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去る2015年、病気もなく完璧なブドウがワイナリーへと運び込まれたのが、9月へと月が替わって間もなくのこと。以来、そのリリースを待ち焦がれる声は日増しに高まり続けています。間違いなく赤ワインのグレート・ヴィンテージあり、目下白ワインの品質もまた、大変優れたものであることがわかっています。どちらも迸るエネルギーの躍動感を損なうことなく、贅沢な果実味の凝縮感を備えています。価格は高騰しているのはシンプルに、3つの理由があります。まず、ヴィンテージ自体の資質が素晴らしいこと。次に、もろもろの天候不順や壊滅的な霜害を被った、翌2016年ものの稀少性が増すであろうこと。そして最後に、ポンドの貨幣価値が大幅に下落したためです。弊社では2015年はプレミアム価格が付いても致し方ないほどのグレート・ヴィンテージであると認識しつつも、可能な限りの価格交渉を続けてまいりました。昨年と同様に、生産者ごとの紹介文を2部編成とさせて頂きました。まず斜体で書かれた最初のセクションでは、各ワイナリーの概要を述べています。弊社取り扱い生産者にあまり馴染みのない方にとって、有用な情報となるでしょう。続く次のセクションでは、それぞれが2015ヴィンテージ中どのような取り組みを行ったかについて、簡単な解説をしています。

ヴィンテージ

2015年の生育期は、煩わしさとは比較的縁遠いものでした。夏の時期はたびたび猛暑となり、例外的に乾燥していましたが、地中の水分は幸いにも冬の間にしっかりと蓄えられていたようです。干ばつの影響は8月中の降

雨のおかげである程度相殺されましたが、もとよりピノ、シャルドネともに少なめの結実であったところに乾燥した日が続いたため、おのずと収量も控えめになりました。夏季の天候に関して1つ特筆すべきことは、稀に見るほどの快晴続きであったことです。晴れ晴れとした青空が広がり、じめつとした嫌な暑さではなかったことが、ワインへとプラスの側面を多大に与えてくれたようです。ブルゴーニュで最初の収穫風景が目に見え込んできたのは、好天に恵まれた8月26日の水曜日。その週は週末にかけて大変暑くなりました。コート・ド・ボージュにおいて、シャルドネの収穫が幕開けを迎えたのは31日の月曜日でした。夜からは荒れる予報でしたが、この日もまた非常に暑い1日となりました。結局夕方から降り出した雨はシャブリを除いて比較的穏やかで、日が変わってしばらくまで降り続きました。風向きが北へと変わるに従い、気温も大幅に低下しました。コート・ド・ボージュでは翌週にかけ、大半が好晴のうちにブドウを摘み終えています。続くコート・ド・ニュイでは1週遅れて始まり、多くの生産者は天気が崩れだす9月12、13日の週末前に収穫を済ませました。以後は不安定な天気となりましたが、これから畑で収穫を待つ果実に悪影響を与えるほどではありませんでした。生育期全般の状況に関する詳細については、www.bbr.com/vintagereportをご覧ください。

白ワイン

当初私は、ピノのヴィンテージになるだろうと考えていました。もちろんその事実が揺らぐことはありませんが、同じように長く暑い夏を経験した過去のヴィンテージの白と比べて、遥かに素晴らしいワインであると思い知らされました。2009年の夏もまた暑かったのですが、賞賛に値するようなワインは、早い時期に収穫を行った一部の生産者のものに限られています。対して2015年は、大多数が適正な時期に収穫したため、優雅さを欠く“ちぐはぐな”ワインはあまり見受けられません。肉付き良く果実味満載のワインですが、程よい酸味を備えているため、しばしば上品でフレ

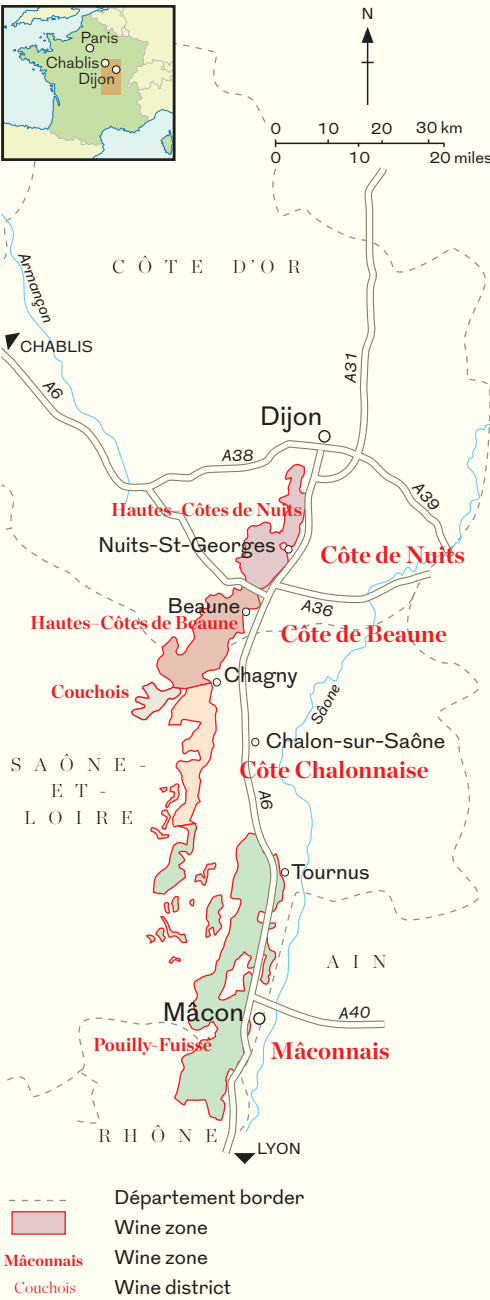
ッシュな印象を感じさせます。シャブリでは8月31日の夜から9月1日にかけての雨が雹の嵐となって現れ、少なからず被害を受けたため、いささか事情は複雑です。対して雹を伴わなかったその他のエリアでは、いわば恵みの雨となったようでした。

