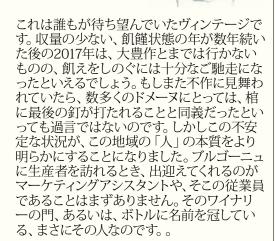


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このような人間性が、2017年のようなヴィン テージでは、最も重要となるのです。天候自 体は2016年ほど難しくはなかったものの、自 然に気前よく与えられるがままにしながらブ ドウの質に悪影響が出ないようにするため には、畑仕事が非常に重要でした。育つがま まにしていると膨大な収穫量が得られたた め、欲深い栽培家の元では、ブドウが水分を 含みすぎてワインが薄まる可能性がありまし た。我々が付き合っている品質最優先主義 のヴィニュロンたちは、ひとたび霜や雹害が 起これば生計に影響が出ることを知りなが ら、春にブドウの蔓を短く剪定し、摘房、ある いはグリーンハーベストを行うという、難し い決断をしました。数年間、低収量に見舞わ れた後でこの判断を下すのは簡単なことでは ないはずですが、我々の生産者は躊躇なく、 その英断はワインの品質に如実に現われま

した。

本ヴィンテージはアペレーション以上に、生産者が大きな役割を果たした年といえるでしょう。しかし、コート・ドボーヌの赤ワインの素晴らしさは、特筆するに価します。雹と霜が何年にもわたって続いた後にも関わらず、2017年のボーヌ、ポマール、ヴォルネイは出色の出来栄えで、素晴らしい価値があります。

本案内書の紹介文は、いつもどおり二部構成になっています。イタリックで書かれている最初の部分は生産者の概要で、その造り手を初めて知る皆様にとっては有用でしょう。後半は、ヴィンテージについての簡潔なコメントです。本オファーは昨年同様、素晴らしいテイスティングコメントを提供してくれた同僚、MarkPardoe MWとWill Heslopとの多大な助力のもと、三人で創り上げたものだと添えておきます。

ヴィンテージ

前年の苦労と比べれば、2017年は比較的容 易な年でしたが、もちろん危うい場面もあり ました。4月末に見舞われた寒波のときには、 コート・ドール全体が団結し、生産者たちは 濡れた藁俵を燃やし、上空に雲をつくって空 気を温め、惨事が起こるのを防ぎました。こ れは、ほとんどの地域では効果がありました が、シャブリは運に恵まれず、グラン・クリュ 全部と、多くの優れたプルミエ・クリュが重大 なダメージを受け、収穫の約半量を失いまし た。病害に関していうと、2016年とは対称的 に暖かく乾燥した春と夏が続き、雨も適切な タイミングでのみ降ったため、病害の危険は 比較的ありませんでした。7月10日にモレ-サ ン・ドニで多少の雹が降ったものの、2016年 に霜から逃れたことへのペナルティだったの でしょう。暖かく晴れた気候は7月と8月まで 続き、果実の熟成が早く進みました。収穫は 8月の最終週、コート・ド・ボーヌから始まり ました。収穫は比較的長期間に及びました が、果実の品質は素晴らしいものでした。生

育期間に関する詳細なレポートは、bbr.com/vintagereport2017からご覧ください。(英文のみ)

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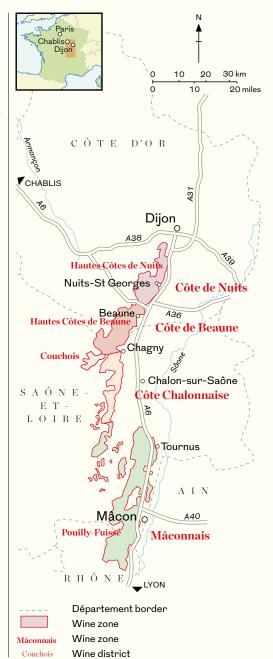
2017年の白は素晴らしい出来栄えで、近年において間違いなく、トップヴィンテージの一つに数えられます。卓越した2014年を上回ることは難しい一方で、生産者も同僚も、私自身も、過去十数年の中でこれより優れたヴィンテージが思い当たらないことも確かです。シャブリは典型的なスタイルですが、多くのワインには2015年の熟した果実味と、2014年の活力と緊張感の両方が共存しています。生産者が熟成前酸化(プレマチュア・オキシデーション)についても熟考を重ね、改善のための様々な行動をとってきたお陰で、ブルゴーニュの白は真にカムバックを果たしたと感じています。。

赤ワイン

赤は、バランスがとれ透明感のある、我々好みのヴィンテージとなりました。バレルテイスティングの段階で、ここまで試飲を楽しめたことはまずありません。2015年や2016年ほどの密度や凝縮感はまだありませんが、短期・中期的に大きな喜びを与えてくれるワインでしょう。テイスティング中によく引き合いに出されたのは2000年で、若い頃から非常にチャーミングでありながら、今日でもなお、大いに楽しませてくれる年でした。

キー・ポイント

- ・霜害で収穫が減少したシャブリを除いては、多くはないが程よい生産量となった。
- ・赤白共に典型的なスタイルで、白が特に優れている
- ・爽やかで透明感があり、エネルギーに溢れるヴィンテージ
- ・どのクラスのワインにも、価格相応の充実 した品質がともなっている
- ・ 価格に大きな変動はない





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Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

MARC & ALEXANDRE 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, to an average 25 percent, ranging from 10 percent for Bourgogne Blanc to one third for the Grands Crus.

Brothers Marc and Alexandre began their harvest on 28th August for their whites, and 3rd September for their reds. They took the decision to sell off the fruit from any vines that over-produced after last year's frosts (in St Aubin, Chassagne and Meursault) and so have achieved very good concentration in 2017, with an average yield of 40hl/ha this year. They prefer to use whole bunches for their red wine old-vine parcels. Pleased with their results in 2017, they describe their reds as "very Pinot" and their whites categorically and confidently as "very good".

