 per 6 bottles

Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Meursault 1er Cru Blagny

Vines were planted in in Blagny, one of Meursault's highest vineyards, in 1984, and this shows in the focus, energy, and vertical character of this wine. Delicate flowers and lovely citrus precision. Very good indeed.

£ **£51 per bottle**

£306 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Champs Gains

Next to Truffières, Les Champs Gains is a brilliant vineyard in Puligny. Open, smoky and very mineral, with acacia blossom and pink grapefruit, this is classic Puligny. There's just a hint of bitterness on the finish, that leaves you wanting more.

£ **£60 per bottle**

£360 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Meursault Les Grands Charrons

From high up the hillside, you really feel the altitude here in 2018. There's lovely energy, and a floral character to the wine. Very pretty Meursault.

£ **£35.50 per bottle**

£213 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2026

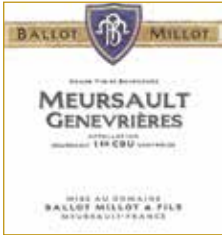
### 2018 Meursault 1er Cru Les Genevrières

Notes of pink grapefruit and rose petal swirl from the glass, with such alluring, attractive fragrance. There's a quince note, too, and wild flowers. This is so complex, pure, and long. A delight.

£ **£60 per bottle**

£360 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2029



## DOMAINE BALLOT-MILLOT

Run by talented young winemaker Charles since 2000, on the estate created by the union of his grandparents, this is a domaine you overlook at your peril. Charles is the 17th generation of the family to live and work in Burgundy, but he doesn't let this history hold his winemaking back. Willing to push the boundaries, he produces wines that have everything in perfect relief: concentration, minerality, acidity and complexity. And he has fun: skis and a pool table are visible from his tasting room, and a handful of dogs run around the domaine.

@ballotmillet

### 2018 Meursault Les Narvaux

One of Meursault's most famous village vineyards, high up the slope. Wild yet focussed, with loads of citrus fruit. There's a smokiness here, with really precise fruit, and tons of finesse.

£ **££**

Drink 2021-2027

### 2018 Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières

Genevrières takes its name from the juniper bushes that traditionally would have grown here, although just one remains. 80 year old vines in Genevrières-Dessus give a floral, intense and upfront wine. This really makes you salivate, with so much texture and complexity. Wonderful.

£ **£££**

Drink 2022-2029

### 2018 Meursault 1er Cru Perrières

The site of a former quarry, the soil in Perrières is very stony. Purity is the key word here: this has well defined fruit and a saline, stony character. You can see why this is Meursault's unofficial grand cru.

£ **£££**

Drink 2022-2031





## PATRICK JAVILLIER

Patrick Javillier began working in wine in 1974 with just two hectares, and now has more than ten, 80% of which is devoted to Chardonnay. Today, his daughter Marion produces their exceptional range, with her proud father close by. The esteem in which their estate is held is even more impressive considering their low holdings in premiers and grand crus. But this is indicative of their approach: they ensure every cuvée, from Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or (a new appellation in the creation of which Patrick was instrumental) upwards, fulfils its potential.

@marion\_roue\_javillier

### 2018 Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or Cuvée Oligocène

From vineyards in the communes of Meursault and Puligny, this remains one of the benchmarks for Bourgogne. Very driven and phenolic, there's orange blossom and lemon oil, and lovely length, too.

£ **£18.50 per bottle**

£222 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2028

### 2018 Meursault Les Clousots

This cuvée is predominantly taken from the hillside vineyard Les Clous, with a touch of Les Crotots from the bottom of the hill for intensity, as such since 2004. Delicate on the nose, and plenty of purity. There's rich fruit, with greengage and seville oranges, but also focus and texture.

£ **£41 per bottle**

£246 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

From a south-facing site called Les Pougets, in the commune of Aloxe-Corton, they've just 0.17 hectares here. This unfurls on the palate with notes of citrus and crème patissière. Very long, savoury, and impressive.

£ **£92.50 per bottle**

£555 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Meursault Les Tillets

From a vineyard high up the slope, with very little soil.

This has notes of sea spray and grapefruit, and plenty of stony minerality on the finish. Very driven.

£ **£34.50 per bottle**

£207 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Meursault Tête de Murger

A blend of Les Casses Têtes with Les Murgers de Monthélie, bottled that way since 1996. Floral and fruit, with precision but also richness. Very linear on the long, mouthwatering finish.

£ **£52.50 per bottle**

£315 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028





# Volnay

**W**here Volnay starts, so does Pinot Noir country in the Côte de Beaune.

It shares its border with Meursault, and most notably with Les Santenots, so either appellation can be used on the label. However, given Volnay's association with great red wines, it's the variety of choice here, with notable examples from the likes of Comtes Lafon.

But the heights of its reds are also reached with many of its premiers crus, with plots like Les Frémiets, Les Taillepieds, and Les Mitans. Indeed, quality over quantity rings true in Volnay in its hundred or so hectares, one of the smallest appellations in the Côte de Beaune. Chalky soils lead to elegant expressions of Pinot Noir, which, as connoisseurs catch on, are increasingly hard to secure.



## LOUIS BOILLOT CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Louis Boillot previously worked at Domaine Lucien Boillot with his father and brother in Gevrey, though the family was initially based in Volnay, hence they also have wines from this commune. Louis himself relocated to Chambolle in 2003 where his wife, Ghislaine Barthod, is based, and they now share the same vineyard team, plus a German pointer appropriately called Musigny. From several notable appellations, Louis crafts wines that are united in their commitment to terroir, their clarity and their depth. He also has an impressive concern further south in Moulin-à-Vent, making some of the most Pinot-like Beaujolais we know.

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Les Angles

Delicate strawberries on the nose of this pretty Volnay. There's iodine and crunchy cherry fruit, and enjoyably persistent, grippy tannins. A charmer.

£ **£46 per bottle**

£276 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Les Brouillards

A Volnay vineyard on the edge of the commune, next door to Pommard. And from 70 year old vines, you feel its origins. The 2018 has crunchy fruit and nicely grippy tannins. There's plenty of structure here, with focused acidity on the long, impressive finish.

£ **£45 per bottle**

£270 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers

In 2018 this is very Nuits, with tension, energy, and lots of minerality: salinity and notes of iron oxide. There's also blue fruit giving a juiciness to the palate. This is a lovely example from one of our favourite vineyards.

£ **£70 per bottle**

£420 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032





## DOMAINE MICHEL LAFARGE

Stepping into the Lafarge cellar in central Volnay is an experience, and exactly how one might imagine a Burgundy cellar should be. In this veritable trove of nooks and crannies, blanketed in life-giving mould, are born some of Burgundy’s greatest wonders. The wines crafted by Frédéric, his father Michel, now 91 years old, and daughter Clothilde, boast an unbeatable ability to age, even for Pinot Noir. The family has been in the village since 1800, with Clothilde the eighth generation to join the estate. They think the 2018s have the character of the 1990s, or even the 1959s: they know better than us!

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### 2018 Bourgogne Aligoté Raisins Dorés

This comes from 84 year old vines of the preferred ‘raisins dorés’ clone of aligoté and is picked at the end of September. This has really lovely peach and ripe apple notes, and impressive length.

**£12.50 per bottle**  
 £150 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Volnay

From six parcels on both sides of the village, this has a beautiful nose, with loads of balance and elegant fruit. There’s an energy and a finesse here. What Volnay is all about.

**£35 per bottle**  
 £420 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans

Owned by the Lafarge family since 2005, Les Mitans is situated in the middle of the slope, and it’s probably from this that it takes its name. Floral and fragrant, with beautiful fruit purity, and such a sense of tension and precision. A gorgeous Volnay.

**£87.50 per bottle**  
 £525 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2036

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Clos du Château des Ducs monopole\*\*

A monopole of the Lafarge family - the 0.57 hectares are entirely under their ownership, produced as an individual wine since 1985. It’s hand destemmed, taking 35 hours for just 3000 bottles. This is grand cru in all but name. Noble, fresh, long, voluminous, complex, stunning. There’s not much more to say.

**POA**  
 Drink 2025-2040

### 2018 Bourgogne Passetoutgrains 'L'Exception'

Produced in every vintage since the foundation of the domaine, this 50/50 blend of Pinot Noir and Gamay, produced from co-planted vines, is one of Burgundy’s bargains. This is wonderfully pure and charming, with energy, persistence, red fruit. It’s saline and mouthwatering; a joyful wine.

**£13.50 per bottle**  
 £162 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Volnay Vendanges Sélectionnées

Made from a selection at the time of harvest, this treads the line between village and premier cru. It comes from four different terroirs at the heart of the village, with more deeper, darker fruit than the normal Volnay. The plethora of limestone in this part of the village gives incredible purity and energy. One for the ages.

**£40 per bottle**  
 £240 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Clos des Chênes

The first vineyard owned by the Lafarge family, and arguably their most famous wine. Serious and intense, with time in the glass comes swirling notes of rose petal and generous, dark fruit. There’s incredible texture and minerality, and the finish goes on an age.

**£95 per bottle**  
 £570 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2025-2040



## DOMAINE DE MONTILLE

Thoughtful, charismatic and hospitable, Etienne de Montille has stewarded the family domaine since taking on the responsibility in 1995. With an enviable selection of vineyards, careful winemaking with the use of whole bunches altered to suit the vintage, and sensitive élevage, it comes as no surprise that this estate continues to rise towards the top table of Burgundy. With concerns in the USA and in Japan, Etienne is a man with a lot on his plate. So the support of American winemaker Brian Sieve ensures that the wines here continue to amaze and impress in equal measure.

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### 2018 Bourgogne Blanc

Very focussed and floral, delicate and nice purity. From Puligny vineyards, there are crunchy apples, texture and just a hint of clove on the finish.

**£17 per bottle**  
 £204 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2020-2025

### 2018 Beaune 1er Cru Aigrots Blanc

This premier cru is high up on the hill in Beaune, where the poor soils give the wine life. Beautiful delicate small fruit, grapefruit and fresh apples. Salty and fresh, with a hint of ginger, and a really long finish. A very pretty premier cru.

**£31 per bottle**  
 £372 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Meursault 1er Cru Poruzots

Poruzots is a premier cru in the heart of the Meursault hillside. Quite ripe on the nose, plenty of peaches and pink grapefruit, orange blossom, with excellent definition of fruit. Really delicious and long, but needs time to come fully together.

**£52 per bottle**  
 £624 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Le Cailleret

Le Cailleret abuts Montrachet on the Puligny side. From 70 year old and 65 year old vines. Intense and smoky reduction, plenty of small fruit, and outstanding energy. There’s a sense of focus here, with silky acidity, fine delicacy, and a finish that lasts for ages. Outstanding.

**£85 per bottle**  
 £510 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Rully Blanc, Maison de Montille

A négociant bottling from a purchase of grapes, this is a brilliant wine from the Côte Chalonnaise. It’s got a lovely creamy, fresh, lifted palate, and loads of vibrancy too. Just a joy to taste - not to be overlooked.

**£17 per bottle**  
 £204 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Meursault Cuvée St Christophe

From Narvaux, Casse Têtes, and Petits Charrons, three of Meursault’s best village sites. There’s a nice creaminess here, but with stony focus, and a really mineral, iodine-driven finish. A lovely balance of Meursault fat and focus.

**£40 per bottle**  
 £480 per 12 bottles  
 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières

Really mineral and focussed on the nose. Cool and citrus, with plenty of fine energy, there’s finesse here, with salty tang and plenty of definition.

**£77 per bottle**  
 £462 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2029

### 2018 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru

Easternmost part of the Corton Charlemagne vineyard. No afternoon sun allows freshness to be maintained. There’s real intensity here, with notes of fresh hazelnuts, silky fruit, and minerality that grows in the palate. This is a really thrilling wine.

**£87 per bottle**  
 £522 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2023-2030



2018 Bourgogne Rouge

Still includes the parcel that Hubert had in Volnay, as well as a couple of newer ones opposite Château de Puligny, Etienne’s home. Delicious, fragrant, and very pure, this is a simply brilliant and crunchy Bourgogne Rouge.

£17.50 per bottle

£210 per 12 bottles

Drink 2021-2025

2018 Pommard Les Cras

At the bottom of the Rugiens vineyard, this is our baby Rugiens. Juicy and pure, with iron oxide and nervy acidity. Plenty of blood orange, and a juicy and savoury finish. Complex and impressive.

£32 per bottle

£384 per 12 bottles

Drink 2021-2027

2018 Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans

From the middle of the slope, from vines 45 years old which Brian says act like they’re 75 years old, given how little fruit they yield. This is a wonderfully fragrant, energetic Volnay, that shows the best of this stunning village.

£72 per bottle

£864 per 12 bottles

Drink 2022-2032

2018 Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles

Pézerolles is the perfect introduction to Pommard, from a limestone vineyard really near the border with Beaune. Nice wild dark fruit, mulberries, and plenty of silky cherries. And excellent length, that’s very saline and very pure. Nice herbal, spearmint character.

£70 per bottle

£840 per 12 bottles

Drink 2022-2034

2018 Corton Clos du Roi Grand Cru

From 50 year old vines. Lovely herbal character, and those grippy tannins. Excellent length and finesse, good juice and dark fruit alongside red berries. Corton is a huge success in 2018.

£92 per bottle

£552 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2038

2018 Beaune 1er Cru Les Sizies

Oldest vines here are about 40 years old. Beautiful nose, delicate berries and a touch of floral character, with plenty of salinity here. This is fine and long: it punches so far above its weight.

£33 per bottle

£396 per 12 bottles

Drink 2021-2027

2018 Beaune 1er Cru Grèves

Probably the finest Beaune vineyard, in the 19th century it was seen as a Tête de Cuvée, the top level of the côte’s wines. Two thirds of the vines here are over 55-60 years old. Saline and impressively deep and textured fruit, this is always one of our favourite wines here. Overlooked at your peril.

£47 per bottle

£282 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2032

2018 Volnay 1er Cru Les Taillepieds

Arguably the vineyard for which the De Montille family are best known, made from sixty year old vines. Beautiful nose, very nervy, silky and fine. Salty and pure, and focussed on the finish. Beautiful tannins, supple and then plenty of density.