赤ワイン

さて、赤についてわざわざ語る必要が？素晴らしい一言に尽きます！多くの点で2005年の凝縮感と2010年のみずみずしい魅力を足し合わせたかのようなワインで、その組み合わせが見事な相乗効果を生んでいます。ミシェル・ラファルジュは、1929年との類似性に言及しています。期待値を上回るブドウの品質から、抽出の度合いを控えたのか？それともヴィンテージの特性を活かそうと、あえていつもどおりの抽出を行ったのか？はたまた例年よりも全房発酵を多めに取り入れ、この年の豊かな果実味とコントラストを生む要素を加えたのか？品質が優れているのは間違いないわけですから、皆さんの関心はより深い部分まで及ぶことでしょう。その疑問にお答えできるよう、生産者の紹介と各ワインのテイスティング・コメントをご用意しておりますので、必ずやお好みのワインを探し当てただけは幸いです

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Dominique Lafon

DOMINIQUE LAFON



From 2008 Dominique Lafon decided to make a few wines under his own label, separate from the family domaine (Domaine des Comtes Lafon). Though this new company has the official status of a négociant, almost all the wines are in fact domaine bottlings from vineyards which Dominique either owns or has the contract to farm. The wines are now vinified, matured and bottled in extensive cellars at the Château de Bligny-lès-Beaune. Smart new labels have been introduced from the 2012 vintage.

The whites were picked from 28th August with a good crop for the Bourgogne Blanc, rather less in the other white vineyards. The reds – more wine than in 2014 or 2016 but far from a full crop – are superb, having been vinified with very light extraction, given the health and beauty of the raw material. While all the whites count as *domaine* wines, there are now two excellent *cuvées* of Premier Cru Beaune from purchased grapes to go alongside the *domaine*-owned Beaune Épenottes and the two Volnays.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

Two-thirds comes from below Puligny and the rest from below Meursault. This is a refreshing 12.5 percent alcohol wine with very pretty floral notes yet still some flesh on the bones. It's light on its feet yet very persistent. Drink 2017-2019.

E2407B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £168.00

MEURSAULT

This comes from a plot known as La Petite Montagne en Chaume de Narvaux. One of the later vineyards to be picked, it has been kept on its lees to retain freshness. It's pale primrose in colour, with a graceful, slightly exotic nose. This is on the richer side for the vintage in Dominique's cellar, but nonetheless holds together well. Drink 2019-2022.

E2408B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £480.00

MEURSAULT, LES NARVAUX

A pale lemon colour with light green tints, this *cuvée* displays a very backward nose with a touch of beneficial reduction. In the mouth it is very classy, building to the back, quite generous, with a lovely aftertaste. The fruit keeps on coming. Drink 2019-2025.

E2409B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £570.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CHAMPGAIN, 1ER CRU

A very pale colour, this has a light and fresh nose, with some pears in the mix. There is, however, real tension on the palate. You can feel this vineyard would like to be more exotic. Instead it can boast a lovely, refined, perfumed aftertaste. Drink 2020-2025.

E2410B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £480.00

Red

VOLNAY

From the lower part of Les Lurets, this is bright purple, with some oak on the nose and very backward. Lean and tight at first, it is really concentrated, with huge potential for the relatively long term, without traducing the sensual style of Volnay. Drink 2020-2026.

E2411B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £396.00

BEAUNE, LES ÉPENOTTES, 1ER CRU

Glowing purple, the bouquet seems a little firm at first, but then the gorgeous, ripe, perfumed fruit returns afterwards. The fruit develops very well on the palate alongside good acidity. Very long indeed. This is a restrained and refined wine which grows on you. Drink 2020-2026.

E2747B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £228.00

BEAUNE, VIGNES FRANCHES, 1ER CRU

Situated alongside Drouhin's Clos des Mouches, this is mid-purple, with very intense, concentrated fruit and a mineral crunchiness. It's the most structured of the three Beaunes. Note the quality of the oak integration and its very long finish. Drink 2021-2028.

E2412B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £228.00

BEAUNE, LES GRÈVES, 1ER CRU

This is a very elegant style of Grèves, from three plots, higher, lower and mid-slope. A fine, bright pink-purple in colour, this is beautifully perfumed, yet with a great crunch of fruit in the middle. In typical Lafon fashion a seemingly agreeable wine takes on another dimension by the finish. Drink 2021-2028.

E2748B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £228.00

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Jean-Philippe Fichet

JEAN-PHILIPPE FICHET



Fichet's big step forward came in 2000 when he moved the whole operation to splendid cellars at Le Creux du Coche by the Hôpital de Meursault. Jean-Philippe is looking for purity in his wines. He deals mostly with lieux-dits in Meursault with just one Premier Cru in Puligny. Constantly experimenting and refining, his wines have real definition and individuality, with the individual terroirs clearly exposed. The wines are raised in barrel for the first year, using larger demi-muids for the lesser appellations, then assembled in tank. A maximum of 30 percent new oak is used on any cuvée.