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

After spring mildew, it was a small harvest this year, aged in 300-litre barrels, with no *bâtonnage*. The vines are from the Puligny *lieu-dit* L'Ormeau. There is a very nice exotic edge to the nose and palate, and fine minerality underneath; a very serious Bourgogne Blanc. Drink 2020-2024.

E4501B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

MARANGES, LA FUSSIÈRE, 1ER CRU

The time spent anaerobically in tank on lees adds lots of weight while the wine clarifies. There is a lovely lemony attack and the entry is as clean as a whistle, refreshing but in no way sharp. The fruit is from two parcels on chalky soil, high on the slope. Drink 2022-2028.

E4502B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

This is from a multitude of different parcels, totalling three hectares in all. The young vines from the plots are kept apart. There is a slightly earthy back note and the wine is surprisingly dense for village level. It's very long and fresh at the finish, all indicative of a wine needing time. Drink 2022-2030.

E4503B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

POA

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

From four parcels comprising two hectares, this wine is beautifully evocative of the appellation this year – opulent, creamy and rich, but in a confidently understated way. A perfect example of the brothers' ability to over-deliver on expectations. Drink 2022-2030.

E4505B 6x75clbottlesinbond

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, HAMEAU DE BLAGNY, 1ER CRU

This is yet another cellar in which this high, slightly bleak hamlet has excelled in 2017, benefitting from the fine summer, with well-toned flesh being added to the usually stringent core. A wine of intensity and energy, with a perfume of the first blooms of spring. Drink 2023-2031.

E4506B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES REFERTS, 1ER CRU

This has been a star performer for Marc and Alexandre in recent years. On the one hand, it's dense and complex; on the other, more ethereal but with reserve and structure too. This is benchmark Puligny and one of the best examples of Referts to be found. Drink 2023-2030.

E4507B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES FOLATIÈRES, 1ER CRU

Folatières is a fine vineyard, at the same height on the slope as Chevalier-Montrachet. This is from the higher part of the vineyard, close to Truffière. There is a more introspective reserve to this wine but still with a fine, creamy thread linking all the components. Patience required. Drink 2024-2032.

E4508B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

POA

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

Yet again the skill of the brothers is to the fore, creating an intellectual aspect in a wine that can be a bit garrulous and overbearing. There are haunting notes of lime blossom lurking and a praise-worthy sense of control. The beast in chains. Brilliant wine this year. Drink 2025-2035.

E4509B 3x75cl bottles in bond

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Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

This is blended with equal parts of Pinot from Puligny, Maranges and the Hautes Côtes de Beaune. With nice structure and good concentration, this is not a silky wine but is thoughtfully made, showing a neat, modern-style polish. Pure and lifted, this is a red-berry infused wine. Drink 2019-2023.

E4510B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA

MARANGES, CLOS DE LA BOUTIÈRE, 1ER CRU

The brothers are one of only two owners in this small vineyard, well-situated under Clos Rousseau. The old-vine element has allowed 25 percent whole-bunch and this elevates the wine, offering a creamy, long and spicy intensity that is eloquently classy. Drink 2020-2025.

E4511B 6x75clbottlesinbond

POA



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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 (Les Héritiers du Comte 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.

After the famine of 2016, this year is something of a feast, at least in the case of the reds. Sadly, the whites, which Dominique praises as having excellent clarity, are in slightly smaller volumes than 2016. The good news is that the full range of red wines has been made, and in good volume too. Dominique is effusive in his praise for the 2017 reds, describing them as appealing, with beautiful balance, a lightness of touch, refined tannins and a floral character with stunning red fruit.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

Volumes are about half of last year's, as the plot in Meursault suffered from frost, with just one barrel made from 0.6 hectares. The wine has a gorgeous, marine character to the nose, while the palate is nicely balanced between juicy citrus fruit and fresh, restrained minerality that gives a saline finish. Drink 2019-2022.

E3769B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£186.00

MEURSAULT

This is from a plot planted in 1999, known as La Petite Montagne en Chaume de Narvaux, just above Goutte d'Or. The nose is explosive, with ripe citrus fruit and creamy, nutty notes. The palate has classic Meursault softness and weight, before the high-altitude acidity kicks in to give a clean finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E3770B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£540.00

MEURSAULT, LES NARVAUX

This is one of Dominique's favourites, a vineyard which he says always makes great wines. The nose has a lifted, floral character and some stony reduction. On the front of the palate there is a richness to the peach and citrus fruit, which tightens up into a smoky, toasty and precise finish. Drink 2022-2028.

E3771B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£636.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CHAMPGAIN, 1ER CRU

This parcel of very old vines rarely produces large volumes and sadly provided less fruit this year than in 2016. The nose is very floral, with honeysuckle notes and a noble reduction which runs through the palate. It is delicate and elegant but with a racy intensity that underpins the fruit and gives a salivating finish. Drink 2023-2030.

E3772B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£534.00

Red

VOLNAY

This is from the lower part of Lurets, which is classified as village-level, and is always the last vineyard to be picked, as the fruit ripens late. It has a classic Volnay nose of pretty red fruit and flowers, while the palate has juicy strawberry fruit and crunchy, powdery tannins. Elegant and pretty. Drink 2020-2024.

E4227B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£438.00

BEAUNE, LES ÉPENOTTES, 1ER CRU

Dominique has this parcel on a *fermage* contract. It's an elegant expression of Beaune, with a bright purple colour, floral aromatics and rich fruit on the palate. The tannins are silky, seductive and perfectly integrated with the fruit. A wonderful, floral finish. Drink 2021-2026.

E4228B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£252.00

BEAUNE, VIGNES FRANCHES, 1ER CRU

This parcel of old vines is situated at the top of the vineyard, alongside Drouhin's Clos des Mouches. The aromas are of red and black fruit, with some spice adding complexity. On the palate, it is all cherry, with real richness, plenty of power and chalky but ripe tannins. The finish is creamy and floral. Drink 2022-2027.