£73 per bottle

£438 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2034

2018 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens-Bas

Les Rugiens-Bas has long been a candidate for elevation to grand cru status, and was Hubert’s favourite wine. Very pure, and lovely nervous energy, amazing texture, serious earthy notes, dark berry fruit, and such a sense of nobility and focus. Iron oxide and great energy – outstanding.

£92 per bottle

£552 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2034

2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

De Montille hold just 0.29 hectares of this sprawling grand cru. Spicy and opulent, such energy and wonderful depth and darkness of fruit. Nice bitterness here, plenty of lively fruit, with finesse and texture.

£110 per bottle

£660 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2038

2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru

Malconsorts

In 2005 Etienne managed to buy 1.37 hectares of the prized Les Malconsorts vineyard in Vosne. Spice and mineral, there’s vibrancy and intense yet surprisingly cool fruit here. Delicate and incredibly well balanced, one of the best Malconsorts you’ll find.

£210 per bottle

£1260 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2038

2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru

Malconsorts, Christiane\*\*

When he purchased his Malconsorts parcel in 2005, Etienne separated the section of the vineyard that forms a small enclave within the grand cru La Tâche, and decided to bottle it separately, naming it after his mother. Inky and voluminous, this is remarkable. A lesson in balance of power, concentration, and finesse. It lasts an age.

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Drink 2023-2038

# Pommard

**H**ere in Pommard, only red wine is made, on its iron-rich soils. It's larger, and its wines tend to be bigger, than its direct neighbour Volnay. And their appeal is exactly that: they offer more powerful expressions of Pinot Noir which age brilliantly.

There are a few crus in Pommard which get all the hype. There's long been a movement to elevate the premier cru **Rugiens-Bas** to grand cru status, and the monopole **Clos des Epeneaux**, a walled five hectare plot in the center of town, is always quick to sell out.

Fortunately, there's more to Pommard than just its superstars. We've been careful to select wines true to its terroir, where dark fruit and cool, iron-oxide notes are what makes them tick.



## COMTE ARMAND

With the Clos des Epeneaux in the hands of the Comte Armand since 1826, this estate celebrates a rich and successful history. 2014 was young Beaune native Paul Zinetti's first vintage at the helm of the nine hectare domaine. Here is a winemaker with a golden touch and high aspirations, not least to see the Epeneaux climat awarded grand cru classification.

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### 2018 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

This comes from a blend of two vineyards in Auxey: Les Bréterins and Bas des Duresses. One is clay-based and the other chalky. Silky and fine, with salinity and very pure fruit, this remains one of the best value wines we know.

**£29 per bottle**

£174 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux monopole

The very oldest vines in Le Clos were planted in 1919, and the vines considered young are over 35 years old. This is an astonishing Clos. Paul has maintained freshness and purity, with amazing depth and intensity. This remains one of Burgundy's greatest wines (and its greatest buys).

**£99**

£594 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2038

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Les Frémiets

Les Frémiets borders Pommard, and this wine has something of the character of both villages. There's blue fruit here, with a floral lift and plenty of blood orange. Spicy and liquorice tinged, it's a lovely wine.

**£60 per bottle**

£360 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2030



## DOMAINE J.M. BOILLOT

Grandson of Etienne Sauzet, one of Burgundy's most famed vigneron, with experience as winemaker at Olivier Leflaive, Jean-Marc is a man of great practice with the talent of someone for whom winemaking runs in his blood. His are wines that wonderfully display terroir. With richness of flavour yet lightness of touch, they are always a delight to open. It's now his daughter Lydie, and her husband François who have taken the reins here, and the wines continue to soar.

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet

From seven parcels, of which five are located in Enseignères, a highly-regarded vineyard that touches the grands crus. This is very Puligny, with focus, spearmint, smoky reduction, and lift. Very good balance, here.

**£36 per bottle**

£216 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Canet

The Champ Canet vineyard takes its name from an historic owner, M. Canet, and is situated quite high up the slope. Notes of gunflint and wild flowers, as well as a super savoury, mouthwatering finish. This is noble and restrained. Brilliant.

**£57 per bottle**

£342 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru La Truffière

Really pure and savoury, wonderful citrus fruit, and there's a density, too. Length unfurls with layers of flavour: citrus and flowers, and spearmint and ginger. This is outstanding. More open than usual at this point.

**£77 per bottle**

£462 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Pommard 1er Cru Les Jarollières

A well-situated premier cru, bordering Volnay and Les Rugiens-Bas, one of Pommard's finest sites. Creamy and intense, with mineral lift and herbal top notes. There's energy and salinity, and tons of finesse on the finish.

**£48 per bottle**

£288 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts

From the Meursault side of the village, touching Meursault's Charmes. This is very Chardonnay in character, with notes of oatmeal and wild flowers. Finessed and pure, it's a complex premier cru.

**£57 per bottle**

£342 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes

Situated just between Les Referts and Champ Canet. A highly regarded site, right up the top of the hill in Puligny. More shy, but can really smell the earth here. Really nice focus and length, powerful and intense. This is serious and powerful, with impressive density of fruit. Really long, with sea spray and iodine on the finish. Brilliant.

**£77 per bottle**

£462 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Volnay 1er Cru Carelle-sous-la-Chapelle

From a premier cru regarded as elegant even for Volnay, Delicate and fresh, with notes of red berry and grapefruit. Beautifully poised, and very long indeed.

**£44.50 per bottle**

£267 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2030



# Beaune

**O**n the outskirts of the eponymous town itself, these vineyards are the most accessible for an evening walk, which is ironic given that they are also often the most overlooked. With both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grown here, there are excellent examples of both from the appellation. It has an impressive number of premiers crus (42), and the town itself is home to many of the most important négociants.

With both sandy soils and some steeper plots, there are both lighter and more powerful examples of wines here, so aspect is important. There's also exceptional value to be found, when you look in the right places.



## DOMAINE CHANSON

Beaune is often overlooked, but Domaine Chanson is the benchmark here, making impressive, ageworthy wines. The domaine's 15th century cellars, situated in the historic centre of Beaune, were bought by Bollinger in 1999 and fully modernised. They're particularly notable for boasting 45 hectares of vines on premier cru or grand cru organically farmed land, and with Jean-Pierre Confuron at the helm, they're wines that continue to be refined, and to improve.

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### 2018 Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches

Perhaps best known in the hands of Drouhin, Chanson also make a standout Clos des Mouches. Notes of lemon oil and quince, with a real brightness to the fruit. Nervy and long.

**£54 per bottle**

£324 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Beaune Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Marconnets

The baby Fèves, this remains one of Burgundy's best buys - particularly in a vintage like 2018. Finesse and structure, and really feel the limestone. Nervy and long, and surprisingly expressive. Brilliant for the price.

**£25 per bottle**

£150 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Beaune Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Fèves Monopole

The feather in the cap, the monopole of the estate. Unfurling and layered, notes of chalk and wild flowers, and blood orange. Raspberry essence swirls with perfectly balanced tannins. Bravo.

**£47 per bottle**

£282 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032





## MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE

One of Burgundy's greatest characters, Nicolas Potel uses his wit, charm and unbeatable connections to gain access to outstanding musts for Maison Roche de Bellene, his négociant business. This allows him to make superlative wines from quite a range of vineyards. Many of the contracts for these grapes and musts are long-standing, dating back to the untimely death of Nicolas' beloved father, Gérard.

### 2018 Bourgogne Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes

Lifted and fragrant, with perfumed fruit and tons of energy. There's a density here, with plenty of crunchy berries and a long finish. The benchmark for everyday drinking.

**£8.50 per bottle**  
£102 per 12 bottles  
Drink 2021-2024

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts

Malconsorts is the star among Vosne's premier cru vineyards, and this is a great example of why. Spicy and powerful, it's so intense today. This needs time: with it, it will be great.

**£130 per bottle**  
£780 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Chambertin Grand Cru

Powerful and brooding today, Nico's source for his Chambertin is always peerless. This is spectacular and unfurling. But needs a long time.

**£280 per bottle**  
£1,680 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Richebourg Grand Cru

Richebourg is always Richebourg. Power yet delicacy, with a complex finish that lasts for minutes. Always a privilege to taste this great vineyard.

**£500 per bottle**  
£3,000 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

This vineyard lies up the hill in Vosne. Spicy and lifted, it's intense and powerful but retaining focus and delicacy. There's a pretty wild flower note on the finish.

**£65 per bottle**  
£390 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes

Forming something of a plateau, Les Charmes has always produced wines known for roundness and generosity: charming, if you will. More opulent than sometimes, this is silky and enveloping, with flowers and spice.

**£52 per bottle**  
£624 per 12 bottles  
Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru

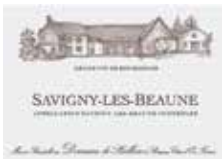
Opulence on the nose, with notes of pot pourri and indian spices. There's plush dark berries, and lovely texture, too.

**£195 per bottle**  
£1,170 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2023-2034

### 2018 Romanée St.Vivant, Grand Cru

Spicy and floral, with notes of violets and cumin. The palate has delicacy, but it grows on the finish. A lesson in understated power, the finish goes on and on.

**£500 per bottle**  
£3,000 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE DE BELLENE

Nico Potel puts ever more emphasis on his domaine holdings, vineyards he owns himself, and they're wines we're delighted to support. He founded the estate in 2005, with the first wines produced in 2007. The holdings have continued to grow since, with vineyards in both some of Burgundy's greatest climats, such as Vosne Suchots, and incredible value wines in some less-fabled areas. Working more-or-less organically, but uncertified (Nicolas disagrees with some of the organic treatment methods) and working the soil with horses, no expense, or time is spared in the search for excellence.

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### 2018 Bourgogne Aligoté

Crunchy apples and plenty of spice mark this out as a cut above most Aligoté. Such refreshing fragrance and length. Very good indeed.

**£10 per bottle**  
£60 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2020-2023

### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune Vieilles Vignes

Comes from vines planted in the 1930s. Savigny is a huge success in 2018. Salty tannins and pure berry fruit, with plenty of spice and a long and focussed finish. Beautiful.

**£16.50 per bottle**  
£99 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges Vieilles Vignes

From vines planted in 1952 and as far back as 1896. One of the bargains of our range, with grippy tannins, loads of minerality, and a finish that last minutes. This is way more complex than the price suggests.

**£26.50 per bottle**  
£318 per 12 bottles  
Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Chaignots

A celebrated premier cru up the slope in Nuits. This is elegant and lifted, with Nuits minerality and plenty of crunchy dark fruit. Long and savoury: Nuits intensity with Vosne elegance.

**£53 per bottle**  
£636 per 12 bottles  
Drink 2023-2034

### 2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages Vieilles Vignes

Nicolas sees his (increasing) holdings in the Côte de Nuits-Villages as the future of his domaine, where prices aren't as high, yet the quality of terroir can be outstanding. This is lifted; a great example in 2018 and one to stock up on.

**£16 per bottle**  
£192 per 12 bottles  
Drink 2020-2025

### 2018 Beaune 1er Cru VV Hommage à Françoise Potel

Made in honour Nico's mother, this is a blend of grapes from premier crus across the Beaune vignoble. Savoury on the palate, with mineral tannins and iron oxide, the fruit is dark and impressive. This will age spectacularly.

**£32 per bottle**  
£192 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée Quartiers de Nuits

From vines planted in 1927, between Echézeaux and Clos de Vougeot, this might be the best placed village vineyard on the Côte de Nuits. And this shows in the quality here. Intense and structured, with beautiful energy: outstanding.

**£50 per bottle**  
£600 per 12 bottles  
Drink 2020-2030

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots

Les Suchots is one of Vosne's greatest vineyards, situated on the line of grands crus. Vines planted in 1937. Power and volume here, but not lacking focus on the palate. It's a brilliant example of a brilliant vineyard.

**£85 per bottle**  
£510 per 6 bottles  
Drink 2023-2026





# CHANDON DE BRIAILLES

## SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

The de Nicolay family is perhaps best known for their red and white Cortons, but there's more to this domaine than grands crus. Their beautiful house, constructed between 1690 and 1705, has been theirs since 1834. Current incumbents and seventh-generation siblings Claude and François, frequently flanked by lovely dogs (Joy and Darling), create wines of elegance and poise from appellations sometimes known for their more bucolic styles. Farmed biodynamically since 2005, with horses Diva and Epi, this is a set of wines that punch well above their weight. They switched to a vertical press in 2017, and the impact on their wines, now even more elegant, shows.

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### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc

From sandy soil, facing west, this is cool and fresh and really easy to taste. The palate is silky, with apples and pears and a floral lift. Very pretty.

£ ££

Drink 2020-2023

### 2018 Corton Blanc Grand Cru

Their Corton Blanc is a blend of grapes from Bressandes and Chaumes. One third in Stockinger barrels. This is long with notes of toast and vanilla, but also wonderful white fruit and soaring floral aromatics. The volume builds. This is outstanding - an affordable grand cru.

£ ££££

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Aux Fourneaux

Crunchy black fruit with salinity and notes of mulberry and crushed rocks. This is beautifully balanced in 2018, with richness of fruit but also a mouthwatering character.

£ £££

Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Ile des Vergelesses Blanc

This is made in the old fashioned method, with 12 hours in a vertical whole bunch press, once the skins have been split open. When we tasted it still hadn't seen sulphur. Very fresh pears and energetic.

£ £££

Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune

Very pretty strawberry fruit, with spice and lovely tannins on the finish. A wonderful introduction to the delicacy of the wines here.

£ ££

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Lavières

Very floral on the nose, with wild violets and also strawberries and raspberries. This shows the warmth of the vintage, but with real charm. If Savigny can sometimes be austere and rustic, this is the antidote.

£ £££

Drink 2023-2030



### 2018 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Île des Vergelesses

Incredibly charming in 2018, this has juicy fruits, with cherries and also a hint of wild herbs. Very finely balanced, with a juiciness, and a very long finish.

£ £££

Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru

Always one of our favourite wines here, the Bressandes is a masterpiece in 2018. Incredibly dark with cherries and flowers, and a mineral tang here. This is so complex and pure.