The vintage here began on 1st September and lasted a week. Jean-Philippe reports excellent yields in 2015, much more than in 2014. He hardly needed to settle the juice after pressing because the grapes were so healthy. He also took longer over the press cycle but has stirred the lees much less. The plan is for more natural body in his wines and less technique. He has also been reasonable with his prices this year: "Wine is a product for sharing," he notes.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

Pale lemon and lime in colour, this is attractively perfumed. There is lovely weight from the start, excellent, lively acidity. Very good length too, this is a great start to Mr Fichet's line-up. Drink 2018-2020.

E2428B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £135.00

BOURGOGNE BLANC, VIEILLES VIGNES

The produce of 48- to 52-year-old vines and more importantly from the best plots on stony and marly soils, this has an impressive dramatic tension, mineral and linear with fresh lime notes at the back. Proper job. Drink 2018-2022.

E2429B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £174.00

AUXEY-DURESSES

Pale in colour, this displays a relatively lean nose with attractive floral notes. There is good weight to the fruit through the middle, in the leaner and greener style that befits Auxey-Duresses, but really concentrated. Drink 2019-2022.

E2430B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £192.00

MEURSAULT, LE TESSON

Pale primrose in colour, this has a lifted bouquet, some yellow fruit but still fresh, as shown by touches of lime. The wine is softer through the middle, then the tension comes back with the nervous energy. Still finding its feet but very promising. Drink 2020-2025.

E2434B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £240.00

MEURSAULT, LES CHEVALIÈRES

A fresh, bright colour, the bouquet is marked out by its immediate air of refinement. Chevalières is on song this year. Displaying electric energy behind, the mouth is full of white and greengage fruit, with light yellow plums and a very long finish. Drink 2020-2067.

E2433B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £240.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES REFERTS, 1ER CRU

Quite a pale colour, the nose shows a touch of gunflint reduction. There is very good energy here, lovely lime notes alongside orange blossom and dancing fruit. This is stylish and has great persistence. A very lovely expression of Puligny, with beautiful poise. Drink 2021-2027.

E2435B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £330.00

CÔTE DE BEAUNE Maranges

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

DOMAINE BACHELET-MONNOT

Brothers Marc and Alexandre created Domaine Bachelet-Monnot in 2005, renting some vines from their uncle (M. Monnot) in Maranges, where the Domaine is based, and others in Puligny-Montrachet from a third party. Their father's share of the family estate, Domaine Bernard Bachelet, was added in 2011. Domaine Bachelet-Monnot now farms 23 hectares in all, partly owned and partly leased long term. In the vineyards, no herbicide is used and the rows are ploughed regularly to manage weeds, aerate the soil, and cut the horizontal roots to encourage deep growth. The brothers have cut back on the amount of new wood used, now using an average of 25 percent, ranging from 10 percent for Bourgogne Blanc to one third for Grand Cru.

This *domaine* continues to grow in stature. Having built a reputation through the quest for minerality, the brothers Marc and Alexandre are now looking at ways to flesh out the middle of the palate while maintaining the mineral element. Their 2015s have fabulous texture, after long fermentations in 350-litre barrels and the use of more lees during maturation, with no battonage. The harvest took place between 28th August and 3rd September for the whites, continuing on to 8th September for the reds.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

Pale in colour, the nose has fresh, bright, youthful fruit and some floral notes. There's good nervous tension alongside the flesh of the vintage. This is a delightfully succulent Bourgogne Blanc. Drink 2018-2020.

J0917B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £69.00

MARANGES, LA FUSSIÈRE, 1ER CRU

An attractive, fresh colour with some green tints in with the yellow. There is a real sense of energy to this wine, with a bit of mirabelle fruit, but also fresh lime. It has a lovely texture. Very persistent with a fine, saline touch. Drink 2018-2021.

J0918B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £105.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Pale straw with slightly richer fruit, there is some generosity here, a sunny style of wine made from vines next to the Premiers Crus. This is very concentrated for village Chassagne, with outstanding persistence. Drink 2019-2022.

J0919B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £144.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

A fine, pale lemon colour with a hint of green, there is a delicious thread of lime through the middle, a fine, rounded, floral mouthful. This is a notably elegant Puligny and very persistent. Lovely! Drink 2019-2022.

J0921B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £165.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, HAMEAU DE BLAGNY, 1ER CRU

A fine, pale straw colour, this is full of energy, with fresh fruit and gun flint notes on the nose, very promising. The wine opens out nicely on the palate while retaining a focused, linear approach. Drink 2019-2024.

J0922B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £210.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES REFERTS, 1ER CRU

Perfect fresh lemon and lime colour, this has very gracious fruit on the nose. There's excellent flesh on the palate, but without excess, and a beautiful long finish full of delicious white fruit. Very fine indeed. Drink 2019-2024.

J0923B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £255.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES FOLATIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Fresh pale colour, the nose is relatively backward, but the fruit expands beautifully on the palate. This is a beautifully luxurious wine but still with poise and length. It's very long indeed. Drink 2019-2025

J0924B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £264.00

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

This wine will spend longer in barrel on its lees than the Premiers Crus. The bouquet is very backward at this stage, but there is a magical weight of fruit on the palate, making for a very lovely, long, powerful and charming Grand Cru. Drink 2020-2028.