E3773B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£252.00

BEAUNE, LES GRÈVES, 1ER CRU

For Dominique, this is the best vineyard in Beaune. A wonderful combination of elegance and richness, there is an initial concentration of dense berry fruit, which segues into velvet tannins and a crisp, palate-cleansing finish. A very sensual and seductive expression of Beaune. Drink 2022-2028.

E3774B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£252.00

VOLNAY, LES LURETS, 1ER CRU

In contrast to the village wine from the same parcel, this displays more complexity, with subtle spice notes joining the berry fruit and violet on the nose. The palate is dense and concentrated with some warmth and rich strawberry fruit, all the while retaining the elegance of Volnay. Drink 2022-2029.

E4226B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£354.00

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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 and just one Premier Cru in Puligny. Constantly experimenting and refining, his wines have real definition, 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.

Jean-Philippe explained how he and his vineyard team had to work extremely hard in the aftermath of the 2016 frost, managing the vines to make sure that the following year's growth would not be compromised. Meticulous marathon-runner Jean-Philippe is just the man for such an arduous task. He is delighted with the results, explaining that quality is excellent and the yield was neither too big, nor too small. These wines are as reliably fresh and precise as you would expect, with each vineyard's character shining through.

White

MONTHÉLIE

Jean-Philippe feels that now they are almost 25 years old, his Monthélie vines in the Sous le Cellier vineyard are giving wines of more mineral intensity and complexity. The west-facing exposition gives a ripe stone-fruit character, but there is certainly a saline, marine quality to the wine which draws comparisons to Chablis Fourchaume. Drink 2020-2024.

E3795B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£180.00

MEURSAULT, LE MEIX SOUS LE CHÂTEAU

Meix sous le Château is a mostly alluvial site with some stony parts, but in general it offers a relatively generous style of Meursault, with plenty of fresh butter, vanilla and caramel notes on the nose. The palate is rich with a butterscotch finish. This is proper Meursault. Drink 2022-2027.

E4346B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£204.00

MEURSAULT, LES CHEVALIÈRES

The name itself hints at a wine of great breeding and class, and this does not disappoint. The nose has wisps of smoky reduction, suggesting a certain nobility, while the palate's sophistication and chiselled, lasercut profile further back this up. A sophisticated wine. Drink 2022-2028.

E3792B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£252.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, LES REFERTS, 1ER CRU

It is no surprise that Jean-Philippe's precise style fits perfectly with Puligny. His Referts has a touch of classy reduction, while the palate has delicate fruit before filling out a little on the middle, with white flowers and some fennel notes. The finish packs a punch, with intense and concentrated acidity. Drink 2023-2030.

E3794B 6x75clbottlesinbond

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CÔTE DE BEAUNE Volnay & Pommard

Domaine François Buffet

MARC-OLIVIER BUFFET



This family-run domaine, which dates back to 1692, is currently managed by Marc-Olivier, son of François, though still with help from his parents. The family had a very successful négociant business, under the name Ferdinand Buffet, until the 1930s when fortunes were lost in the Great Crash. Even so, there is an impressive range of Volnay (Taillepieds, Clos des Chênes, Champans, Carelles, Clos de la Rougeotte) and Pommard (Rugiens, Clos Micot, Poutures) vineyards. Marc-Olivier uses some whole bunches when he feels the vineyard is suitable, though not for young vines. The wines are matured in barrel for 22 months.

As he felt that the tannins were riper than in 2016, Marc-Olivier (Marco) looked for greater extraction just at the start of the fermentation but, other than that, there are no major changes. Marco still uses whole-bunch when he feels it can improve the wine's texture. Harvest started on 5th September and was finished by 15th September. He is another winemaker losing interest in zero-sulphur, feeling that the identity of the *terroir* can be lost without SO2's guiding hand.

Red

VOLNAY, CLOS DE LA ROUGEOTTE, 1ER CRU

On the northwest edge of the village, this *monopole* produces surprisingly delicate wines, further enhanced by Marco's already gentle style. All de-stemmed this year, it's floral and subtly seductive in true Volnaysien style. Drink 2022-2027.

E3867B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£210.00

VOLNAY, CHAMPANS, 1ER CRU

Marc Olivier calls this his "p'tit gros" – little fat boy. It's a plush wine with lots of volume on the palate, but with 30 percent whole-bunch, whose tannins give a firmer reference to the wine, a perfect corrective to the wine's ebullience. The wine's intensity builds remarkably with each taste. Drink 2022-2027.

E4462B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£210.00

VOLNAY, TAILLEPIEDS, 1ER CRU

A majestic Volnay. One-third whole-bunch adds some sweet perfume to the firmer core of the wine, coming from the stonier part of the vineyard. The perfume is delightful, of violet and dog rose, and therefore not too perfumed, and there is a beguiling flexibility as its different facets are teased across the palate. Drink 2023-2028.

E3868B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£240.00

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 was realistic yet confident in the quality of his 2017s. Such an early harvest, which started in Volnay Frémiets on 3rd September and ended in Auxey on 11th September, provided new challenges which Paul addressed creatively and sympathetically. The wines were fruity and direct but he found that colour and structure were slow to come, so he kept the wine on skins for a week or more after fermentation. There is less whole-bunch this year as the stems weren't always fully ripe, but his de-stemmer preserves a lot of whole berries anyway. He will bottle all the reds before Christmas without filtration but he will trial some fining to round out the tannins.

White

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ

This is mostly from 90-year-old vines of Aligoté Doré in Meursault and a younger vineyard in Volnay belonging to the estate. Vinified in 500- and 600-litre puncheons, the wine has lovely notes of citrus and pineapple, with an indulgent side-order of old-vine creaminess. Drink 2019-2024.

E3870B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£78.00

Red

AUXEY-DURESSES

A lovely bright, luminous colour, this has a very pretty nose and enough weight to balance Auxey's slightly grainy tannins. With a bigger crop, Paul only had space for eight percent whole-bunch in the tank and the oak component has been kept to 15 percent. Drink 2020-2024.