£ ££££

Drink 2023-2034

### 2018 Corton Grand Cru Clos du Roi

This stony vineyard, at the centre of the hill, is one of the best sites in the whole appellation. Vines over fifty years old deliver an intensely pure Corton du Roi. Claude calls this her red Corton-Charlemagne, thanks to the way it grows on the palate. So energetic and floral, but with real stuffing behind it. Incredible - a huge success of a grand cru. But Corton in 2018.

£ ££££

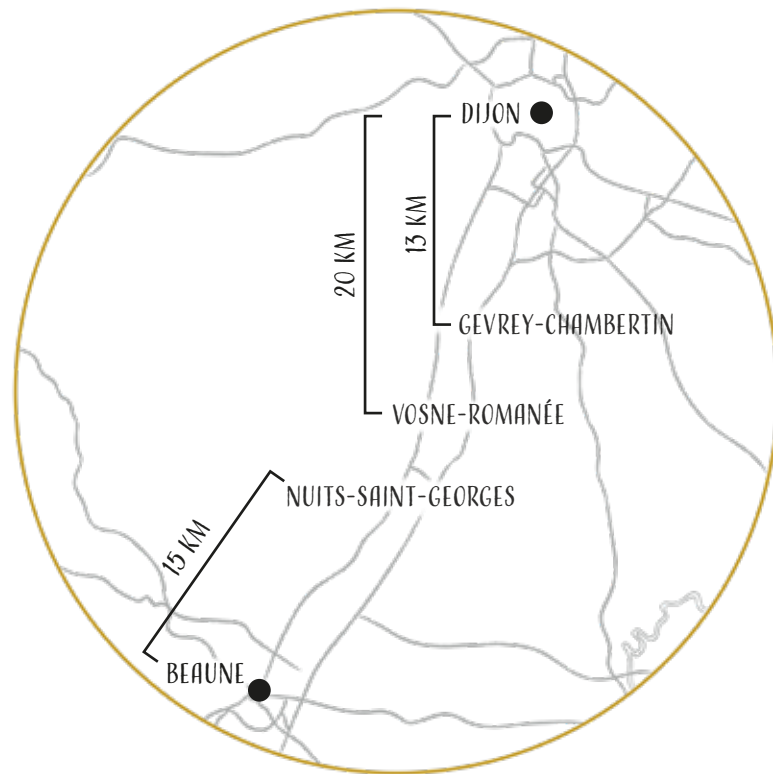
Drink 2023-2034

# Côte de Nuits

**T**he Côte de Nuits is the top destination in the entire world for Pinot Noir.

Wine has been made here since Roman times, despite its forbidding continental climate where frost remains a constant threat. But this tension is key to the unfailingly complex wines that emerge when grapes are actually produced.

This northern half of the Côte d'Or is home to the most famous grands crus like Romanée-St-Vivant and Musigny, but actually covers fourteen appellations. From **Marsannay** and **Fixin** in its northern boundary, known for more earthy examples, through to the endlessly elegant wines of **Chambolle-Musigny** and more masculine bottles from **Nuits-St-Georges**, there's a whole lot to take in from vineyard to vineyard and vintage to vintage.



# Nuits-Saint-Georges

**N**uits-Saint-Georges is one of the more diverse appellations on the Côte de Nuits, most known for its Pinot Noir, with a bit of Chardonnay grown too. There are two sides to Nuits, as it's commonly referred to: the Vosne side to the north, where wines are silkier, and the south side, which is more mineral, with slightly chunkier tannins. Often misunderstood, and overlooked with no grands crus to call its own, Nuits offers both expressive village level and age worthy premier to rival the best of the region.



## DOMAINE GÉRARD JULIEN ET FILS COMBLANCHIEN

The town of Comblanchien is yet to attract more attention for fine wine than for its quarries, but I'm sure that's about to change. And it's thanks to Etienne Julien. We discovered this brilliant young winemaker (his first vintage was 2012) thanks to a tip-off from his friend and fellow rising star Maxime Cheurlin of Domaine Georges Noëllat. We can only recommend you start buying his wines now before word is truly out. Joyful, energetic and vivacious, these Pinot Noirs are a true hedonist's delight.

@etienne\_julien21

### 2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages

Taken from plots in Comblanchien, this has fast become one of our favourite bargain reds. Fresh and silky, and surprisingly long for a wine of this price.

£ ££

Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges, 'St Julien'

From the Vosne side of Nuits, bordering the town. This is silky but with plenty of grip and structure. Long: a very good village wine.

£ ££

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Echézeaux, Grand Cru

In 2018, Etienne's Echézeaux is intense and powerful, with incredible definition of fruit. Very structured, with silky tannins - but still such a baby.

£ ££££

Drink 2023-2038

### 2018 Aloxe-Corton, 'Les Valozieres'

Aloxe-Corton may not be typically highly prized, but in the hands of winemakers like Etienne the results can be impressive - and good value. In 2018 it's a huge success. Juicy and finessed, with plenty of volume on the finish.

£ ££

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru, 'Les Bouscelots'

"Bouscelots" means "little bumps", but this premier cru's clay-rich soils make for a rounded and approachable Nuits-Saint-Georges. Complex and generous, with plenty of cool fruit coming from that clay in the soil.

£ £££

Drink 2023-2033





## DOMAINE DE L'ARLOT

### PREMEAUX-PRISSEY

This is just the third vintage that the tour de force and Burgundian native G raldine Godot has produced alone at the domaine, owned by AXA since 1987, and she's made an impact, creating wines of finesse and delicacy. Its name comes from the small river inside the monopole of Arlot. From their excellent range of vineyards and 18th century cellars, with monopoles including Clos de l'Arlet and Clos des For ts St-Georges, Domaine de l'Arlet creates the most elegant, refined and classy Nuits-St-Georges imaginable.

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges La Gerbotte Blanc

This cuv e uses the fruit from the younger vines in the Clos de l'Arlet premier cru, from the southern side of the vineyard. There's spice on the nose, with red apples and little white flowers. On the palate notes of pear and sea spray, with plenty of ginger too. Complex and focussed.

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  Drink 2021-2025

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Mont des Oiseaux'

Very fresh in 2018, the Mont des Oiseaux has crunchy strawberry fruit and silky tannins on the finish. There's a creaminess which adds to the approachability.

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  Drink 2022-2030

#### 2018 Vosne-Roman e 1er Cru Les Suchots

Feel the whole bunch on the nose, very lifted and pure, and incredibly fresh, lovely silky fruit, spicy and very Vosne. Really nice freshness and purity on the palate, with that spicy, lifted fruit, and excellent volume. Among the first to harvest: a great decision.

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  Drink 2024-2038

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Clos de l'Arlet Blanc

While Nuits isn't known for its whites, this is the best in the commune, and superb for the whole region. Very pretty nose of orchard fruit and pear blossom. There's a salinity to the palate that makes the mouth water, and wonderful lift on the finish. Excellent whites here this year.

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  Drink 2022-2028

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Clos des For ts St-Georges

This vineyard spans the entirety of the hillside, from bottom to top. Quite dark and balsamic, with plenty of small berry fruit: mulberries and dark cherries, and then a very fine and pure palate. Really good acidity on the finish, with violets and just a hint of cured meat. Very complex: this is an outstanding Clos des For ts.

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  Drink 2024-2035

#### 2018 Roman e-Saint-Vivant Grand Cru\*\*

Very discreet on the nose, very good purity and finesse. The palate grows with time, excellent fruit definition, and there's rippling power here, but it will all need time to come together. All the key parts are together – tannin, acidity and depth of flavour.

  POA  
  Drink 2024-2038



## AUR LIEN VERDET

### ARCENANT

Born in 1981, Aur lien owns 5.5 hectares of vineyards which he farms organically. Practicing intelligent, gentle winemaking, this is a young vigneron who spends most of his time in the vineyards. In fact, on Christmas Day he's more likely to be found there. From this hallowed ground, he produces genuinely exciting wines of great purity and personality. These wines are going to become harder and harder to secure, and they sell out faster each year: buy them while you're in the know.

  @aurelienverdet

#### 2018 Hautes-C tes de Nuits Le Prieur 

This, from where his winery is based, is one of his benchmarks. Very pretty fruit, with nicely silky tannins and a tense yet concentrated palate. Plenty of power here, but with Hautes-C tes freshness.

   16 per bottle  
   192 per 12 bottles  
  Drink 2021-2024

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges Les Hauts Pruliers

One of the revelations of this year. This vineyard backs onto one of Nuits' greatest premier crus, and is a village wine undoubtedly of premier cru quality. Glossy fruit with real power, and amazing length for a village wine. There's lovely minerality on the finish, showing the wines origins clearly.

   40 per bottle  
   240 per 6 bottles  
  Drink 2022-2030

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Aux Boudots

This prized Nuits vineyard borders the sought-after Vosne Malconsorts. Intense and charming, with volume and nerry depth that fills the palate. Very mineral with lots of ripe fruit, too. This shows Vosne spice and Nuits minerality.

   59.50 per bottle  
   357 per 6 bottles  
  Drink 2024-2034

#### 2018 Vosne-Roman e 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

From high up on the slope in Vosne-Roman e, the jewel in Aur lien's crown. Beaux-Monts is the bomb in 2018. Velvety yet tension, with silky acidity and really fine tannic structure. There's that salinity on the finish, but also tons of intense and concentrated fruit. A vin de plaisir.

   70 per bottle  
   420 per 6 bottles  
  Drink 2024-2035

#### 2018 Marsannay Champs Perdrix

A steep vineyard, reaching up to the combe. A good vintage for Marsannay, with silkier tannins than usual, and more finesse. There's real salinity - this punches above its weight.

   24.50 per bottle  
   147 per 6 bottles  
  Drink 2021-2025

#### 2018 Vosne-Roman e

The 2018 Vosne is incredibly full on, with very ripe dark fruit, and tons of store cupboard spice. There's texture and intensity, and also just a hint of blood orange on the finish. Powerful and concentrated.

   44 per bottle  
   528 per 6 bottles  
  Drink 2022-2030

#### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Damodes

High on the slope and bordering Vosne, offering elements of the two communes. This is very intense, but with beautiful fruit and fragrance. Notes of liquorice and chocolate, and plenty of dark earth. There's real depth and energy here.

   59.50 per bottle  
   357 per 6 bottles  
  Drink 2022-2032



## JEAN-MARC MILLOT NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

It's all change at Jean-Marc Millot, with the eponymous winemaker taking a back seat (and indeed retirement from this year), and his daughter Alix taking the helm. But with the wines it's more a case of refinement than wholesale revolution, and they retain the elegance and finesse that we've grown to adore here, but with added dimensions of silkiness and precision. This is a domaine where quality is sure to soar. Make sure you get in here, while you have the chance.

@alixmillot

### 2018 Côtes de Nuits-Villages, Les Faulques

This single vineyard Côtes de Nuits village wine is a Lay & Wheeler favourite. This is super energetic this year, with salinity and length and finesse. Sadly it was hailed on the day of the football world cup final, so quantities are well down.

**£25 per bottle**  
 £150 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2021-2024

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots

The plot in Suchots is next door to Sébastien Cathiard. In 2018 Alix's Suchots is one of the picks from this vineyard. It remains fresh and lifted, as well as real power and weight of fruit. Wonderful balance.

**£99 per bottle**  
 £594 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2023-2033

### 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Clos de Vougeot is a huge vineyard, so it matters where you're placed. Jean-Marc's plot is in Grand Maupertui, which borders the Grands-Echézeaux, often considered the finest plot. This is a lifted, ethereal Clos de Vougeot. So driven and floral, with wild cherries and fresh raspberries, and loads of finesse. Very good indeed.

**£137.50 per bottle**  
 £825 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée

From two different sites in Vosne, one bordering Suchots and the other Clos Vougeot. Very intense and long, with notes of violet and spice. There's plenty of texture here, and lots of refinement.

**£50 per bottle**  
 £300 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Echézeaux Grand Cru

A mix of three plots: 0.7 hectare in Echézeaux Du Dessus, 0.15 hectare in Poulailleères and 0.15 hectare Clos Saint Denis. Incredibly silky and saline, with finesse and purity. There's grip here, and also opulence to the fruit. A touch of wild flowers on the finish keeps it lifted and pure.

**£135 per bottle**  
 £810 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru

Powerful, focussed, intense and pure. This is wonderful. It's a shame there's so little.

**£225 per bottle**  
 £1,350 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN NUITS-SAINTS-GEORGES

Owned by Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin is one of Burgundy's fastest improving domaines. With these improvements comes considerable attention and more importantly, critical acclaim. Here is some of the region's most prized terroir. The wines created by the Clos Frantin team, led so ably by Managing Director Albéric Bichot and Technical Director Alain Serveau, more than live up to the quality of their origins. Say it quietly, but these are one of the smartest buys available today.

### 2018 Fixin 1er Cru Clos de la Perrière

This plot was once considered in the same breath as Chambertin and other great sites, so it now constitutes a real bargain. Intense and stony, with loads of energy, but also a very intense and powerful palate. Very good in 2018.

**£35 per bottle**  
 £210 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Echézeaux Grand Cru

From the Les Champs Traversins part of this vineyard, high on the hill and noted for a fine expression of Echézeaux. Silky and spicy, with loads of energy behind a powerful core of dark fruit.

**£132.50 per bottle**  
 £795 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2036

### 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

0.63 hectare running from bottom to top on the south side. This has deep mineral notes, and plenty of salty, finessed tannins. A refined yet powerful expression of Clos de Vougeot.

**££££**  
 Drink 2024-2036

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts

A powerful vineyard, in 2018 this is off the clock. Notes of exotic spice and rich plums, and also a slight note of coffee. Powerful but shows the vineyard off well.

**£108.50 per bottle**  
 £651 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru

Power and grip, with hedonistic, opulent spice and loads of silky tannins. There's a fragrance to this, too. Very beautiful energy and power, and such refinement on the finish.