J0925B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £960.00

Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

Fine, pretty pink-purple colour, there is charming fresh fruit on the nose, not heavily extracted. The aim, successfully delivered, is to offer a pleasure-giving, floral Pinot Noir. Drink 2018-2020.

J0926B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £69.00

MARANGES, CLOS DE LA BOUTIÈRE, 1ER CRU

Medium to deep purple in colour, there are floral notes and a richer fruit component thanks to the clay in the soil here. This wine has impressive weight without losing the delicious succulence of the fruit. Drink 2020-2024.

J0927B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £90.00

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CÔTE DE BEAUNE Volnay & Pommard

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Domaine Comte Armand

PAUL ZINETTI



The family of the Comte Armand has owned the vineyard of Clos des Epeneaux in Pommard since 1826. The vineyard wasn't replanted post-phylloxera until 1930, but has since confirmed its rating as one of Pommard's very finest sites. The modern era began under Pascal Marchand followed by Benjamin Leroux and, from 2014, Paul Zinetti, Benjamin's second-in-command. Further vineyards were acquired in 1994: Auxey-Duresses, Auxey-Duresses Premier Cru, Volnay and Volnay Frémiets.

Paul Zinetti's second harvest at the *domaine* has at least given him a few more grapes to play with than 2014 and fruit of exceptional quality. Nonetheless 2015 was once again a very short crop because of the previous hail damage, delivering just one third of what used to be normal. The grapes were mostly de-stemmed, although some whole bunches were used, but always a minority.

White

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ

Quite pale, this is fresh but plump with some yellow fruit. Good energy although softer in style, it finishes with an engaging prickle of freshness. Drink 2017-2019.

E2474B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £69.00

Red

AUXEY-DURESSES

Bright purple, this is quite delicious for a simple village Auxey-Duresses. The fruit fills out the middle of the palate, with attractively ripe, dark fruit flavours and a resounding finish. Very svelte. Drink 2020-2025.

E2475B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £120.00

AUXEY-DURESSES, 1ER CRU

Ripe purple, with a dense concentration of dark cherry fruit, there is something a touch firmer behind, with more structure, as befits a Premier Cru. The bones are covered by delicious, unctuous fruit. This is a wine with great persistence. Drink 2020-2028.

E2476B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £159.00

VOLNAY

A beautiful, pure, ecstatic purple, this wine has a marvellous sense of poise, with pure class and gracefully ripe fruit. It has a magical, sensual texture with just a frisson of whole-bunch (maybe 30 percent). There are notes of liquid cherry and a very light dusting of chocolate. Drink 2020-2028.

E2477B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £189.00

VOLNAY, FREMIETS, 1ER CRU

There are only two barrels of this, of which one is new. Medium bright purple with a lifted bouquet, the fruit is mostly in the raspberry register. It's very lively, with lots of detail and good acidity. Very persistent. Drink 2022-2030.

E2478B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £330.00

POMMARD, CLOS DES EPENEAUX, 1ER CRU

A rich, dense purple colour, this is magisterial. The nose holds immense possibilities though it may not wish to speak of the detail just yet. This is beautifully homogenous on the palate – a gorgeous, glowing, graceful Epeneaux that just reminds you in the aftertaste that it comes from Pommard. It offers the essence of raspberry but in the sumptuous, red-fruit style of the great vintages of the past. Drink 2024-2040.

E2479B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £540.00

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Benjamin Leroux

BENJAMIN LEROUX



Having created a name for himself as régisseur (general manager) of Domaine du Comte Armand in Pommard from 1999 until 2013, Benjamin Leroux established a small négociant business based in Beaune in 2007. The emphasis is on Côte de Beaune whites and Côte de Nuits reds. The company also owns a small holding of Bâtard-Montrachet and since 2014 some vineyards in Meursault. In a short space of time Benjamin Leroux's wines have built an impressive reputation.

Benjamin began picking on 2nd September and was able to bring in slightly more wine than the previous year. The entire range is really impressive, in both colours. There are two excellent new *cuvées*, Vosne-Romanée and Pommard, Les Rugiens. Some *cuvées* have a little bit of whole-bunch vinification in 2015. For reasons of space the limited volumes of Grands Crus have not been included in this brochure. As with last year, all the white wines will be bottled under screwcap.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

The wine has a vibrant, fresh nose though evidently with ripe fruit and some banana notes. Very good length. There is a thrill of energy running throughout this wine which has been matured in large wooden ovals. Drink 2017-2019.

E2480B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £144.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

This is a fine, pale colour. While the nose is quite muted at the moment, this is beautifully expressive on the palate, not floral and steely but with a little more weight, some lovely yellow fruit, a little touch of spice and great length. Drink 2019-2022.

E2482B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £198.00

MEURSAULT, LES NARVAUX

This is a favourite vineyard in Meursault. The wine shows a pale colour with a really stylish bouquet. Discreet at the front, the palate fills out behind, with some lemon and lime notes, a very silky, suave finish and excellent length. Perfect. Drink 2020-2024.

E2484B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £198.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES EMBAZÉES, 1ER CRU

Pale yellow with a faint green tint, this is discreet up front, long and lively yet embedded in fuller, fatter, fleshy fruit. This vineyard always offers a succulent style of Chassagne and the 2015 will be enjoyable relatively early in life. Drink 2019-2024.

E2485B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £228.00

MEURSAULT, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU

From their own vineyard in the Blagny sector, this is pale in colour with a lemon tint. The nose is relatively crystalline, as befits a wine from this relatively high country, lively and fresh with great length. Highly recommended. Drink 2020-2024.