E3871B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£132.00

AUXEY-DURESSES, 1ER CRU

As usual, this is a 60-40 blend of two of Auxey's best sites: Les Breterins and Bas de Duresses. Everything was de-stemmed and there is 20 percent new oak. This reached a high level of ripeness, now with 13.7 degrees alcohol, but the freshness is here with laudable intensity on the palate. Drink 2022-2027.

E3872B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£180.00

VOLNAY

This is from the *lieux-dits* Famines, which has the old vines, and Grands Champs, which is just above Famines. You can sense how Paul's winemaking has worked: there is a lovely, ripe, open entry of pure coulis, but then a tightening of the tannins to pull the wine together. Drink 2020-2024.

E4352B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£210.00

VOLNAY, FRÉMIETS, 1ER CRU

This is beautifully heady and perfumed. Some parcels are nearly 90 years old, and others 35 years old, with the crop a healthy 49.6hl/ha. Again, there is the impression of purity, sensuality and structure, aided in part by the contiguity of Pommard-Jarolières. Drink 2022-2028.

E3873B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£360.00

POMMARD, CLOS DES EPENEAUX, 1ER CRU

As usual, older and younger vines are harvested and vinified separately. Tasted apart, the junior wine is lush and very driven by red fruit, the senior partner principally shows the density of old vines. Essayed in a 55-45 young-to-old-vine blend, the dark sweet fruit of the old vines is to the fore but kept mobile by the energy of the young vines. A very impressive double act. Drink 2025-2033.

E3874B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£600.00

CÔTE DE BEAUNE Beaune & Hill of Corton

Benjamin Leroux

BENJAMIN LEROUX



Having created a name for himself as régisseur (general manager) of 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.

It is fair to say that Ben is very happy with 2017, describing it as the kind of vintage he would sign up for every year. The whites, he says, are beautiful, and not far from 2014 in style, with purity, finesse, great definition and balance. He describes the reds as pretty, appealing and with body to support ageing, while highlighting the importance of lower-vielding old vines for serious ageing. He eloquently explains that there is no "black sheep" in 2017, that no village has underperformed. For reason of space, the limited volumes of Grands Crus have not been included in this brochure. Since the 2014 vintage, all white wines are bottled under screwcap.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC

This is a blend of fruit from Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, Vosne-Romanée and the Hautes Côtes. Ben makes this wine in large *foudres*, the aim being to preserve freshness and give a gentle oak character without dominating the delicate fruit. Crisp and refreshing, this is benchmark Bourgogne Blanc. Drink 2019-2022.

E3799B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£153.00

AUXEY-DURESSES

Raised mostly in *foudres*, Ben's Auxey has a nose of fresh peach and buttered toast that is very reminiscent of Meursault, though with perhaps a touch of lime that points to a cooler appellation. The palate has some ripe, exotic fruit but is underpinned by a precise core of citrus acidity and rounded out with a toasty, creamy finish. Drink 2020-2025.

E3800B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£210.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

This is absolutely benchmark Puligny, with a floral, citrus nose and a lacy, mineral and refined texture. There is great energy here – purity and precision the watchwords. A subtle reduction runs through the wine and adds a touch of class and breeding. Drink 2021-2027.

E3801B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£210.00

MEURSAULT, LES NARVAUX

This is from a *clos* at the top of the vineyard which sits above Genevrières. Three barrels were made this year. The southerly aspect and shallow soil give floral aromas and a peachy fruit profile with pleasing heft in the mid-palate and an intense, saline minerality that kicks on to the finish and lingers. Drink 2022-2028.

E3802B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£210.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, ABBAYE DE MORGEOT, 1ER CRU

Located in the limestone-rich southern part of Morgeot, this displays plenty of ripe stone-fruit and a touch of spice on the nose, while the palate has a firm, lime and chalk backbone which adds mineral layers and extends the finish. Drink 2023-2029.

E4313B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£222.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES EMBAZÉES, 1ER CRU

A lesser-known vineyard which sits on the border with Santenay, Ben's Embazées is classically Chassagne, with rich stone-fruit and mealy, spicy oak on the nose. A viscous, peach-infused palate finishes with juicy, succulent apricot and a chewy, stony grip. Drink 2023-2029.

E3803B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£243.00

MEURSAULT, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU

From old vines planted in 1930, this is a personal favourite of Ben's, but is a small *cuvée* with just under three barrels made. It has a very complete combination of sizzling freshness and broad shoulders. The fruit is ripe, but remains firmly citrus in profile. Drink 2023-2029.

E3804B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£288.00

MEURSAULT, LE PORUSOT, 1ER CRU

Ben made four barrels this year, from old vines planted in 1930 in the upper part of the vineyard. The small berries give an intense and concentrated wine with lots of phenolic grip. This is all about minerality and salinity, with fruit being present but playing a supporting role. Drink 2023-2030.

E3805B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£312.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, TÊTE DU CLOS, 1ER CRU

From an excellent site at the top of Morgeot, the nose is incredibly fine and noble, with serious class. The intensity and concentration on the palate is of Grand Cru level. A star performer this year. Drink 2024-2032.

E3806B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£348.00

MEURSAULT, GENEVRIÈRES, 1ER CRU

This is a significant *cuvée* for Ben, at 14 barrels this year. The nose is smoky and toasty with oatmeal notes, buttered toast and rich, generous fruit. The palate is broad and welcoming, but will no doubt tighten up with a second winter. Drink 2023-2030.

E3807B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£384.00

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Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

There is generic Bourgogne in this, but there is also Hautes Côtes de Nuits (from Dames Huguettes), Monthélie and also declassified Premier Cru fruit contributing 20 percent of the blend. This is benchmark stuff, as always, with bright violet perfume and a satisfying redcurrant crunch. Drink 2019-2023.

E3811B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£153.00

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

This is deliciously moreish, with sweet strawberry fruit and cranberry bite for lift. The final blend will also include some wine aged in large *foudre*, which adds a heartier, richer texture and rounds out the wine. Simple but not one-dimensional. Drink 2019-2023.