**£208.50 per bottle**  
 £1,251 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2036





## MARCHAND-TAWSE NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Québécois Pascal Marchand first came to Burgundy in 1983, and has since held a wide array of jobs at some of the region's most illustrious names. He founded Marchand-Tawse with Ontario-born businessman, and Burgundy nut, Moray Tawse, and they've since enlisted the help of winemakers Mark Fincham and Thomas Dinel to lift the house to the next level. This, their négociant arm, alongside a growing domaine, purchases grapes, and undertakes the whole winemaking process. And, it's a rare domaine in Burgundy with doors open to the public and an inviting tasting room.

@marchand\_tawse

### 2018 Bourgogne Pinot Noir

90% Côte de Nuits – a lot from around Nuits. First year with this as the appellation. Nice on the nose, rose petal, cherry blossom. Nice fruit, quite dark berries with plenty of freshness on the finish.

**£11.50 per bottle**

£16 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes

This comes from a parcel just below Clos St Denis, bordering the road. Creamy nose, deep and dark and brooding. Plenty of wild blackberries, and hint of burnt brambles, too. There's plenty of power here, with a fine thread of acidity holding it together.

**£40 per bottle**

£240 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Clos St-Denis Grand Cru

Only two barrels made, one of them new, from 65 year old vines, right in the heart of the vineyard. Really wild and energetic, lovely silky tannins. There's a glossy palate, with tons of vibrancy and length. Saline and fresh, and a beautifully focussed finish.

**£110 per bottle**

£660 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Echézeaux Grand Cru

Treux & Rouges du Bas. 100% new oak. This is very pure and mineral, opulent and lovely texture. Really good length, lovely texture and finesse. Very pure fruit: this is a gorgeous Echézeaux again.

**£110 per bottle**

£660 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Marsannay

Two parcels, one in Couchey and one in Marsannay. Good texture, the tannins are nicely ripe, and there's a fine line of salinity here. This is getting better and better, with excellent texture and a mouthwatering finish.

**£16 per bottle**

£96 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2027

### 2018 Corton Grand Cru

Rognet and Hautes Mourottes. Beautiful nose, elegant, and fine, and beautiful creamy palate. Fresh and elegant, saline and nervous, wonderful energy here. This is really, really good. A bargain.

**£55 per bottle**

£330 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

50% new oak and 25% whole bunch. Nice citrus character on the nose. Blood orange and pink grapefruit. Rose petal, lovely depth on the palate, too. Very fine and long, with plenty of focus on the palate, but a bit of added richness.

**£115 per bottle**

£690 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2034



## DOMAINE TAWSE NUITS-SAINTS-GEORGES

Domaine Tawse is the part of the Marchand-Tawse stable that owns vineyards, including the Gevrey-Chambertin based Domaine Maume, purchased in 2013. Englishman Mark Fincham is responsible for these wines, including beautiful holdings of Mazis-Chambertin, and the wines here improve every year, including low-sulphur bottlings, and wines that demonstrate the array of Burgundy's terroirs.

@finchammark

### 2018 Beaune 1er Cru Tuvilans

Lovely creamy nose, notes of baked earth and a touch of pepper. Nice liquorice character, with plenty of spice on the finish. Very good energy, with zip and mineral tang on the finish.

**£27 per bottle**

£162 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2027

### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Lavières sans soufre

Three barrels, 900 bottles. Clarity on the nose, pure berries and plenty of wild flowers. Couldn't be more different. More sweetness of fruit on the palate, very floral and there's a citrus character again, too. Nice length.

**£28.50 per bottle**

£171 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Champeaux

Mark loves this vineyard. Remote and high up the hill, it's one of the Côte de Nuits' most peaceful spots - you can't hear the road, and some parts can't even be reached by tractor. Mineral with beautiful purity. Savoury, and fine, plenty of herbal notes, crunchy fruit, texture and energy.

**£67.50 per bottle**

£405 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2023-2031

### 2018 Musigny Grand Cru\*\*

Really perfumed nose, beautiful energy and tons of fragrance. This is so beautiful, wonderful length and unfurling fruit. Delicate and fine, there's a leafy character, wild flowers, and very long.

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Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Lavières

60 year old and 25 year old vines. Nice touch of reduction. There's almost a Nebbiolo character here, lovely tannins, pure red fruit and plenty of citrus, lovely depth and life. Very pure and long, and beautiful focus. This is one for the cellar. Lovely balance.

**£23 per bottle**

£138 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin En Pallud

From a village vineyard, bordered on either side by two premiers crus. Fine-boned with energy, and plenty of savoury notes on the finish. Complex and detailed.

**£40 per bottle**

£240 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Mazis Chambertin

Tawse's Mazis has become their signature, and this clearly shows why. Really mineral on the nose, with notes of wild berries and such nervous energy. This is transparent and detailed. Beautiful.

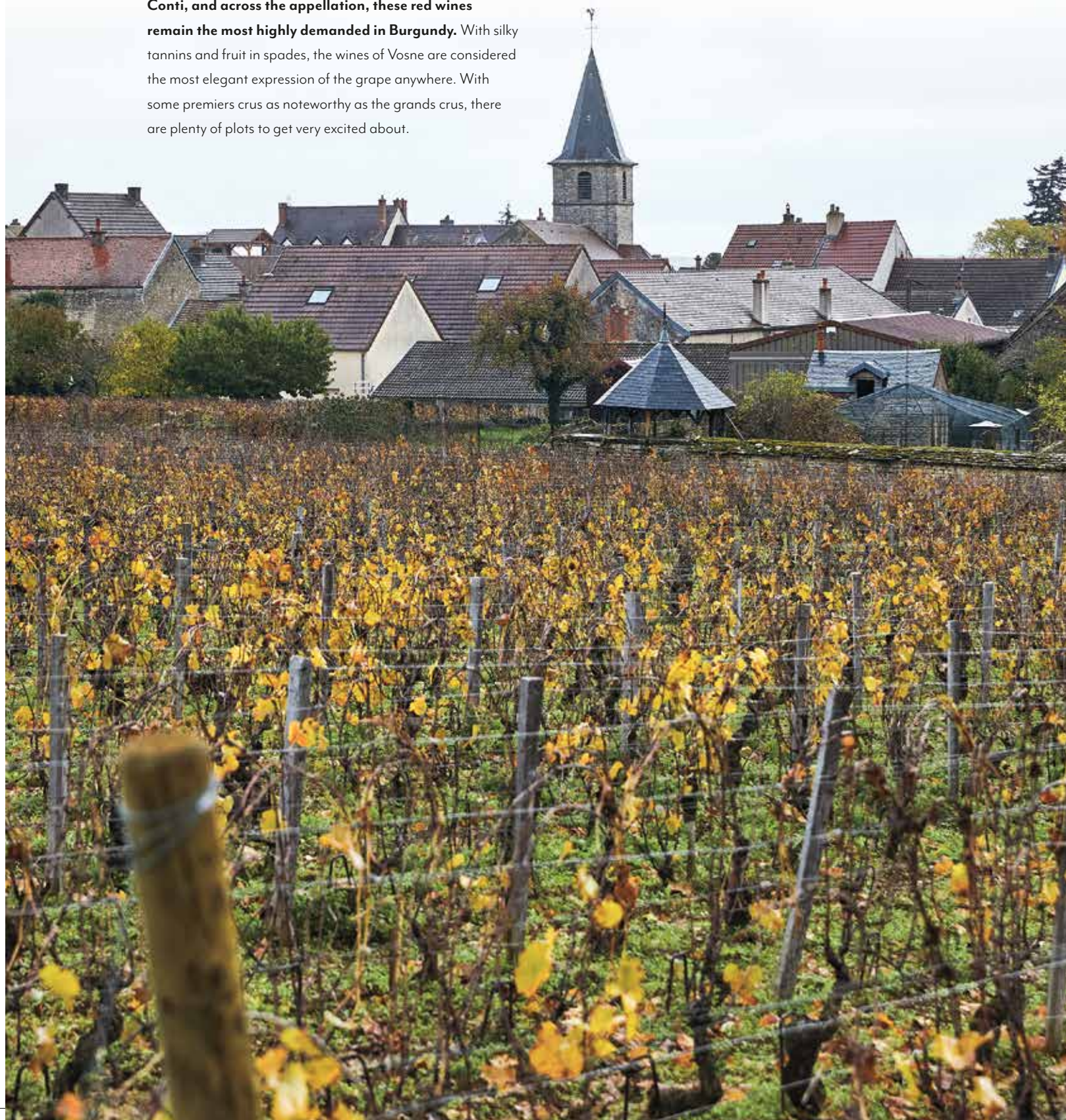
**£190 per bottle**

£1,140 per 6 bottles  
 Drink 2024-2038



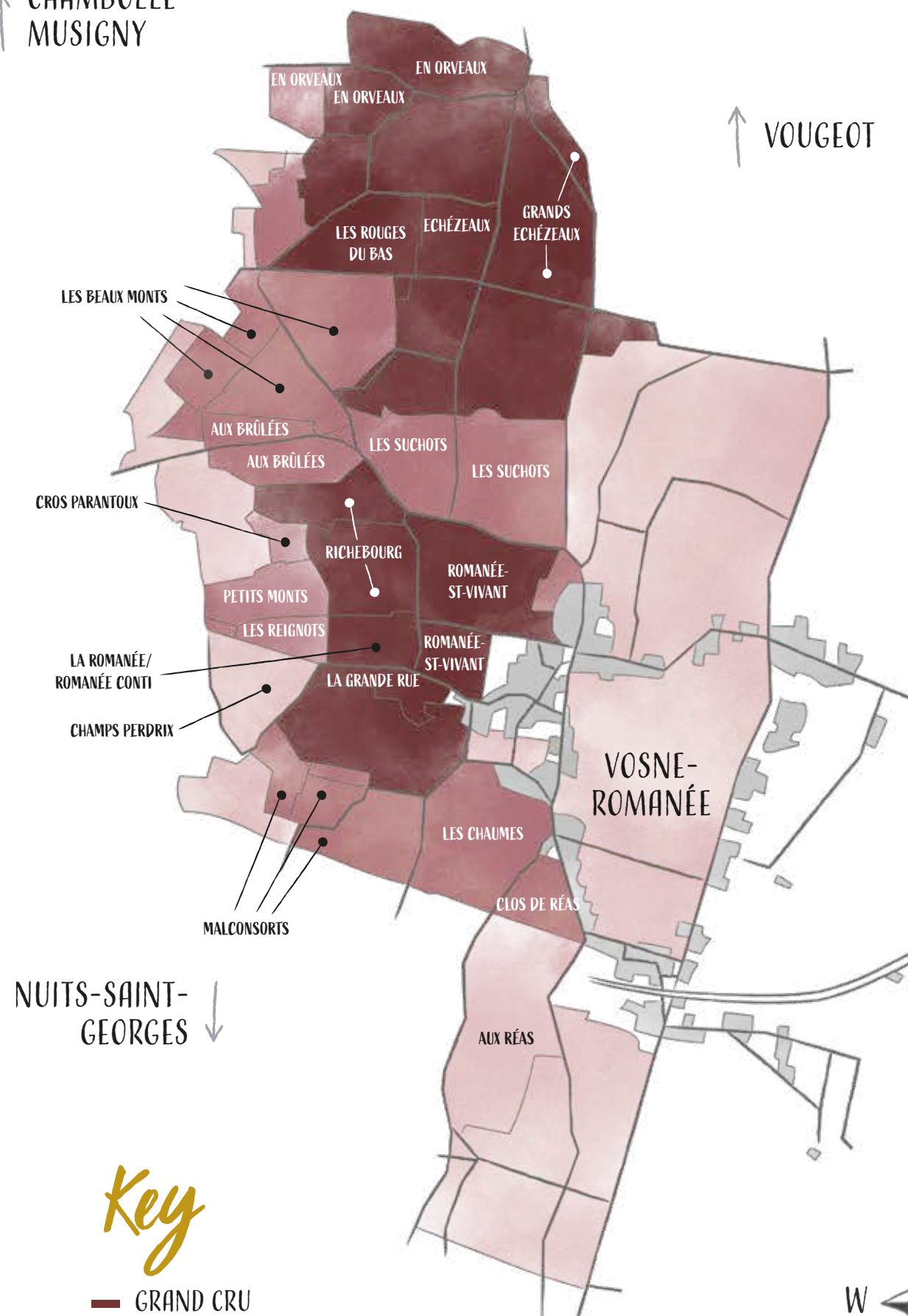
# Vosne-Romanée

**V**osne-Romanée shares its name with arguably the most sought-after plot in the world, Romanée-Conti, and across the appellation, these red wines remain the most highly demanded in Burgundy. With silky tannins and fruit in spades, the wines of Vosne are considered the most elegant expression of the grape anywhere. With some premiers crus as noteworthy as the grands crus, there are plenty of plots to get very excited about.



↑ CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

↑ VOUGEOT



NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES ↓

*Key*

- GRAND CRU
- 1ER CRU
- VILLAGE







## DOMAINE SYLVAIN CATHIARD ET FILS

Sébastien Cathiard is one of the most thoughtful winemakers we've come across, not resting on his laurels as one of Vosne-Romanée's most sought after producers, but rather seeking to improve with every vintage. He uses less new oak than when he took over from his father in 2010, and the wines have taken on a clarity and precision that can be almost other-worldly.

### 2018 Côteaux Bourguignons\*\*

40% Gamay with the rest Pinot Noir, from a 38 year old vineyard. This has excellent density in 2018, with crunchy berries, enjoyable grip, and an enjoyably long and fine finish. Very well made.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée\*\*

From five parcels in four different sites, this Vosne is spicy, fragrant, and incredibly long. Beautiful energy on the finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Thorey\*\*

This premier cru has an enviable exposure, similar to Clos St Jacques in Gevrey. 65 year old vines, that were planted by Sébastien's great grandfather when he was working for Moillard. This has amazing coolness as well as ripe and intense fruit: that interplay makes it a charming wine.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Reignots\*\*

The Reignots vineyard is high on the hill. 21 year old vines. Such fragrance on this Reignots: you really feel the altitude of the vineyard. Nervy acidity and fragrance on the finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2036

### 2018 Bourgogne Rouge\*\*

So delicate and perfumed on the nose, this is a beautiful Bourgogne. Notes of wild flowers and plenty of wild berries. Delicious.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny Les Clos de l'Orme\*\*

Delicate and fine with lovely tannins. Fresh, with intense yet pure fruit, and soaring aromatics. Salinity brings back that opulence. Balance is stunning.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Aux Murgers\*\*

Aux Murgers is close to the border with Vosne, and has some of that appellation's signature elegance. Half the vines are 70 years old, the other half 50+. Dark berries and tons of salinity here, this is a mineral, dark yet expressive Nuits. Silky tannins define the finish. Beautiful.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2036

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru En Orveaux\*\*

70 year old vines here. There's coolness to this, as well as power and intensity. This is so well balanced, and incredibly long. A lovely example of a rarely seen premier cru.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2036



### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots\*\*

It comes from a plot a mere 20m from echezeaux. This is silky and spicy, with such precision and freshness alongside the richness you'd expect from Suchots. The best Suchots this year?