E2487B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £270.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, TÊTE DU CLOS, 1ER CRU

Fine and pale in colour, the wine has a restrained nose – fresh and classy though, rather than fleshy. There is excellent weight to the nose, while the palate delivers the tension which marks the best whites this year. Drink 2020-2025.

E2489B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £294.00

MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

From one hectare of vines of various ages, this is wonderfully perfumed, very floral, with a lovely intricacy of flavour. The multiple layers of fruit intertwine like a braided river, with impressive energy. Drink 2020-2026.

E2754B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £360.00

Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

Some village Santenay and Savigny are included in the blend, not because they deserved declassification but to make this a Bourgogne to remember. A lovely, glowing purple, this is beautifully perfumed, elegant, fresh, floral Pinot with just the right touch of acidity. Very long finish for the appellation; lovely. Drink 2018-2024.

E2493B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £144.00

VOLNAY

Only six barrels of Volnay were made this year, of which three are from Premier Cru vineyards. A fine, mid-red-purple in a silky, floral, Volnay style, blood orange notes mix on the palate with the red fruit, while fine-grained tannins bring up the rear. Drink 2020-2025.

E2495B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £165.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

This is becoming one of Benjamin's most important *cuvées*. Glowing red-purple, the wine has a fine, firm, fruit-driven nose and some more savoury touches. There is good acidity as well, but it is its lovely, long, fine aftertaste that denotes pure pleasure. Drink 2020-2026.

E2497B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £180.00

BLAGNY, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU

Just three barrels from his own vines, this isn't the deepest colour but the nose shows what a fine and elegant wine this is. This has a sublime, silky touch, more floral than fruity but still with some raspberry notes. The wine is rounded out by a perfectly balanced, persistent finish. Drink 2020-2027.

E2499B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £180.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

This is a beautiful, pure purple colour with the magical heady bouquet of Vosne. Fine-boned on the palate, it has discreet, elegant fruit, largely raspberry, with perfect balancing acidity. This is a *cuvée* which Benjamin hopes to develop further. Drink 2020-2026.

E2755B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £270.00

VOLNAY, CLOS DE LA CAVE DES DUCS, 1ER CRU

A pretty, medium deep purple colour, this has a classic, delicious Volnay fragrance. The nose is quite floral but underpinned by raspberry fruit. The palate has good acidity and exceptional persistence. A well structured finish will see this wine age well. Drink 2022-2030.

E2501B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £297.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHAMPEAUX, 1ER CRU

One of the more backward wines, this is a very intense purple. It has a fine concentration of dense, dark fruit. The palate has dark plums, almost black fruit, and excellent texture. This is a substantial wine with depth and class. Needs more time. Drink 2022-2032.

E2500B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £297.00

POMMARD, LES RUGIENS, 1ER CRU

From the lower part of Les Rugiens Haut, this has exceptional colour. It is a stunning Rugiens with some of the expected iron-red notes. The palate has huge weight and a lovely mineral crunch; balanced and long. This is a great addition to the list. Drink 2023-2035.

E2757B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £375.00

CÔTE DE BEAUNEBeaune

Maison Camille Giroud

DAVID CROIX



In January 2002 Maison Camille Giroud was bought by an American consortium led by banker Joe Wender and winery owner Ann Colgin, and a new chapter began. The business is managed by winemaker/technical director David Croix with a major revamping of the winemaking facilities and especially replacement and renewal of the old barrels to make wines in a much purer, more modern style. The company also owns 1.2 hectares of vineyards in and around Beaune.

David Croix would be happy to see 2015 more often. He began picking his whites early in September and the reds from the 7th through to the last Grand Cru on the 18th. Some areas showed a bit of drought but otherwise it was a textbook growing season. It was still necessary to judge ripeness levels correctly though, opines David. The evidence of this range is that he has done so. Very promising white wines, too.

White

MEURSAULT, LES VIREUILS

Fine, fresh, pale colour, there is a touch of gunflint on the nose. It has perfect balance on the palate, with very good tension, a heavenly density of fruit, no sign of any heat and a brilliant long finish. First class. Drink 2019-2023.

E2765B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £168.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, TÊTE DU CLOS, 1ER CRU

A lovely fresh colour, this has vibrant, lively fruit, with a trace of fresh banana and more prominent lemon verben. This wine demonstrates joyful balance and great persistence. “This is a chalky Chassagne,” says David, referring to the soil rather than the taste. Drink 2020-2025.

E2311B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £264.00

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

From Rognet et Corton, an east-facing vineyard, the colour is again light – pale lemon and lime. There is significant density to the nose, one can feel the latent power. There is really significant weight on the palate too and the requisite stoniness. This will be impressive with time. Drink 2021-2028.

E2313B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £450.00

Red

SANTENAY

Fine, lighter pink-purple, this has a graceful red cherry and raspberry perfume, all very discreet at first but it swells beautifully on the palate, with nice structure behind. The key to this is the quality of the Pinot plants. Drink 2019-2024.

E2314B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £195.00

MARANGES, LE CROIX MOINES, 1ER CRU

This is a regular favourite, the produce of very old vines, 65 years plus. A fine, elegant, light purple colour, the wine has beautiful density, with fruit and structure in excellent balance. There is an exceptionally long aftertaste. Drink 2020-2027.

E2317B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £216.00

VOLNAY

Purple with a pinker edge, there is prettily perfumed fruit on the nose which belies the density of what follows: long, fine and balanced, with perfectly judged acidity. This is very Volnay in style. Drink 2019-2025.