E3812B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£210.00

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES HAUTS JARRONS, 1ER CRU

If possible, this is even fruitier than the village example and aromatically almost New World in style, but the gravelly tannins soon ground the wine back in Burgundy. Make sure you wave to the vineyard on the right-hand side as you head out of Beaune towards Paris on the A6. Drink 2020-2024.

E4315B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£135.00

VOLNAY

The village elements come from La Gigotte and Les Grands Champs, both vineyards with village and Premier Cru classification, and 40 percent of the blend is young vines from the Premier Cru Volnay-Santenots. This has lovely transparency but also lovely length; impressive. Drink 2020-2024.

E3813B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£174.00

NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES ALLOTS

On the Vosne side of Nuits, this vineyard has quite a lot of water-retentive clay. This was beneficial during the dry August and the wine is nicely supple and open. The mid-palate is not that fleshy but this is still a relatively early drinker. Drink 2020-2024.

E4318B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£192.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

The style of the vintage suggested to Ben that this year all his Gevrey should be in 228-litre barrels, having used a 3,500-litre foudre last year. He has also got his hands on some good quality old-vine fruit as well. Again, Ben has captured the succulence of the year but also found intensity. Drink 2020-2025.

E3815B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£192.00

BLAGNY, LA PIÈCE SOUS LE BOIS, 1ER CRU

The trend towards earlier harvests brings these often stern wines more firmly into the frame and there are only 5.2 hectares of Pinot to be found. This is something of a mission for Ben, who strongly believes in their quality. A cool, dry, distinctively sapid wine. Drink 2022-2027.

E3816B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£192.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

The fruit here comes from Maizières-Basses and some Les Violettes to the north of the appellation (actually in Flagey) and Raviolles at the southern end, bordered south and west by Nuits-St Georges. The contrasting styles combine for a textbook Vosne, suave and rich, abetted by 50 percent whole-bunch. Drink 2020-2024.

E3819B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£288.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES CHAMPEAUX, 1ER CRU

The most northerly Premier Cru of Gevrey, the vineyard is both high and east-facing. This lends the bouquet a mouth-watering note of crushed berry and the palate a certain severity, leading to pinpointed fruit and sculpted tannins. One to keep. Drink 2023-2029.

E3817B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£315.00

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

Ben has made this *monopole* wine since 2006. The vineyard is almost in the middle of the village and the wine is ebulliently cherry-fruited. Ben adds some polish (using a third whole-bunch this year). This is quite a major wine for Ben, with 13 and a half barrels this year. Drink 2022-2027.

E3818B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£315.00

NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX THOREY, 1ER CRU

This is a super vineyard, just north of the town of Nuits, facing south and east, with fine gravel over limestone. There is lots to admire in what Ben has done here; a fine expression of Nuits, combining generosity of spirit with a burly frame. Drink 2022-2027.

E4321B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£354.00

POMMARD, RUGIENS-HAUTS, 1ER CRU

Rugiens is arguably Pommard's greatest vineyard, of which the lower section is perhaps the finest, but Ben's plot is in the lower part of Rugiens-Hauts and thus very adjacent. This is a big, stern and meaty wine, with dense tannins, but perfume and rigour too. Very serious and age-worthy. Drink 2025-2030.

E3820B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£399.00

VOLNAY, EN CAILLERETS, 1ER CRU

Four barrels from one parcel, this is a regal Volnay, flattering yet compelling at the same time. There were two-thirds whole-bunch this year, but Ben makes the decision for this vineyard based on the quality of the vines' genetic material, mostly on the basis of its 70-year-old vines. Drink 2023-2029.

E3821B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£399.00





CÔTE DE BEAUNE Beaune & Hill of Corton

Camille Giroud

CAREL VOORHUIS



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. David Croix was installed as the winemaker/technical director and tasked with a major revamping of the winemaking facilities, especially the replacement and renewal of old barrels to make wines in a much purer, more modern style. After the transitional 2016 vintage, the mantel has, as of 2017, been passed to Carel Voorhuis, as David focuses more on his eponymous domaine. The company also owns 1.2 hectares of vineyards in and around Beaune.

With a range that spans both Côtes, Carel observed that the red vintage is about pretty, balanced, fresh fruit. The reds south of Beaune are generally lighter than the north, where there is better phenolic intensity. Carel puts the whites on a par with 2014, but the raw material is healthier and so the wines are purer. He rates 2017 as one of the best white vintages in the last decade. Stylistically, Carel's preferred direction for reds is towards whole-bunch and he confesses he would always do 100 percent if he could (and this year he often has).

White

MEURSAULT, LES VIREUILS

This is a very characterful wine. Carel didn't cool the must too much before fermentation, looking to retain more solids which adds more of a pulpy texture to the resulting wine. This has quite a traditional feel, with weighty fruit and a finish of apricot stone and hazelnut. Drink 2022-2028.

E3896B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£192.00

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET, LES VERGERS, 1ER CRU

Carel's Tête du Clos is no more, but he has managed to replicate that vineyard's stony intensity in his new acquisition of Les Vergers, an east-facing vineyard closer to Puligny. There is a wonderful unfolding of white fruit and cobnut across the palate, and the wine feels authentic and assertive. Drink 2023-2030.

E4384B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£270.00

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

Carel has two parcels, one facing east, the other more southerly. The combination of these contrasting vineyards creates a wine that is both powerful and ascetic. The exotic passion-fruit notes of the ripe, southerly fruit are lanced by a glare of limestone from the east. Fabulous. Drink 2025-2035.

E3898B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£510.00

Red

SANTENAY

This is a blend of Les Bras and Les Saunières, both of which touch Premiers Crus. The former is high on the steep, south-facing slope, while the latter is lower down on heavier soil and facing east. Really pleasing, fresh and ready to drink. Drink 2020-2024.

E3900B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£216.00

MARANGES, LE CROIX MOINES, 1ER CRU

Maranges has a reputation for wines that can have unwieldy tannins. This disproves the rule; the wine is forward and welcoming and, while it has a certain Maranges frankness, this is mitigated by the plush texture provided by 70-year-old vines. Drink 2021-2025.