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts\*\*

Complex, powerful, yet with unfurling complexity and a grippy texture, Les Malconsorts is a simply beautiful wine. Everything you'd hope from.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Romanée-St-Vivant Grand Cru\*\*

Wow. Unfurling and textured, this is still tightly coiled, but with such impressive potential. In ten-plus years, this will be incredible.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2026-2042



## DOMAINE JEAN GRIVOT

Patriarch Jean Grivot passed on the domaine to his son, Etienne, in 1987, who is now passing the torch on to his daughter Mathilde and her brother Hubert. With densely planted old vines, gently tended organically, yields are low and complexity high. As the grapes pass through Etienne and Mathilde's cellar, her lightness of touch builds on the trend of this superb address towards purity and refinement, without losing any of the tell-tale structure. These are some of the most profoundly exciting wines coming out of Burgundy today.

@domainegrivot

### 2018 Côteaux Bourguignons

Made from very old vine Gamay from the communes of Flagey and Vosne, this cuvée was first made in 2012. Plenty of supple fruit, with real energy on the finish. Delicious.

**£15 per bottle**

£90 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges Aux Lavières

From the Vosne side of Nuits, always an impressive cuvée. You really feel the rock in this outstanding village cuvée. Savoury and mineral, there's a juicy, fruity finish.

**£47 per bottle**

£282 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers

The Grivots' Pruliers is a wonderful example of how Nuits from the south side of the village can clearly show its origins, without being rustic. Notes of baked earth and dark fruit, with definition and silkiness on the finish. A very serious Nuits.

**£96 per bottle**

£576 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée

From seven different terroirs, this has beautiful spice and dark, ripe, textured fruit on the palate. There's just a hint of cassis on the long, energetic finish.

**£47 per bottle**

£282 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny La Combe d'Orveaux

There's plenty of delicacy on this beautiful Chambolle, which balances ripeness of fruit with cool energy. Very floral with incredible fragrance and purity. Very complex indeed.

**£52 per bottle**

£312 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

Beaux Monts is always one of the most impressive wines from this cellar, and this is silky on the palate. Deep, dark and voluptuous, there are beautiful tannins and such poise here. This has incredible intensity of fruit, but also such vibrancy and life.

**£133 per bottle**

£798 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

The wine for which the domaine is perhaps best known (this, or their Richebourg!). Deep and dark and herbal, with almost a linseed oil character. Such purity here, but certainly feel the tannins and intensity. Lovely berry fruit, very long, energetic and dense. Amplitude but comes back together on the finish.

**£160 per bottle**

£960 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Echézeaux Grand Cru

From the Vignes Blanches section of the vineyard, noted for its chalky soils, as well as Cruots, bordering Vosne. Suave and intense. Opulent fruit with such resonance, this is intense and silky, with very good tannic development. Mineral and long and saline. Profound.

**£225 per bottle**

£1,350 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Richebourg Grand Cru\*\*

Taken from 0.31 hectares of the vineyard, with 50 year old vines. Spectacular nose. Towering, floral, mineral, deep fruits. Palate is silky and defined. Creeps up on you with power and delicacy. Here's such a sense of vibrancy and silky fruit. Remarkable.

**£ POA**

Drink 2042-2042





# DOMAINE MICHEL GROS

Best known for his monopole Clos des Réas, a vineyard that produces a wine of supreme elegance, this remarkable plot has been in the family since 1860. Michel Gros has been at the head of the family domaine that now bears his name since 1975. A rather more recent addition was his tiny parcel of grand cru Clos de Vougeot, bought by Michel's father for his son's twelfth birthday, although he's adamant he would have preferred a bike! Now Michel's son, Pierre, is joining the estate: he's the seventh generation of the Gros family to take control here.

## 2018 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, Fontaine St Martin Monopole

Four hectares, owned entirely by Michel since 2014. East facing, steep slopes with soils that resemble those of grand cru Corton. Wild and saline, this punches well above its weight.

£ £  
Drink 2021-2025

## 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées

A premier cru neighbouring Richebourg. You feel the limestone here. Spicy and smoky, with wonderful concentration and energy. There's a really long, saline finish. This is hauntingly beautiful: a wonderful wine.

£ £££  
Drink 2023-2035

## 2018 Vosne-Romanée

From three plots: La Colombière, Au Réas, Au Dessus de la Rivière. Spicy and intense, there's real power to the fruit here. Yet Michel has reined in this intensity beautifully, making a poised Vosne.

£ ££  
Drink 2022-2028

## 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Clos de Réas

A monopole of the estate (and the only premier cru monopole in Vosne), this has been in the hands of the family since 1860. Deep, dark and silky, there's notes of lavender and spearmint, and glossy cherry fruit. Long and opulent.

£ £££  
Drink 2023-2035







## DOMAINE FRANÇOIS LAMARCHE

Whilst most of us receive toasters or crockery as a wedding present, the second Henri Lamarche was given the La Grande Rue vineyard. It was only elevated to grand cru status in 1992, due to Henri's fear of having to pay extra tax had he applied for the designation in 1936. This is an estate with an amazing set of organically-managed vineyards, where they work with five different barrel makers to maintain optimal balance in the wines. Under the control of cousins Nicole, the winemaker, and Nathalie, who looks after the commercial side, Lamarche are back where they belong, near the top of the Vosne-Romanée tree.

### 2018 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

From a parcel in Concoer-et-Courboin, just up the hill from Vosne. This is fresh, savoury, with wild flowers and plenty of fresh berry fruit. A beautiful Hautes-Côtes.

£ **£15 per bottle**

£180 per 12 bottles

Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots

Les Suchots is one of Burgundy's most prized terroirs. Wonderful, soaring fruit, with citrus, a touch of opulence, but also plenty of restraint here. Suchots could have been overblown in 2018, but it's been brilliantly managed by Nicole.

£ **£75 per bottle**

£450 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Echézeaux Grand Cru

Drawn from three plots across the grand cru. Nice nose, more closed but there's an opulence and depth here, with soaring spice and plenty of vibrancy, too. A lot of intensity in the palate. Such volume and focus, with such beautiful tannins.

£ **£110 per bottle**

£660 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 La Grande Rue Grand Cru Monopole

This monopole in the heart of Vosne is now undoubtedly back where it should be: among the appellation's very finest wines. The vines average 50 years old thinks Nicole. Spicy and elegant, finesse yet power on the nose. It grows, with citrus fruit, cinnamon spice, pomegranate, grapefruit and fresh almonds. Such salinity on the palate, very fine and juicy, with unfurling notes of cherry, darker fruit, and spice. Complexity, volume, and length.

£ **£475 per bottle**

£1,425 per 3 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Cras

Nicole always shows this after the Vosne premiers crus at the estate, such is its power and intensity. This is textured and grippy, with lovely savoury top notes, and just a hint of iron oxide on the finish.

£ **£50 per bottle**

£300 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts

Almost a marzipan cherry character on the nose: like a refined cherry bakewell! Lovely fruit, so pure and almost blood orange on the finish. Focus and finesse, intensity in the core, delicacy and purity on the palate. Brilliant.

£ **£97.50 per bottle**

£585 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Beautiful cherry fruit. Delicate, fresh, lovely purity and also plenty of juicy berries on the finish. Very saline and defined.

£ **£110 per bottle**

£660 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET

The link with Henri Jayet continues to define, if not overshadow, this estate, which makes outstanding wines completely in its own right. Jean-Nicolas Méo took control in 1989, and the wines have rightfully developed a reputation for being polished, opulent and voluptuous, with wonderful intensity to the fruit. With fourteen hectares in some of the most prestigious parts of the Côte de Nuits, Méo-Camuzet also has a thriving négociant business. The 2018s are wonderful: wines that balance glossiness with precision and salinity.

@domaine\_meo\_camuzet

### 2018 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc Clos Philibert

From a vineyard above Vosne, at 437 metres in altitude. Very fresh, saline, with lots of pithy fruit and grip on the palate. This has a real texture, and an impressive finish.

£ **£25 per bottle**

£150 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Fixin 1er Cru Clos Du Chapitre

Fixin, immediately north of Gevrey-Chambertin, is certainly a village which doesn't receive the attention it deserves. Indeed, this vineyard is next door to the Clos de la Perrière, which was touted in the 19th century as equal to Chambertin. This is floral and delicate, with plenty of energy.

£ **£48 per bottle**

£288 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Corton Les Perrières Grand Cru

From the mid-slope, this is one of the finest of Corton's vineyards. This is intense and floral, with lovely dark, wild, hedgerow fruit. This is silky and complex, and beautifully balanced.

£ **£190 per bottle**

£1,140 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Marsannay

Really pure and energetic fruit from Marsannay this year, with the warmth of the year adding roundness and richness to what could be a rustic wine. This is outstanding.

£ **£26.50 per bottle**

£159 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Chaumes

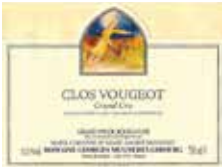
Just south of La Tâche. The 2018 Chaumes shows plenty of energy and silky fruit, with a sense of purity too. There's an opulence to the spice on the finish: this is very Vosne.

£ **£105 per bottle**

£630 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2034





## DOMAINE GEORGES MUGNERET-GIBOURG

Tucked away in Vosne-Romanée, sisters Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée are widely regarded by their fellow winemakers as two of Burgundy’s biggest stars. They create the purest expressions of Pinot Noir that exist: wines that are elegant and classy with remarkable complexity. Despite their stardom, this down-to-earth pair, located next door to François Lamarche, remain focussed on their wines. It is their unrivalled lightness of touch that shines so brightly in these sought-after bottles.

### 2018 Bourgogne Rouge\*\*

Made from old vines, planted in 1955, with low yields, this is spectacular - one of the best Bourgognes we know. Energetic, focussed, and with such amplitude. Delicious.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Chaignots\*\*

From high up the Nuits slope, on the Vosne side of the village, this is cool, mineral and dark, with a really suave finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2035

### 2018 Echézeaux Grand Cru\*\*

65% of this comes from Rouges du Bas, the rest from the Quartier de Nuits section of the vineyard. Voluptuous, intense, and soaring, this is stunningly beautiful and open in 2018.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru\*\*

This comes from Ruchottes du Bas, an equal split of vines 17 years old and 67 years old. Much more shy today, but this is clearly an incredible wine in 2018. Astonishing length.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée\*\*

This comes from four different plots. It’s spicy and silky, with beautifully juicy and finessed tannins. Such a beautiful Vosne.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Feusselottes\*\*

This is a stunning Chambolle in 2018. It has the ripeness of the vintage, but still with a lovely floral, mineral lift.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2035

### 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru\*\*

Incredibly pure in 2018, notes of baked earth, wild berries, and lots of floral notes all swirl from the glass. The palate is finessed and very pure, with a finish that lasts an age. Brilliant.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE HUDELOT-NOËLLAT

Well-dressed winemaker Charles van Canneyt’s sophisticated presence is reflected in the qualities of his wines. He took over from his grandfather, Alain, in 2008, who’d been at the helm for over thirty years. With a winemaking degree from Dijon, two vintages in Alsace, and access to some of the top terroir in all of the Côte de Nuits, Charles was well-equipped to continue the estate’s predilection towards elegant, fragrant wines. There’s a beautiful, silky texture alongside a fine thread of acidity in these gorgeous wines, with proven ageing potential.

### 2018 Bourgogne Rouge

A crunchy, refreshing Bourgogne from a talented winemaker, this has lovely fragrance and precision on the finish.

£ £

🍷 Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Murgers

Les Murgers is one of the finest positioned vineyards in Nuits, in the heart of the hillside on the Vosne-Romanée side of the town. This is intense and dark in 2018, with lovely, mineral tannins. Shows the best of both villages.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2024-2032

### 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Hudelot-Noëllat have perfectly placed vines in the Clos de Vougeot, at the base of the château. Cool and dark, with well-refined tannins, warmer vintages like 2018 ensure that Clos Vougeot is not at all rustic.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée

In 2018, Charles’ Vosne has intense strawberry fruit and loads of spice. This is very long and defined for a village wine.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaumonts

High up the hill, on the limestone, this is nervy yet intense and really explosive in 2018. Notes of raspberry and wild flowers, and cinnamon on the finish. Nicely refined tannins.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2024-2032

### 2018 Romanée-St-Vivant Grand Cru

A large hectare parcel of this amazing vineyard creates a brilliant wine at this estate. Spicy yet elegant, it shows how good Vosne can be.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

# Chambolle-Musigny

**C**hambolle-Musigny is home to the most floral, lacy Pinot Noirs in the Côte d'Or. Like many other vineyards, it attaches the town's name to its most famous plot, Le Musigny, where both white and red wines are produced. It's a small appellation - just 150 hectares - with a third devoted to premiers crus, a full 16 hectares of grand Cru Bonnes-Mares (which is the only red grand cru in two communes, as it also is in Morey-St-Denis) and the 10 hectare plot Musigny.



## DOMAINE FELETTIG CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Brother and sister team Gilbert and Christine Felettig have continued the good work of their father, Henri, since 1997 and produce excellent value wines from twelve hectares of vines on the Côte de Nuits. They're now making a remarkable thirty different wines, but with a superb selection of parcels in Chambolle, their commitment to quality is demonstrated equally in their excellent village wine and their well-placed premiers crus. These have fast become some of our favourite wines from Burgundy.