E2318B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £270.00

SANTENAY, CLOS ROUSSEAU, 1ER CRU

From the Clos des Roches Noires, this has a lovely, deep colour, revealing a classic, vibrant Pinot bouquet. There is a magical density of fruit, all red, with some fine tannins behind. This wine appeals every year, even more so in 2015. Drink 2021-2027.

E2319B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £138.00

BEAUNE, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU

From their own vines, this is moderately dense purple, while 40 percent whole-bunch fermentation gives the nose additional perfume. There is joyous purple fruit, a nice touch of liquorice behind, with darker fruit. This is one of the first to be picked but is still ripe and voluptuous. The wine has a very long finish indeed. Drink 2020-2028.

E2767B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £210.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LAVAUT SAINT-JACQUES, 1ER CRU

A lovely mid-purple, with a beautifully perfumed nose, full of rose petals, this had 50 percent whole bunches. The palate displays sweet velvet fruit, a lovely texture through the middle and exceptional length. Drink 2023-2030.

E2326B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £345.00

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CORTON, LE CLOS DU ROI, GRAND CRU

From biodynamic grapes, this has a superbly rich, dark colour with an amazing intensity of succulent fruit. Already good at the front, this delivers an extraordinary wealth of fruit right at the back, with a dark fruit note, even some black. This is very long. Drink 2025-2035.

E2324B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £345.00

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

This Charmes boasts a middling purple colour and fragrant bouquet. There is lovely sweet fruit throughout, sensual, taffeta-textured, with a little bit of the rich raspberry and cream which typifies Charmes, but is essentially balanced and very long. Drink 2024-2032.

E2328B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £594.00

CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Medium deep purple, with a discreet but classy nose, this shows positive oak integration along with the refined fruit. The real quality comes in the stylish, long finish. This is very fine indeed, but deliberately not a massively powerful example. Drink 2026-2038.

E2331B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £996.00

CÔTE DE NUITSNuits-St Georges

Domaine de la Vougeraie

PIERRE VINCENT



Based in Premeaux, just south of Nuits-St Georges, Domaine de la Vougeraie was created in 1999 when Jean-Claude Boisset decided to group together all the vineyard holdings of the various négociant companies he had acquired over the years. Pascal Marchand was put in charge in 1999, with Bernard Zito in the vineyards, which are farmed biodynamically. Pascal produced powerful wines, fairly heavily extracted in his early vintages but clearly moving to a softer style by 2004. The wines have subsequently been made by Pierre Vincent who has maintained the more delicate approach. Top-quality vineyards continue to be added, especially Grand Cru whites in recent vintages.

This year Pierre Vincent has been able to achieve his aim of an ideal barrel rotation. Each of these wines has been matured in one-third new wood, one-third one-year-old and one-third two-year-old. Because of the exceptional health of the grapes in 2015, he has also been able to vinify all the wines without de-stemming. His 2015 reds are wines of grace and elegance, while the white wines (picked from 28th August) have an impressive tension alongside a concentration of fruit.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC, TERRES DE FAMILLE

This year there is 30 percent village wine in the blend. Clear and bright in colour, it has a few attractive lemony notes. There’s some soft fruit but it’s nicely balanced, a more interesting wine than before. It displays high quality fruit and excellent nervous tension. Drink 2018-2020.

E2531B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £96.00

VOUGEOT, CLOS DU PRIEURÉ, BLANC

With a clear, bright colour and a lovely, zesty nose, there is lots of energy here without undue flesh. The white fruit is balanced and charming, showing more character than the earlier years, with perfect acid balance. Really very classy. Drink 2018-2022.

E2533B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £189.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

From two plots in Noyers Brets and Rue aux Vaches, this is pale lemon-and-lime in colour with a fresh, floral nose. Middleweight, balanced, the wine is very even across the palate, with good weight at the back and some lime notes. Persistent, it retains its freshness. Drink 2018-2022.

E2532B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £189.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CHAMP GAIN, 1ER CRU

Pale yellow in colour, there is a little bit of toasty oak alongside the impressive density of fruit, with bright yellow plums showing on the palate and good acidity to keep it honest. Drink 2019-2023.

E2534B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £297.00

VOUGEOT, LE CLOS BLANC DE VOUGEOT, 1ER CRU

One of the most backward wines in the cellar, this is pale lemon with some green tints. There is a fine core of flesh and fruit evident alongside some other fermentation flavours, with very appley notes behind. The density is there, the integrity, the wealth of flavour: this is set to be an exceptional wine. Drink 2019-2028.

E2535B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £327.00

CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

From Le Charlemagne and En Charlemagne, this is the most open of the Grands Crus with a pleasing stoniness. It shows the sunshine too, then a glorious mouthful of ripe yellow fruit, with hints of banana and pineapple but only a touch – no tropical vulgarity here. The wine has good oak balance and great length. The two plots are picked five days apart, ripe fruit but with good natural acidity. Drink 2020-2028.

E2536B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £495.00

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

Pale in colour with a little touch of green touch, there is a marvellous sense of concentration but not yet much detail on the nose, showing more weight than Vougeraie’s elegant Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet. Indeed this is a hugely dense wine demonstrating a succulent richness, with ripe apple notes at the back, yet still perfectly in balance. A major-league wine, this is really stunning. Drink 2020-2028.