E3901B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£240.00

VOLNAY

From vineyards at the southern end of the village, this seems a quiet over-achiever this year. Among the gentle floral notes lurk some quite serious tones. The wine has an "old-vine" feel about it, but Carel says this is not the case, which makes it even more satisfying. Drink 2020-2025.

E3902B 12x75cl bottles in bond

£300.00

SANTENAY, CLOS ROUSSEAU, 1ER CRU

This is a fine reminder of the potential of the "lesser" Burgundian villages. Admittedly this comes from the sweet spot in the Clos Rousseau vineyard, the Clos des Roches Noires, but there is a delicious creamy completeness about the wine, with complex aromas of spice and damson. Drink 2022-2027.

E3904B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£150.00

BEAUNE, LES AVAUX, 1ER CRU

Last year Carel had to blend what he could salvage from both his Beaune Premiers Crus into one wine. Back as a stand-alone this year, this is relatively sturdy and strong, although not inflexible. This is Camille Giroud's own vineyard. Drink 2022-2027.

E4385B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£192.00

BEAUNE, AUX CRAS, 1ER CRU

This domaine-owned vineyard is well-sited with a series of terraces, an unusual feature in Burgundy. Old vines and millerandage yielded only 20hl/ha, even in 2017. Carel used 100 percent whole-bunch, resulting in a wine that is lush, spicy and very lovely. Drink 2022-2027.

E4386B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£234.00

CORTON, RENARDES, GRAND CRU

This replaces the Corton Clos du Roi in the range which is something Carel is not entirely unhappy about, as his new source is organic and biodynamic, and producing such good material that he could use 100 percent whole-bunch. This is beautifully bold and silky. A great move. Drink 2025-2030.

E4387B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£384.00

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

Always a favourite, this wine has an astonishing lightness of touch year in, year out. This is in part due to the vineyard's position near the Combe de Lavaux, where the cooler air makes it a later-ripening plot. Everything is in place. With old vines and 100 percent whole-bunch, this is a real Carel wine; beguiling. Drink 2025-2030.

E3911B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£390.00

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CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

All whole-bunch and, in partnership with the Charmes vineyard's already warm-hearted personality, this is almost too much of a good thing. This is incredibly rich and succulent, like a warm bath of Pinot Noir. A remarkable, indulgent and irresistible wine. Drink 2025-2030.

E3912B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£645.00

CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

Carel was only able to get to two-thirds whole-bunch for this wine. The harvest by his supplier was quite late, but that has added an extra layer of opulence to the wine. This is a very fine Grand Cru, intense without a beat missed – spring flowers with allspice, a hint of graphite and wonderful lift. Drink 2026-2032.

E3914B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£1,155.00







CÔTE DE NUITS Nuits-St Georges

Domaine de la Vougeraie

SYLVIE POILLOT



Based in Prémeaux, 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 came of age under Pierre Vincent, who maintained the more delicate approach. He departed after the 2016 vintage, leaving behind a crack team, led by the redoubtable Sylvie Poillot. Top-quality vineyards continue to be added, especially Grand Cru whites in recent vintages.

Pierre Vincent may now be fully installed at Domaine Leflaive, but his legacy is still firmly in place here, with the team he left behind brilliantly stepping up to the mark. They felt that the speed of the harvest was vital this year – no threat with their three teams of pickers, one based each in the Côte de Nuits and the Côte de Beaune, and another to shuttle between the two, to wherever it was most needed. They began with the whites on 28th August, finishing 16 days later in the Côte de Nuits. They decided the resulting wines, especially the whites, required less new oak; allowing greater fruit purity.

White

BOURGOGNE BLANC, TERRES DE FAMILLE

This is a mix of Hautes Côtes de Nuits and young vines from Clos Blanc de Vougeot. It offers a very cool and mineral approach, but then with lovely tropical notes and clove spice. There's less new oak this year at 20 percent. Amazing quality at the level, it's styled a bit like a Charlemagne. Drink 2020-2024.

E3875B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£96.00

VOUGEOT, CLOS DU PRIEURÉ

The very high limestone element in the vineyard always imparts a hint of struck match to the aroma. It's very mineral, with not much fat, slightly reminiscent of a really good Chablis, but with an herbal, verbena undertone. Again, less new oak this year at 25 percent. Drink 2022-2028.

E3877B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£210.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

This was quite late to finish malolactic fermentation and accordingly the wine initially shows as quite creamy and soft, but the energy of the vintage illuminates the finish. It's from two parcels, Rue aux Vaches, above the village, and the other Noyers Bret, towards Chassagne. Drink 2022-2028.

E3876B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£210.00

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, CHAMP GAIN, 1ER CRU

The highest of Puligny's Premiers Crus, the altitude and poor stony soil influences a wine style that is reserved yet expressive. The vintage has given the wine plenty of power, but the bouquet is strongly fragrant of lime blossom. The wine is both energetic and rich. Drink 2023-2030.

E3878B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£330.00

VOUGEOT, LE CLOS BLANC DE VOUGEOT, 1ER CRU

This remains one of the most intriguing white wines in Burgundy. It is always very taut, especially in youth, but with age it evolves into an extraordinarily aromatic wine. These elements are discernible in youth and the wine has a creamy texture, with the tropical and stone-fruit notes coiled beneath. Drink 2023-2030.

E3879B 6x75cl bottles in bond E3879M 3x150cl magnums in bond E3879J 1x300cl double-magnum in bond

£372.00 £390.00 £275.00

CHARLEMAGNE, GRAND CRU

A fabulous wine this year, it's electric with lemony freshness and buttery ripe fruit. The mid-palate is marbled with crystal-like reserve, the finale fulsome yet poised. The fruit is only from the Le Charlemagne section of the vineyard, hence the omission of the Corton element in the title. Drink 2025-2035.