@domainefelettig

### 2018 Bourgogne Rouge

Directly opposite Chambolle, this is an energetic, intense, and juicy Bourgogne. Very saline and complex for a Bourgogne. Very good.

£  
 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Carrières

A tiny premier cru, set in a dip that was once a quarry (as the name alludes to). There's loads of black cherries here, with a creamy texture and really silky tannins. This is structured and very complex.

£££  
 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Combottes

Floral and focussed, with very good energy, and a real sense of energy. There's notes of wild flowers, and a very silky and precise palate. Very, very good.

£££  
 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny Clos le Village *monopole*

As the name suggests, this is situated in the heart of Chambolle-Musigny, a monopole of the domaine that we'd argue is premier cru quality. There's lots of limestone in the soil here, and that makes a nervous, lifted, long wine. This is very complex, with a beautifully juicy and long finish.

££  
 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes

From 65 year old vines, this is really spicy and pure, with notes of cinnamon, dark cherries, iodine and wild flowers. This is really fresh and, dare I say it, charming.

£££  
 Drink 2024-2034



## DOMAINE GHISLAINE BARTHOD CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Chambolle-Musigny is known for the prettiness, grace and charm of wines from this sought-after commune, and in the hands of Ghislaine Barthod, these wines reach scarcely believable heights of elegance and sensuality. She took over from her father, who's particularly proud of her success. Ghislaine's holdings are spread across the commune, and her ability to define each plot's individual terroir whilst maintaining such a suppleness is a wonder to behold. There's good reason we can scarcely hold onto her classic, classy wines.

### 2018 Bourgogne Rouge\*\*

From the Bons Batons vineyard just across the road from Chambolle itself. Notes of rose petal and fresh berries, with citrus and a hint of pomegranate. This is a beautifully pure, finessed Chambolle.

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 Drink 2021-2028

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Combottes\*\*

Very pretty premier cru, with creamy morello cherries, graphite, and plenty of blood orange. This is long and mouthwatering. A lovely expression of Chambolle.

POA  
 Drink 2024-2035

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Cras\*\*

Ghislaine notes that Cras often makes more linear, driven wines, coming from high up the hill. So complex and intense, the 2018 Cras is a stunning wine from Ghislaine. There's delicate, refined fruit, and a wonderfully floral and saline finish.

POA  
 Drink 2024-2035

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny\*\*

Incredibly open and refined on the day we tasted, this is Chambolle personified. Peppery and pure, with silky tannins and notes of violets and red berry fruit. This is really finessed and saline, with an impressively long finish.

POA  
 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Beaux Bruns\*\*

Down towards the bottom of the hillside, there are still quite a lot of stones in this vineyard, of which they have 0.72 hectares. Ghislaine picked it on the 26 August. Iron oxide and rose petals, and so much energy here. This is really brilliantly focussed: it was picked at the right time.

POA  
 Drink 2024-2035



# Morey-Saint-Denis

**T**he wines of Morey-Saint-Denis, most of which are red, are some of the richest expressions of Pinot Noir, with a beautiful wild strawberry character in the very best examples. With five adjacent grands crus in its bounds, including Clos des Lambrays, Clos de la Roche and Bonnes-Mares (shared with Chambolle-Musigny), Morey can be overshadowed by its neighbours but deserves its spot in the very top of the Côte d'Or tree.



## DOMAINE STÉPHANE MAGNIEN

A tiny domaine with just 4.5 hectares of vines covering an impressive 12 appellations, including two grands crus, it's been run by the young and dynamic Stéphane since 2008. He's the fourth generation here, and works exactly the same vines as his great grandfather did in 1897 when he purchased the land. Indeed, many of the same, historic vines in place. Minimal new oak and light extractions ensure these wines are expressive and complex, with real finesse. They're as pure as Pinot gets, and we're sure Stéphane's star is only set to rise.

### 2018 Morey Saint-Denis

From two different plots, both 55 years old. This is deep and dark, with wonderfully intense fruit, silky tannins, and a very long finish. Such a brilliant wine for the price.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2023-2028

### 2018 Morey Saint-Denis 1er Cru Faconnières

One of the best terroirs among Morey's premiers crus, this comes from 40-50 year old vines. Wild and stony, there are notes of almond kernels and fresh berries. There is such focus here, and a long and savoury finish. Brilliant, and so well priced.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Sentiers

The first vineyard you arrive at in Chambolle coming from Morey, and immediately down from Bonnes Mares on the hill. A quarter of the vines date to 1902, a quarter to 1980, and the rest were planted between 1950 and 1960. This is sweet and juicy, with lovely crunchy berries. So long, nervous, and balanced.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru

A 65 year old vineyard in the heart of the old Clos Saint-Denis, Stéphane only has around a third of an acre. Unfurling notes of wild berry fruit. Plenty of floral character but also depth, and such finesse, wonderful purity on the finish. This is gorgeous and long: such a good grand cru.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2024-2035



## DOMAINE ARLAUD

With the help of horses Nougat and Oka, Domaine Arlaud has been biodynamic since the 2009 vintage. The estate, founded by Joseph in the years after World War II, is now run by family member Cyprien since 2013 with help from his sister Béatrice, who manages their horses. Whilst the wines have always been impressive, in recent years they have undoubtedly gained in detail and precision. Careful never to use more than 20% new oak, reserved for their grands crus, these are wonderful expressions of Pinot Noir.

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### 2018 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Aux Cheseaux

From right on the border with Gevrey, towards Mazoyères, a wine we've backed for years. Dark wild berries, cinnamon and clove here. This is intense and voluminous on the palate, with a lovely salinity on the finish. Gorgeous: not to be overlooked.

£ £££

🍷 Drink 2022-2033

### 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

This comes from the very highest point of the Mazoyères section of Charmes, and has remained crunchy and finessed, with stunning energy on the finish. Brilliant from Cyprien.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru

40 year old vines in the Clos de la Roche have created a mineral, impressive grand cru. Black berries and lovely crunchy fruit and very fine tannins. Stunning grand cru.

£ ££££

🍷 Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME

Eponymous winemaker Romain Taupenot is a delight to taste with, candid and engaging, and his wines are equally delightful. He worked in finance at the beginning of his career, switching to wine in 1998, though he is the 9th generation on his father's (Taupenot) side and 7th on his mother's (Merme) side to make wine. Indeed, his 79-year old father is still involved. They've exceptional terroir: 13.5 hectares from which 19 wines are made, six of which are premiers crus and four grands crus. These wines are a lesson in the reasons why sensitive handling of great vineyards leads to equally great wines.

 @romaintaupenot

### 2018 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

A cuvée that comes from two vineyards, Les Duresses and Grands Champs. From vines planted just after the war. This is juicy and fresh, but with a bit more intensity and concentration than usual: a really charming premier cru.

£ £29.50 per bottle


 £177 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2021-2027

### 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis

Les Poireaux, Les Crais, and En Sevrey are the three plots in this. This is savoury and pure, with wild berries and loads of texture. Very savoury and restrained, a nice vintage for Morey.

£ £40 per bottle


 £240 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2029

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Bel-Air

From the only premier cru that borders Chambertin or Clos de Bèze, this is beautifully balanced in 2018. This has dark berries and cool mineral notes, and also a touch of opulent spice on the finish. Silky and suave, and pleasingly cool.

£ £82.50 per bottle


 £495 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2024-2032

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny

Romain has two parcels of village Chambolle, both high up the hill, giving the wine energy and elegance to complement its richness. This is intense and powerful in 2018, but with a floral note, and a hint of blood oranges.

£ £37.50 per bottle

 £225 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2029

### 2018 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru La Riotte

This plot of just over half a hectare is planted with 60+ year old vines. Complex with notes of baked earth and violets, and tons of lifted dark fruit. This is beautifully balanced, and very long indeed.

£ £66 per bottle


 £396 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2024-2032

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru La Combe d'Orveau

From a vineyard high up the slope, this balances wild and opulent fruit, and also loads of citrus elements. This is complex, fragrant, and very long and intense. Very Chambolle, and very good indeed.

£ £85 per bottle

 £510 per 6 bottles


 Drink 2024-2032



### 2018 Corton Rognet Grand Cru

From a plot close to the celebrated Clos de Cortons Faiveley. Corton is a huge success in 2018, with notes of wild berries, a herbal edge, and loads of finesse and length on the finish. Brilliant.

£ £107 per bottle

 £642 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2024-2035

### 2018 Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru

Mazoyères is part of the Charmes vineyard, so this could go into Romain's Charmes. But it's hugely different from the Charmes cuvée. Wildness and coolness, with incredibly refined, silky tannins. Bravo.

£ £164.50 per bottle

 £987 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2024-2038

## DOMAINE DES LAMBRAYS

In 1979 Thierry Brouin took the helm of this famous domaine, best known for its namesake vineyard, the Clos de Lambrays which was granted grand cru status under his tenure in 1981. The estate itself was bought by LVMH in 2014, and there's been plenty of change here since, with Thierry retiring, and in spring this year, the arrival of Jacques Desvauges from near neighbour Clos de Tart (and formerly of Domaine de l'Arlot). He's got big plans, including the separate vinification of different parcels of the Clos. Domaine des Lambrays is an estate with a very bright future ahead.

### 2018 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Les Loups

A cuvée which blends fruit from Clos des Lambrays' young vines and the premiers crus Clos Sorbé, La Riotte, and Le Village. This is wild and spiced, with notes of violet and rose petal, and plenty of spice and wild berries.

£ £70 per bottle


 £120 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Romain is one of only two producers to separate holdings in Mazoyères and Charmes Chambertin. This is silky and intense, with a lovely juicy element on the finish. This has a long and focussed finish.

£ £132.50 per bottle


 £795 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru

The 2018 Clos des Lambrays is a tour de force. Notes of wild berries and spice, and a silky, grippy palate. This is so long, complex, and vibrant. Such a baby, this will be a truly great wine.

£ £190 per bottle

 £1,140 per 6 bottles

 Drink 2024-2040



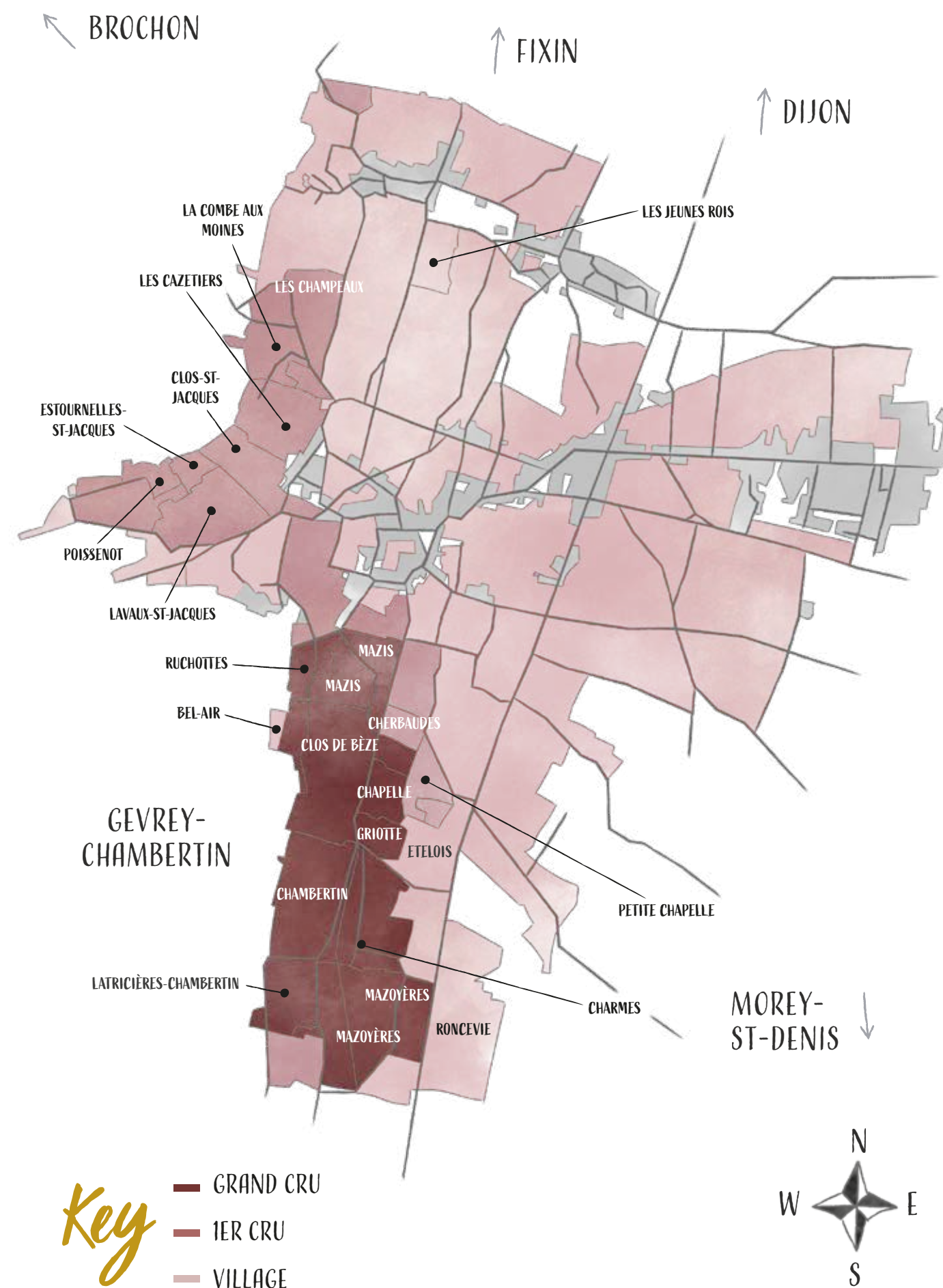
# Gevrey-Chambertin



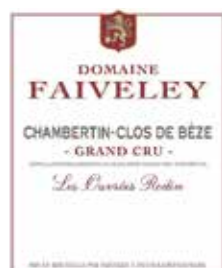
**G**evrey-Chambertin is a village of two halves. The historic grands crus are in the south, surrounding Chambertin itself which, along with Clos de Bèze, is the village's most prized asset and produces Pinot Noir of unparalleled richness.