E2537B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £990.00

Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE, TERRES DE FAMILLE

Vougeraie’s classic take on Bourgogne Rouge incorporates a good percentage of village wine. Glowing pink-purple, this has a nice lick of oak, lively fresh fruit; very easy-going through the middle, the wine has excellent persistence. Very good! Drink 2018-2023.

E2540B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £96.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES EVOCELLES

The youngest vines here date back to 1964, planted by Monsieur Boisset himself. This is an incredibly graceful wine all the way through, from its pale pink-purple colour, through the delicate yet intense floral nose, to the swelling fruit in the middle and the exceptionally persistent finish. Drink 2020-2027.

E2541B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £198.00

VOUGEOT, CLOS DE PRIEURÉ, ROUGE

From a *monopole* vineyard with mature vines, this has a delicious bouquet of spicy brambly fruit. There is huge, sweet ripeness through the middle after a touch of reduction, then it’s graceful behind, with excellent oak balance. The wine has a super smooth, graceful finish. Drink 2020-2025.

E2542B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £198.00

NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU

A fine, precise Nuits-St Georges from a hillside site, this was late to finish its malolactic fermentation, so the fruit is more backward. Bright purple, with a darkish style of fruit, it is pleasingly intense, with weight, persistence and some mineral notes. Drink 2022-2028.

E2545B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £240.00

CORTON, LE CLOS DU ROI, GRAND CRU

From 70-year-old vines, this is bright purple, with a pure, bright red fruit nose. There is lovely, sweet dark fruit on the palate, blackberry and ripe cherry, with just a little fresh touch from the stems which offer a delightful floral character. Excellent persistence. Drink 2022-2030.

E2547B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £444.00

CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

Brisk bright purple, the bouquet is quite backward but nonetheless with good concentration. There is some toasty oak here, then a real depth of flavour behind. You do not expect the full nuance early on with Clos de Vougeot but the potential is all there. Drink 2023-2033.

E2548B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £600.00

BONNES MARES, GRAND CRU

Fine, bright, medium pale purple, this has a ripe cherry nose, griottine cherries without the sharpness. It absolutely fills the mouth, delicacy and depth together, with no sign of the whole bunches till the finish which is very persistent. A superb wine. Drink 2022-2033.

E2550B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £888.00

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Domaine Guyon

JEAN-PIERRE GUYON



This excellent domaine in Vosne-Romanée has been below most people’s radar – perhaps because Jean-Pierre Guyon spends as much of his time as possible out in the vineyards which have been farmed organically since 2006, certified from 2012. With his high-pedigree viticulture as a great starting point, Jean-Pierre can employ whole-bunch fermentation as the stalks are ripe, eschewing the use of sulphur at this stage, though some is added later during élevage and at bottling to assure stability.

It is not easy to get a tasting with Jean-Pierre Guyon as he likes to be out in the vineyards all day long (“I am the shepherd of my grapes”). His meticulous work in the vineyards enables him to work thereafter with ripe and healthy grapes which can be vinified without sulphur and entirely as whole bunches. The wines have been matured in less new wood than previously, although it’s still two thirds for the top *cuvées*. Jean-Pierre has also worked his whites to minimise their weight in this sunny year, fermenting in older barrels with no lees’ stirring.

White

MOREY-ST DENIS, LA BIDAUE, BLANC

Jean-Pierre compares this to a high-quality Chassagne-Montrachet because the vineyard is on the type of limestone known as “calcaire de Chassagne”. It certainly opens with a powerful, flinty character. There is real dramatic tension to this, saline yet succulent, with very good depth, and we agree that there is an affinity to Chassagne. It has fine persistence too. Drink 2019-2023.

E2769B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £180.00

Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

This comes from 50-year-old vines just below the Vosne-Romanée appellation. The wine is completely sensuous, with peonies and rose petals abounding. This is a stunning introduction to the brilliance of Jean-Pierre Guyon. Drink 2018-2023.

E2625B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £105.00

CHOREY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES BONS ORES

Grown on the edge of Aloxe-Corton, from mostly 100-plus-year-old vines, this has magnificent floral notes, succulent, opulent fruit and huge length. A wine to dream about. Drink 2019-2023.

E2763B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £120.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES PLATIÈRES

The fruit here is from 80- to 90-year-old vines from three plots. Small grapes give a gorgeous purple colour, black fruit and griottes cherries, with a little black pepper from the stalks. The wine is gloriously sensual on the palate, with great length and charm. Powerful for Gevrey-Chambertin but very balanced. Drink 2020-2028.

E2770B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £210.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

A magisterial, noble purple, with a solid density behind the more floral aromatics, this has really subtle detail yet also a huge intensity. There are violets, pure lifted red fruit and – finally – the silkiest of tannins. Extraordinary persistence. Drink 2020-2028.

E2627B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £252.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHARMES DE MAZIÈRES

Made from a selection of old vines, the hedonistic nose is followed by a vast swelling fruit on the palate, almost too much to comprehend: a little blackberry, some dense dark raspberry, a little gloss from the oak and extraordinary length. Drink 2022-2032.

E2628B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £330.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX, 1ER CRU

Rich full purple, this is too dark-fruited to be floral, but there is a whole wealth of different things going on. It’s really spicy with plump fruit, an intense core between black and red, dense raspberry, but also strikingly backward. Drink 2023-2035.

E2630B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £558.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU

There is something in the schistous soil which gives the “brûlée” aspect for Jean-Pierre. There is an intriguing smokiness, along with huge, densely rich red fruit, almost summer pudding in style. This is vastly complex, with a glorious aftertaste. Drink 2023-2035.