E3880B 6x75clbottlesinbond E3880M 3x150clmagnumsinbond £540.00 £570.00

BÂTARD-MONTRACHET, GRAND CRU

Vougeraie has two parcels in the vineyard, one of younger vines, one of older vines on the Chassagne side. This is a vineyard that ripens fast and in some hands it can be a bit solid. This is nicely judged, focused but still with the tell-tale sense of crème pâtissière. Drink 2025-2035.

E3881B 6x75clbottlesinbond E3881M 3x150clmagnumsinbond £1,110.00 £1,140.00

Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE, TERRES DE FAMILLE

A hybrid, but a tremendously effective one: this blends fruit from the Hautes Côtes de Beaune with fruit from young vines in Vougeot, Gevrey-Evocelles, Volnay and Nuits-Clos de Thorey. These are all assembled to give a pretty, very courteous wine. It saw 10 percent wholebunch and 20 percent new oak. Drink 2019-2023.

E3884B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£102.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, LES EVOCELLES

Evocelles usually presents a mineral edge, but this year the wine is pure and creamy, with an appealing lifted freshness and, to be honest, is just simply rather charming. There is no whole-bunch this year (from 50 percent last year), allowing, I suspect, clearer sight of the wine's more genial side. Drink 2020-2024.

E3885B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£222.00

VOUGEOT, CLOS DU PRIEURÉ ROUGE

The small stream that runs by the vineyard is home to some greedy ducks, necessitating the netting of these vines. This is a crunchy style of Pinot Noir, with redcurrant and a hint of cranberry. There is a fine, cool freshness to the finish, but emboldened by 16 percent whole-bunch. Drink 2020-2024.

E3894B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£222.00

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Hurrah! There are 11 barrels of Chambolle this year, which includes the Premier Cru holdings of Baudes and Gruenchers. Whole-bunch is at 25 percent and this is one of the year's more classic Chambolles. Bright and pure with a haunting perfume of red fruit and flowers, the palate is multi-layered yet still delicate. Drink 2021-2026.

E3886B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£255.00

NUITS-ST GEORGES, LES DAMODES, 1ER CRU

Right on the boundary with Vosne (its neighbour across the divide is the Vosne *lieu-dit* Damaudes), the soil is fine gravel over Prémeaux marble and the wine does have a more Vosne-like patina. This year, there is a sweet strawberry note as well. Drink 2022-2027.

E3887B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£261.00

NUITS-ST GEORGES, CLOS DE THOREY, 1ER CRU

This is a very well-situated vineyard just on the north side of the town of Nuits. Vougeraie has the centre of the vineyard, known as Clos de Thorey, although there isn't actually a *clos*. With very refined tannins, it's very pure, the freshness of the finish tinged with a hint of sweet spice. Drink 2023-2028.

E388B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£261.00

CORTON, LE CLOS DU ROI, GRAND CRU

This does not demonstrate any of the big-boned style of many, but is the best *terroir* of Corton. The first attack is quite gentle but the breeding is evident as the wine swells with flavours of loganberry, cinnamon and stone, and recedes with silky, enfolding tannins. Drink 2025-2035.

E3895B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£510.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, AUX CHAMPS PERDRIX

Even though yields are up this year, Vougeraie has decided to continue to only offer this wine from their tiny 0.15-hectare holding in magnums. All wholebunch this year, there is a serious side to the wine (it does lie, after all, just above La Grande Rue), but this is ultimately about precision. Drink 2020-2024.

E3889M 3x150cl magnums in bond

£390.00

CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

To give a bit more concentration to the wine, Vougeraie did perform a *saignée* this year (running off some juice during fermentation), as a wise precaution in a year that was potentially so generous. This has plenty of the Clos de Vougeot solidity, which is good, with a long and satisfying finish. Drink 2025-2030.

E3891B 6x75cl bottles in bond **£720.00 E3891M** 3x150cl magnums in bond **£750.00**

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, LES MAZOYÈRES, GRAND CRU

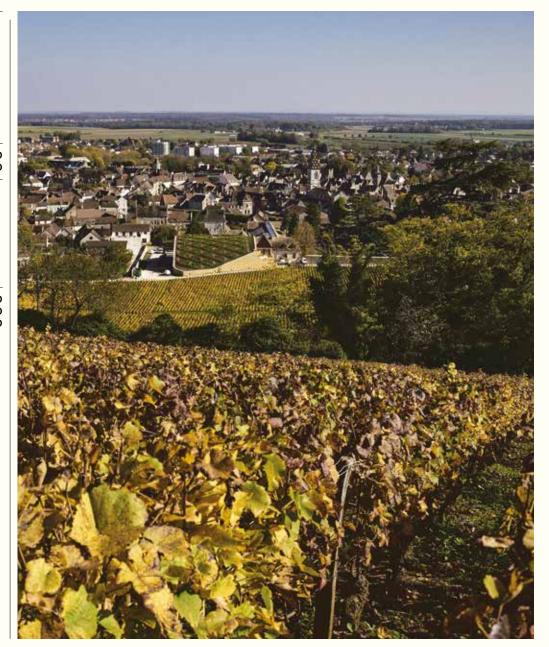
Every year it must be restated that this is from a plot of vines planted in 1902. Not all the stalks were perfectly ripe this year, so only 80 percent was whole-bunch fermented. It's graceful and, of course, charming, but there is a persistency as well, the weight of these historic vines making their presence felt. Drink 2025-2030.

E3890B 6x75cl bottles in bond E3890M 3x150cl magnums in bond £840.00 £870.00

BONNES MARES, GRAND CRU

This is always a benchmark Bonnes Mares because Vougeraie owns vines on the two, really very different, terroirs of this Grand Cru, the yin and yang of Bonnes Mares. This is wonderfully intense, really luscious, head-spinning and compelling, then the iron notes of the terres rouges take over. Drink 2026-2032.