But the northern premiers crus, like Le Clos St Jacques, mustn't be overlooked. Some of these might have successfully applied for grand cru status, but their owners elected not to in order to avoid the steeper taxes.

Here the precipitous slope (and commensurate exposure to the sun), balanced by the cool winds from the top of the valley, creates wines of wonderful depth and complexity which can match or even surpass their neighbours.







# DOMAINE FAIVELEY

## NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Founded in 1825 and still under family control, now in the hands of the seventh generation, Erwan and his sister Eve, Faiveley is one of Burgundy's largest vineyard owners and remains a consistent purchaser of grands crus grapes. They remain committed to displaying each of terroir in its purest form, and this is a set of wines which shows no hint of the behemoth behind it, except their superb quality. Erwan remains present in the vineyard and the cellar, hands-on despite their size. Defined and very fine, they are beautiful expressions of Pinot Noir.

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### 2018 Mercurey 'La Framboisière' Monopole

This wine from the Côte Chalonnaise is a bottle to buy every year. It's an 11 hectare monopole of Faiveley. Crunchy, juicy fruit, with notes of cumin and cinnamon. Mouthwatering, it's a wine you just want to drink.

**£18 per bottle**

£216 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Latricieres-Chambertin Grand Cru

Always the coolest of the Chambertin grands crus, in 2018 it's a huge success. There's a wildness here, with stony minerality, and incredibly complex fruit. This is so long and savoury, and so complex. Wonderful.

**£160 per bottle**

£960 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Corton Clos des Cortons Faiveley Monopole

This vineyard produces, in our opinion the greatest wine in Corton. Powerful, complex, nuanced, and elegant, all at once, this is an astonishing Clos des Cortons. Beautiful.

**£138 per bottle**

£828 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2040

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers

This high premier cru is always one of our favourites. You really feel the limestone here, giving purity and vibrancy to the palate. There's notes of iodine and sea spray, and a lovely floral lift on the finish. Beautiful.

**£64 per bottle**

£384 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2033

### 2018 Chambertin-Clos de Beze Grand Cru 'Les Ouvrées Rodin'

This special cuvée comes from the oldest vines in Faiveley's Clos de Bèze holding, and was first produced in 2011. Complex and intense, this is a remarkable wine. An honour to taste.

**£600 per bottle**

£3,600 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2040







## DOMAINE HUMBERT FRÈRES

Ten years ago, the Humbert brothers swapped roles with Manou moving into the winery and Frédéric into the vineyards, and they haven't looked back since. A larger than life, rugby-playing winemaker, Manou draws out clear definition in his wines. There is noticeable clarity between the brothers' many terroirs in Fixin and Gevrey-Chambertin.

### 2018 Fixin

Fixin is often overlooked, but it's a source of some great value village wines. From the south of Fixin, there's texture and freshness here, with plenty of energy on the palate. This is delicate and refined, with an enjoyably long finish.

£ £26 per bottle

£312 per 12 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Poissenots

Strawberries and wild flowers, with mineral tang and plenty of soft, grippy tannins. There's nice density here, with lovely purity on the finish.

£ £72 per bottle

£432 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2031

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Estournelles-St-Jacques

90 year old vines produce a simply magnificent wine. Intense and pure, with excellent tension, this is really very good. There are crunchy red cherries, and a savoury finish: a nice balance of sweet and sour.

£ £87 per bottle

£522 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2031

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

A Lay & Wheeler favourite for years, from up to 90 year old vines, half of which are next to Lavaux in the combe, and another fifteen parcels. Fragrant, long, and very complex.

£ £42 per bottle

£504 per 12 bottles

Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle

At the bottom of the slope of grand cru Chapelle-Chambertin. Notes of kirsch, fresh dark cherries, and baked earth. Very rich and intense, there's just enough freshness to keep it lifted and mouthwatering.

£ £80 per bottle

£480 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2031

### 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

From Mazoyères, rather than Charmes itself. There's unfurling notes of berries and spice, with lots of wildness to the fruit. This is very driven on the finish, with plenty of delicacy.

£ £118 per bottle

£708 per 6 bottles

Drink 2024-2034



## DOMAINE ROSSIGNOL-TRAPET

After converting the domaine to become biodynamic in 2004, Nicolas and David are champions of minimal intervention, from vineyard to winery. The estate, founded due to the marriage of the Rossignols of Volnay and the Trapets of Gevrey, has been run by both brothers since 1990. Their wines are elegant, refined, and pure, reflective of their desirable terroir.

### 2018 Bourgogne Rouge

Fruit sourced from a single parcel in Gevrey-Chambertin makes one of the best Bourgognes we know. Beautifully fresh fruit, with loads of energy and drive, and a beautifully silky, refined finish.

£ £

Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons

Nicolas and David's vines are at the top of Les Teurons, in the vineyard's sweet spot between Aux Cras and Les Grèves. Really nice strawberry fruit here, with a grippy whole bunch character. Lovely density here, and it remains fresh and ethereal. A beautiful Beaune.

£ £££

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

There's a wonderfully cool and mineral fragrance that swirls from the glass here: wild berries and lavender and thyme. There's dark minerals and crunchy berries. This is complex and unfurling.

£ ££££

Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

From ten different parcels in the village. Average 65 year old vines craft a lovely wine, that's one to buy every year. A lovely balance of opulent fruit and grippy, savoury, salty tannins. This is so delicious now.

£ ££

Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle

The clay soils of this well-placed parcel produce a wine of depth and roundness. Dark fruit, with mulberries, liquorice, and even blood oranges soaring from the glass. This is very Pinot, with beautiful texture and wonderful finesse.

£ ££££

Drink 2023-2032

### 2018 Chambertin Grand Cru

Amazing nose. Wild and opulent. Spiced with excellent energy. So complex and so long, this will be epic. A remarkable grand cru.

£ £££££

Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE DUROCHÉ

Fifth-generation winemaker Pierre Duroché is undoubtedly one of Burgundy’s most exciting young producers, thanks to his classically profiled wines that scream terroir, and that offer marvellous potential for ageing. His wines have now undoubtedly reached the big time, but we believe that they’re well within their right. With a new tasting room, they continue to invest in and around the winery.

 @domaineduroche

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 'Aux Etelois'

Just below the grands crus, and Griotte in particular, Aux Etelois is always a particularly elegant Gevrey. Beautiful floral character, this is complex and fine, and such a fine delicate and mineral finish. Simply brilliant on the finish.

£ ££

 Drink 2022-2029

### 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

They have five parcels here. Sweet strawberry fruit, sumptuous and silky, with a beautiful thread of acidity. There’s a nicely citrus, saline finish.

£ ££££

 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru\*\*

From venerable old vines planted in 1920, this is a stunning wine. Detailed blue fruit and wild cherries, this unfurls in waves, with floral notes and opulent spice. Stunning.

£ POA

 Drink 2024-2038

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaut St Jacques

Their most important holding, they have a full hectare in a vineyard of just 9 - 10 hectares total. It’s one of Gevrey’s premiers crus that’s a grand cru in all but name. Wonderful nose. Soaring dark cherry and also red berries. That interplay of riper fruit and also cool mineral notes. Amazing focus on the palate, but also such volume that fills the mouth.

£ £££

 Drink 2022-2032

### 2018 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Cool and savoury, there’s a real vivacity to this from Pierre. So long and detailed, with focussed fruit and depth on the finish.

£ ££££

 Drink 2024-2038



## DOMAINE BERTHAUT-GERBET FIXIN

Young, charming winemaker Amélie Berthaut’s first vintage was 2013, having taken over from her father, and she’s been making considerable changes to the domaine over the last few years. In a newly renovated cellar, her work is focussed on creating pure and elegant wines: she’s got a self-declared obsession with tannins! She’s just picked up some new vineyards from her mother’s side of the family: hence the addition of Gerbet to the domaine’s name. And Amélie says her father’s happy with all the changes too: he gets to spend all his time in the vineyards, out on the tractor.

 @amelieberthaut

### 2018 Fixin Les Crais

A 1.3 hectare parcel in the heart of the village creates Amélie’s most approachable wine. This is very stony on the nose, with beautiful energy and nervous energy. There’s delicate fruit here, and stunning length for a wine of this price.

£ ££

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Fixin 1er Cru Arvelets

This tiny-yielding vineyard might produce, in our eyes, the best Fixin there is. A really beautiful nose of delicate flowers, with crunchy and cool fruit, and excellent volume and amplitude. This is beautiful.

£ £££

 Drink 2023-2030

### 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Cazetiers

This steep-sloped vineyard is in the top rank of Gevrey’s premiers crus. This has a wonderful interplay of ripe berries and cool minerality, with salty, grippy tannins, and a beautifully elegant finish.

£ £££

 Drink 2024-2034

### 2018 Fixin En Combe Roy

Amélie calls this parcel her 'baby', as she made the decision to bottle it separately in her first year at the estate. The vines are now 70 years old, and in 2018 it is so pure and elegant, with refined tannins and so much finish. Such a beautiful wine.

£ ££

 Drink 2022-2028

### 2018 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Plantes

A rarely seen Chambolle-Musigny premier cru, this is the palest of all Amélie’s wines. Delicate and fragrant, there’s beautiful purity here, and wonderful perfumed fruit. Long and saline, it’s a simply beautiful wine.

£ £££

 Drink 2024-2034



# The Mâconnais

**T**he Mâconnais is the southernmost point where Chardonnay is grown in Burgundy, and there's also exceptional value to be found here. Indeed, the greats like Dominique Lafon have made their way to this excellent terroir, with his concern Héritiers du Comte Lafon. The region's wines offer a touch more richness, but never at the expense of freshness, and wines here tend to be ready to drink a bit earlier.



## HÉRITIERS DU COMTE LAFON MILLY-LAMARTINE

Owning one of Meursault's most celebrated estates, Dominique Lafon could have been happy with his lot. But in 1999 he bought a few hectares of vineyards in Milly-Lamartine in the Mâconnais, an hour or so to the south, seeking a new challenge. Many of his peers thought he was mad, but Dominique quickly proved them wrong (so much so that many other Côte de Beaune producers have since followed). He's added further land since those early years, and appointed talented winemaker Caroline Gon to manage the estate in 2006. She's led its conversion to organic viticulture, and they're some of the best wines coming out of the Mâconnais, and some of the best value wines coming out of Burgundy.

### 2018 Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine

Incredibly fresh, with density and purity and juicy fruit on the finish, this comes from a high altitude plot. The finish is focussed, and very long.

£ £13 per bottle

£156 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Mâcon Prissé

2014 was the first vintage of this charming, silky wine. There's lovely acidity, with texture and salinity. Finessed, and impressively long.

£ £13 per bottle

£156 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2023

### 2018 Mâcon Chardonnay Clos de la Crochette

Dominique bought the estate for this 2.5 hectare clos, planted in 1980 but with a history dating back centuries. This is so mealy, with apples and limes and salinity and length. This makes your lips tingle on the finish: incredible, true Chardonnay.

£ £16.50 per bottle

£198 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Mâcon-Bussières, Le Monsard

From a plot called Le Monsard, there are only 5,000 bottles produced from 0.75 hectares. The terroir here is more like Pouilly-Fuissé, and the wine is delicate and floral, with tons of elegance on the finish.

£ £16.50 per bottle

£198 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Mâcon-Uchizy Les Maranches

A two hectare plot, with one hectare of old vines, planted in 1965. Ripe and intense, with apricot and also a touch of rose petal. A south facing site, it's early to be picked, but is well managed, and has incredible depth without being overblown.

£ £16.50 per bottle

£198 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2024

### 2018 Saint-Véran

Richness and roundness on the attack, but then a line of acidity comes through, balancing the wine perfectly on the long finish. This shows how good a winemaker Caroline is: the perfect balance of richness and finesse.

£ £18.25 per bottle

£219 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2026

### 2018 Viré-Clessé

From 12 different parcels, with the youngest 40 years old, and a lot at 80 years old, Caroline is very careful of the date of harvest here. This is floral and delicate, with such energy and complexity. Amazing in 2018.

£ £18.25 per bottle

£219 per 12 bottles

Drink 2020-2026





## DOMAINE MARCEL COUTURIER FUISSÉ

Coming from a family of cereal and cattle farmers (although they did own a few vines), Marcel Couturier's future in wine may have seemed distant as a young man. But working with an uncle with a small domaine, he quickly caught the wine bug, and started bottling his own wines in 2005. The results are impressive. Crisp and pure, they show the potential of the Mâconnais for producing wines that can rival their northern neighbours for balance and elegance. And at prices like this, they make the perfect everyday Chardonnays. With a twenty-something son set to join him, Couturier is a domaine on the rise.

### 2018 Pouilly-Loché Vieilles Vignes

Not the best known village here, this is textured, expressive, and intense. Just such a joyful Chardonnay, and such a bargain.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2020-2023

### 2018 Pouilly-Fuissé Clos Reyssier

The vines here were planted in 1927, and they give a benchmark Pouilly-Fuissé. There are notes of pineapple and melon, with such texture and a fine thread of acidity throughout. Simply delicious.

£ ££

🍷 Drink 2020-2025



## CHÂTEAU DE FUISSÉ FUISSÉ

While the Mâconnais has seen an influx of winemakers from the Côte de Beaune in search of new challenges and more (cheaper) land, there are some producers with a considerably longer history in the region. And amongst them, one name stands out: Château de Fuissé. It was bought by the Vincent family in 1862 (just eight years after Lay & Wheeler was founded). Since 2003 it's the fifth generation, Antoine, at the helm, with his brother-in-law Philippe (who used to work at Olivier Leflaive). They offer the same intensity as many of their neighbours, but with added complexity and elegance that would not look out of place further north. All grapes in their 42 hectares are harvested by hand, and when their value, history and ageworthiness are considered, they're clearly one of this fast-emerging region's gems.

### 2018 Pouilly-Fuissé Tête de Cuvée

Made from over forty parcels, all vinified separately, from 15-30 year old vines. Balanced and fresh, with such focus and texture on the palate. This is simply delicious, from one of the best producers out there.

£ £16.50 per bottle

🍷 £99 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Pouilly-Fuissé Le Clos

From a 2.7 hectare walled vineyard that borders the Château and old winery, the old vines of more than 50 years old create a wine that, for us, is unrivalled in the Mâconnais. This is Grand cru in complexity, texture, explosiveness. At this price, a must buy.