E2629B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £558.00

ECHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU

From the Orveaux sector, this has superb rose-petal aromatics. There is almost no need to put this in the mouth – you already get the glory from the nose. You could fill a room with the aroma from one glass. The palate is actually very backward, the fruit and oak not quite knit yet. It has extraordinary texture and aftertaste. Bravo! Drink 2025-2040.

E2632B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £795.00

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Domaine Castagnier

JÉRÔME CASTAGNIER



Jérôme Castagnier is fifth generation, though passage through the female line and sons-in-law has changed the family name: the originator Jules Séguin was succeeded by Albert Rameau then Gilbert Vadey, a military man, who developed the business, working closely with Alexis Lichine. Guy Castagnier, born in Algeria, married Mademoiselle Vadey and began working at the domaine in 1975. Since 2004 the wines have been bottled as Domaine Castagnier. Jérôme, the sole son, did not originally intend to join the family business, becoming instead a professional trumpeter in the Republican Guard. In 2004 he left Paris and the army and came back to Morey-St Denis.

Jérôme Castagnier is the Guide Hachette’s Burgundian *vigneron* of the year for 2017 and has been selected as young *vigneron* of the year in the region’s own awards, so it is all happening for him. He began picking his 2015s on September 9th and finished on Saturday 12th before the rain that fell later that day. This year he has used one-third whole bunches for his village wines and the Crus, and in the last two years has refined his barrel regime so that the wood has less impact on the wine. Note that the malolactic fermentation was only just finishing when we tasted and this may have impacted the bouquets.

Red

BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAINS

One-third Gamay, two-thirds Pinot, this has a brilliant dark colour with purple rim, a hedonistic, seductive nose: yes, please. Very pretty fruit that marries the two grapes perfectly; it’s absolutely beautiful. Drink 2018-2021.

E2226B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £108.00

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

Bright, fresh purple, with a tasty touch of oak alongside the exuberant fruit, this Bourgogne is exceptionally youthful with a fine thread of acidity alongside the dark, juicy and very pure red fruit. Drink 2019-2024

E2227B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond 12 £168.00

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

This comes from the Aux Echanges vineyard, planted in 1921. A rich, deep purple colour, this has a reductive nose, with fresh crunchy fruit. This is very lively, with lovely, suave tension throughout. With rich, plump fruit, it’s a bit less reduced on the palate, showing exceptionally juicy, dark raspberries. Drink 2020-2026.

E2228B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £168.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

A very deep purple, almost black in the centre, this has dark fruit on the nose. There is marvellous flesh along with a good thread of acidity to keep the summer pudding fruit on an even keel. Excellent length. This is a vivacious, rumbustious Gevrey. Drink 2020-2027.

E2229B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £168.00

MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHESEAUX, 1ER CRU

Sadly this is a very small *cuvée* but we like it a lot, despite the touch of reduction on the nose. There is a wealth of fruit, a lively thread of acidity, with notes of black cherries and fresh raspberry in this large-scale, flamboyant wine. Seductive, fresh and succulent, it is very agreeable. With beautiful, juicy dark fruit, this really blossoms with time in the glass. Drink 2021-2030.

E2230B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £267.00

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Another vibrant purple, the nose clearly needs time, but there is a rich thread of opulent dark fruit all through the palate, leading to a modestly tannic finish. Very long indeed though, this will make a beautiful bottle after a decade. Drink 2025-2035.

E2231B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £465.00

CLOS ST DENIS, GRAND CRU

Black in colour with a purple rim, this has very strong dark fruit on the nose, but is so backward on the palate. It’s an immensely powerful wine, with rich texture and great length. The very dark fruit creates a rich yet fresh palate. There’s a superb aftertaste once again. Drink 2025-2035.

E2232B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £465.00

CLOS DE LA ROCHE, GRAND CRU

A rich purple but less black, there is a bit more refinement here. The wine has excellent weight, with a good mass of fruit behind which is lively all the way through. The blueberry notes are elegant with nuances. It’s very persistent indeed – a wine for the long term. Drink 2025-2035.

E2233B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond 6 £465.00

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Domaine Joliet

BÉNIGNE JOLIET



There are certain vineyard sites up and down the Côte d’Or which have been recognised for centuries as being outstanding locations. One such is the Clos de la Perrière in Fixin, just north of Gevrey-Chambertin, founded by the monks of Cîteaux in the early 12th century. Dr Lavalley (1855) noted it as a Tête de Cuvée, making wines which kept for longer than any others of the Côte d’Or. The Joliet family purchased the Manoir de la Perrière and its attendant vines in 1853. Bénigne, who has bought out other family members so as to be able to run the domaine as he wants, is the sixth generation of the family.

The whites were picked three days before the reds here, with very light vinification, using 100 percent whole bunches except for the grapes from the coolest section of the vineyard (nearer the woods at the top of the hill). The crop was reasonable, at just over 30 hl/ha and the wines are being raised in 25 percent new wood over a minimum of 18 months. The label has been revitalised to reflect Bénigne’s Grand Cru ambitions for his wine.

Red

FIXIN, CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE, 1ER CRU

The 2015 has a beautiful purple colour with a heady, deep raspberry note on the nose, yet maintaining the lightness of touch which Bénigne seeks. This is a very fresh, delicious, juicy wine, full of vibrant raspberry and cherry fruit which will develop floral notes, and with the excellent length which is characteristic of the vintage. A wine which will drink well young or old. Drink 2019-2030.

E2698B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond £168.00



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