£ £35 per bottle

🍷 £210 per 6 bottles

🍷 Drink 2022-2028

# Beaujolais

**L**ong associated with the light, mass-produced Beaujolais Nouveau that was famously hyped each November, actual Beaujolais has nothing in common with its bastardised cousin. The best examples come from one of nine crus, and show their terroir beautifully. With the red fruit aromas and freshness that comes from both the Gamay grape and whole bunch fermentation, good Beaujolais can offer one of the most satisfying and refreshing red wine experiences we know.





## DOMAINE JEAN-CLAUDE LAPALU BROUILLY

Jean-Claude Lapalu is one of the stars of Beaujolais. He started his domaine in 1985, with a few parcels in Beaujolais-Villages, and it's grown steadily ever since. In 1997 he started to work some of his vineyards organically, and has now been fully certified for around 12 years. These are as good as Gamay gets, with texture, power and ageworthiness in spades. They're some of the best value in our Burgundy range.

### 2018 Brouilly La Croix de Rameaux

Cool and fresh on the nose, with mulberries and cool cherry, as well as a blood orange character. The palate is intense and textured, but with plenty of lively acidity, too. This is so beautifully judged, with a finish that lasts for minutes. An outstanding wine from Jean-Claude.

£ **Sold out**  
🍷 Drink 2020-2030

### 2018 Brouilly Cuvée des Fous

One of Jean-Claude's top cuvées, this is bottled in Bordeaux bottles after a friend in the early 2000s complained he couldn't sell Bordeaux. When the wine flew, the bottle stuck. It's made from vines that were planted in 1900, this is complex, silky, and spectacularly long. Bravo.

£ **£21.50 per bottle**  
🍷 £129 per 6 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2021-2026

### 2018 Vin de France Eau Forte

A bottling that pushes the boundaries of what high-quality Beaujolais can be: grapes spend an enormous seven months macerating in large clay amphorae, creating a textured, explosive wine that's spectacularly delicious.

£ **£17.50 per bottle**  
🍷 £105 per 6 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2021-2026



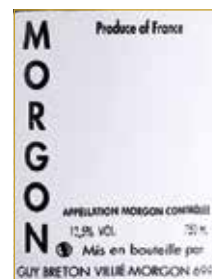
## LOUIS BOILLOT MOULIN-A-VENT

Louis Boillot is a recognisable name to Lay & Wheeler customers: we've backed his wines from the Côte d'Or for years. So when we heard he'd purchased vines in the Beaujolais, we took note. With vineyards in some of the region's best spots, he treats the Gamay as he'd treat Pinot Noir, and the results are stunning. But sadly many of his vines were decimated by hail in 2018, so quantities are well down. You should stock up while you have the chance.

### 2018 Moulin-à-Vent, Les Rouchaux

There's really nice juicy fruit, with plenty of grip here. This is nicely tannic: a very serious expression of Gamay.

£ **££**  
🍷 Drink 2021-2029



## GUY BRETON MORGON

A new producer for Lay & Wheeler, Guy Breton started out as a fuel salesman, but soon realised his true calling was wine. He went to learn with Marcel Lapierre, the master of low-sulphur, elegant Beaujolais. And he soon became one of the 'gang of four', named by legendary US importer Kermit Lynch, for the way that they were revolutionising the production of Beaujolais. Guy hates tannin in wine, seeking a pure and lifted expression of the Gamay grape. He uses old oak barrels (that he sources from Domaine de la Romanée Conti), and the altitude of his vines ensures some of the most finessed Beaujolais out there. Indeed, when Guy started out, some of his peers wondered whether he'd ever get his grapes to ripen. Thanks to a warming climate, these veteran vines are now perfectly placed.

### 2018 Beaujolais Villages, Cuvée Marylou

Incredibly perfumed and juicy, the palate here is saline and really long. This is so delicious: everything you want from a drinking wine. Brilliant.

£ **£14 per bottle**  
🍷 £168 per 12 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2019-2023

### 2018 Morgon

Soft tannins and concentrated fruits from a high altitude (for Beaujolais!) plot. The wine is fresh and refined, bursting with raspberries and cassis but with spicy notes.

£ **£18 per bottle**  
🍷 £216 per 12 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2021-2024

### 2017 Morgon p'tit Max

Made from his oldest plots, dating back 90 to 120 years, this is a stunning wine from Guy. Textured, salty, and so refined, it's a lesson on how elegant and finessed Gamay can be. Illuminating.

£ **£27.50 per bottle**  
🍷 £330 per 12 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2022-2030

### 2018 Chiroubles

Full of red fruits and perfumed notes, this vibrant yet delicate example of Chiroubles is a joy to drink.

£ **£22 per bottle**  
🍷 £264 per 12 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2021-2025

### 2018 Morgon Vieilles Vignes

The vines in question are around 80 years old, lying high on sandy soil. Brimming with cassis and luscious red fruits as well as additional complexity thanks to the plot.

£ **£22 per bottle**  
🍷 £264 per 12 bottles  
🍷 Drink 2021-2026

# Late Releases



## DOMAINE DES COMTES LAFON MEURSAULT

Dominique Lafon took control of the family domaine in 1985, and has ensured that its already stellar reputation has been solidified and augmented. A charismatic man, he makes undoubtedly the best wines in Meursault, and arguably some of the best in the entire Côte d'Or, both red and white.

📷 @lafon.dom

### 2017 Meursault Clos de la Barre\*\*

A monopole of Comtes Lafon, this vineyard sits in the heart of the village of Meursault, behind the family's house. This is spicy yet focussed, with incredible clarity to the fruit. Lovely texture here.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2028

### 2017 Meursault-Charmes 1er Cru\*\*

One of Meursault's great vineyards, Charmes' wines are generous and approachable, noted for their rich fruit. But in 2017 that's beautifully balanced with extra focus: an incredible Charmes this year.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2031

### 2017 Le Montrachet Grand Cru\*\*

A third of a hectare, mainly planted in 1953, this is an incredible wine. Such a rarity, a thrill to try.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2035

### 2017 Meursault-Porusots 1er Cru\*\*

Lying towards the north of Meursault's clutch of premiers crus, Porusots has a slightly leaner quality than vineyards like Charmes or Perrières. All about finesse, there are delicate floral notes and amazing fragrance.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2032

### 2017 Meursault-Perrières 1er Cru\*\*

Perrières has long been held in high regard, in some estimations being placed behind only Le Montrachet itself in the pantheon of Chardonnay vineyards. Its stony soil (it was formerly the site of a quarry) and perfect south-east exposure produces wines of wonderful concentration and power. Grand cru quality.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2032

### 2017 Volnay-Santenots-du-Milieu 1er Cru\*\*

A vineyard situated politically in Meursault, but labelled as Volnay when it produces red wines. Santenots du Milieu indicates the finest part of the larger Santenots vineyard, of which Comtes Lafon own nearly half, and this is simply brilliant. Such an elegant Volnay, with floral notes and beautiful acidity.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2033



## DOMAINE GEORGES NOËLLAT VOSNE-ROMANÉE

After taking over from his grandmother, young winemaker Maxime Cheurlin now crafts some of this famous village's most sought-after wines from his small but well-located parcels of vines. He also enjoys one of the world's most well-located conservatories, right at the foot of Vosne's grands crus. There can hardly be a better experience than savouring a glass following another pleasurable tasting chez Georges Noëllat, perhaps accompanied by the domaine's two massive Bernese Mountain dogs, Feusselottes and Lafite.

📷 @maximecheurlin

### 2017 Vosne-Romanée\*\*

Maxime owns four different plots of Vosne for his village cuvée. This is spicy and fine, with crunchy berry fruit, yet a sense of richness too.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2029

### 2017 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Chaumes\*\*

Maxime's perfectly located conservatory looks out onto Chaumes: the vines surround the house. Classic Vosne, this has beautiful red berry fruit and plenty of spice, and just a hint of violets on the nose.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2032

### 2017 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru\*\*

Opulent for the vintage, but maintaining beautiful acidity, this is so pure and so expressive. A tour de force.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2024-2034

### 2017 Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les Boudots\*\*

Boudots is a beautiful Nuits Premier Cru, next to Malconsorts. Dark berries and notes of fennel and crushed rocks swirl from the glass. There's beautiful acidity on the finish, that makes the mouth water.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2032

### 2017 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru, Petits Monts\*\*

Undoubtedly one of Maxime's best cuvées, it comes from the top of the Vosne hillside. Nervy and vibrant, there's such a sense of latent power here. Love the top notes of wild flowers and crunchy berries.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2032





## DOMAINE PONSOT MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

One of Burgundy's great characters, Laurent Ponsot's family have owned this domaine since his relative William returned from the Franco-Prussian War in 1872 and settled in Morey. Laurent himself has now stepped away from the estate, and his sisters now run it, with continuity is the order of the day. With a living wall in their cellar, with the soils as well as great depths of the roots of their vines evident, Ponsot put their terroir on display in all they do.

### 2017 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Clos des Monts Luisants

White from Morey may be a rarity, but this is probably the best. It comes from a monopole of the domaine and, unusually, is made entirely from Aligoté. Creamy apples and lovely focus, with plenty of marzipan and a finish that's driven and that lasts an age. Stunning in 2017.

£ £80 per bottle

£480 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2017 Bourgogne Rouge Cuvée du Pinson

This is taken from a plot just below the Route Nationale in Chambolle, and it's absolutely delicious. Crunchy berries, that fill the mouth with juice, and a salty, moreish finish, make a wine you'll just want to drink.

£ £27.50 per bottle

£165 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2028

### 2017 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru Cuvée des Alouettes

Typically a leaner style from Morey, it comes from the Monts Luisants plot on the top of the hill. There's juicy berries here, with a volume that fills the palate, but also loads of focus and a saline finish that lasts an age.

£ £90 per bottle

£540 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-20322

### 2017 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru Vieilles Vignes

The oldest vines here are 80 years old, and the average age is 60. Spicy and stony. Baked earth, cinnamon and hot gravel on the nose. The palate fills the mouth. So much volume and amplitude, but with focus and grip and lovely elegant fruit.

£ £350 per bottle

£2,100 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2040

### 2017 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

Ponsot's Corton-Charlemagne might be the ripest and most full-bodied from this famous vineyard, but in 2017 that's beautifully balanced with the freshness of the vintage. This is focussed and precise, but with enjoyable, charming tropical fruit, and a silky finish.

£ £180 per bottle

£1,080 per 6 bottles

Drink 2021-2030

### 2017 Morey-St-Denis Cuvée des Grives

Based in Morey, this village level wine is firmly a benchmark. It comes from the very top of the hill, above the Monts Luisants Premier Cru, and in 2017 has stunning wild flowers, crunchy dark berries, and just a hint of spice on the finish.

£ £50 per bottle

£300 per 6 bottles

Drink 2022-2030

### 2017 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru

This grand cru lies immediately below Clos de Bèze, and has a topsoil so thin it's hard to make the vines even grow. In 2017 it's nervy and intense, with notes of fennel and spice. A rarely seen yet impressive grand cru.

£ £250 per bottle

£1,500 per 6 bottles

Drink 2023-2035





## DOMAINE DUJAC

One of the great estates of the Côte d'Or, Domaine Dujac was founded by Jacques Seysses (hence the name Du-Jac) in 1967, with the first vintage 1969. It's been run since 1999 by his sons Alec and Jeremy, and Jeremy's American wife, Diana, with the wines developing in refinement and delicacy. We're delighted to re-add this legendary domaine to Lay & Wheeler's range.

### 2017 Morey-St-Denis\*\*

Notes of wild fruit and spice on this classic Morey. There's a hint of gravel, and plenty of freshness on the finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2021-2028

### 2017 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts\*\*

From high up the Vosne slope, this has notes of wild berries, plenty of floral notes, and also a touch of citrus. Beautifully balanced.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2035

### 2017 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru\*\*

Silky, suave, with a coolness and balance to the fruit. The finish is fragrant and long: this is a very, very good grand cru.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2038

### 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Aux Combottes\*\*

An outstanding cuvée here, this has dark yet energetic fruit, and plenty of mineral tang. There's silky tannins and a very long finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2035

### 2017 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts\*\*

Bought at the same time as De Montille's Malconsorts, the first vintage was 2006. This is so complex and powerful, but with the energy of 2017. A wonderfully balanced example.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2035



## DOMAINE ARMAND ROUSSEAU GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Founded at the turn of the last century as the result of a small inheritance, Armand Rousseau now undoubtedly produces some of the world's most prized wines. With some 14 hectares of vines, of which half is in grands crus, Armand Rousseau has a simple, successful formula. Sensible yields from predominantly old vines, in fantastic locations, with traditional winemaking techniques, and a precision and excellence that one tastes immediately. They employ one person per hectare in the vineyards, a testament to their focus on the fruit. So it comes as no surprise the domaine's border collie is named Pinot.

### 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin\*\*

The 2017 Gevrey is such a fragrant and fresh example of this stunning village. Loads of juicy fruit, and a mineral, mouthwatering finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2022-2034

### 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Clos-St-Jacques\*\*

For most people, this is grand cru quality: we couldn't agree more. Stony, mineral, yet with explosive and exuberant fruit, there's a texture and complexity that lasts an age.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2038

### 2017 Chambertin Grand Cru Clos de Bèze\*\*

So opulent and spicy on the nose, the Clos de Bèze in 2017 lives up to expectations. Notes of wild berries, and a cool and mineral finish. So complex.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2040

### 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaux-St-Jacques\*\*

Showing the interplay of the cool air from the combe, and the warmth of the site, this is such a charming wine in 2017. Overlooked at your peril.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2036

### 2017 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru Clos des Ruchottes\*\*

From the tiny monopole of the Clos des Ruchottes, this has such energy and purity, and a beautifully long and silky finish.

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2038

### 2017 Chambertin Grand Cru\*\*

Intense, powerful, and structured, yet with beautiful juicy berry fruit and a lovely sense of focus. Is this as good as Pinot gets?

£ POA

🍷 Drink 2023-2040



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