E3892B 6x75clbottlesinbond £1,050.00 E3892M 3x150clbottlesinbond £1,080.00 E3892J 1x300cldouble-magnuminbond £735.00



CÔTE DE NUITS Vosne-Romanée

Domaine Guyon

JEAN-PIERRE GUYON



This excellent domaine in Vosne-Romanée has flown under the radar – perhaps because Jean-Pierre Guyon spends so much of his time 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 during élevage and at bottling to assure stability.

Jean-Pierre Guyon tasted his berries on 8th September and was not impressed. He waited for the rain that weekend and was among the last to harvest on 15th September. He got lucky, but his assiduous vineyard work must also have helped the astonishing transformation. It's an hugely impressive range, better than 2016 in Jean-Pierre's view, and certainly one of the best addresses this year. He has smart new labels as well, with *vin biologique* proudly to the fore. There is more *terroir* definition this year, and Jean-Pierre will bottle a little earlier.

White

MOREY-ST DENIS, LA BIDAUDE

A remarkable wine, almost with the presence of a red wine; powerful, really rich and almost thick. The vineyard's *terroir* really defines this wine, with its Chassagne-like composition allowing this intriguing yet satisfying character. Drink 2022-2028.

E4045B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£210.00

Red

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

From vineyards only in Vosne, there is more structure in this wine than most at the generic level in 2017. The 100 percent whole-bunch house style is obvious, adding generosity to an appealing line of freshness and purity. Drink 2019-2023.

E4046B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£132.00

CHOREY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES BONS ORES

This extraordinary vineyard with its centenarian vines always outperforms its appellation. There is more depth and tannin than in the Bourgogne and Jean-Pierre has not used any new oak on this wine this year. Lush but also composed. Drink 2020-2024.

E4047B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£150.00

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE, LES PEUILLETS, 1ER CRU

The Peuillets vineyard is sandy and can suffer in the heat. This is not about complexity, aiming instead for an openness of style and a creamy palate, at which it succeeds very well, but without compromising vitality. Drink 2020-2024.

E4048B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£210.00

NUITS-ST GEORGES, AUX HERBUES

This has a very striking note of violet which continues all the way through the palate. Rare in a Nuits at this level, there is a very clear delineation of fruit and the wine is very expressive. A real success this year. Drink 2020-2025.

E4049B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£240.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

The impressive nature of the range in 2017 is encapsulated in this wine. Although relatively "junior" (but the vines are still up to 50 years old), this has a rich and smoky bouquet. The palate is compact and long with a vivacious finish. Drink 2020-2025.

E4051B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£345.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES CHARMES DE MAZIÈRES

This is the selection of Jean-Pierre's oldest vines, all tagged before harvest so that they can be picked separately. This shares much of the character of the "junior" *cuvée*, but thrills with a top note of perfume and magic that runs from the bouquet to the finish. Drink 2022-2028.

E4052B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£432.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, EN ORVEAUX

This high vineyard is always full of tension and energy. Jean-Pierre has aged this in 100 percent new oak and its presence is not felt at all. There is a delicious floral top note and its altitudinous minerality is luminous, all the while retaining its intrinsic Guyon character. Drink 2022-2028.

E4054B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£720.00

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES BRÛLÉES, 1ER CRU

The 2017 is the essence of the Brûlées vineyard, whose name does suggest that grapes get very ripe here. There is also a sense of decadence (in the modern sense of the word). It's a heady, sensual wine in Jean-Pierre's hands. Drink 2022-2028.

E4053B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£720.00

ÉCHEZEAUX, GRAND CRU

Quite simply a Grand Vin. The wine is self-assuredly powerful and confident. With 100 percent new oak again, this has compelling gravitas, with more precision than the vineyard usually affords. Fine, classic, floral perfume aligns with something more profound. Drink 2026-2035.

E4056B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£1,110.00

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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.

There is always a breathless and rather chaotic energy in the Castagnier cellar but this year Jérôme could scarcely contain his enthusiasm. He *loves* his 2017s. To him they have the *friand* and *gourmand* style of 2014 but with more depth and density. He started his harvest on 6th September and employed less *pigeage* (punching down) than usual. The exigencies of the 2018 vintage meant Jérôme was obliged to move his 2017s to tank earlier than usual but even this has worked to his advantage: less time in wood has dialled up the focus and exuberance of this irresistible range of 2017s.

Red

BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAINS

A most amiable example. Like all of Jérôme's vines, these are planted in a single parcel, here from Morey-St Denis, with two-thirds Pinot Noir, one-third Gamay, co-planted 60-year-old vines. What's not to like? Fruity and crunchy. Drink 2019-2023.

E4074B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£120.00

BOURGOGNE ROUGE

Jérôme was obliged to do a lot of green harvesting and the result is impressive. There is an arrow of positive fruitiness and then an explosion of cherry-bonbon immediacy. Really delicious, fun and companionable wine. Drink 2019-2023.

E4075B 12x75clbottlesinbond

£192.00

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Very fresh and direct, this has a lovely soft appeal on the mid-palate. The essence of the old vines (planted in 1921) really comes through and gives a silky plushness to the palate. This is very good for village level. There's just a touch of graphite to finish. Drink 2020-2025.

E4076B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£204.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

There is an element of black cherry to this wine, as the vineyard abuts Morey and is more influenced by the limestone closer to the surface. Really precise and with a touch of iron to complement the fruit. Jérôme finds a viande saignante (rare meat) note on the wine's crisp finish. Drink 2020-2025.

E4077B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£204.00

MOREY-ST DENIS, AUX CHESEAUX, 1ER CRU

Jérôme's vines are in the 0.16-hectare higher extension of the vineyard which sits just across from Charmes-Chambertin. There is hardly any topsoil here and the wine's style is very distinctive with a clear salinity, really bright fruit but always a lovely balance. Drink 2022-2027.

E4078B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£312.00

CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN, GRAND CRU

This parcel is a stone's throw from the Morey-Cheseaux. The wine is quite chunky but the precocity of the vintage suits the wine, giving it some lift. The tannins are quite burly and there are also notes of cherry stone and chocolate. Drink 2025-2030.

E4079B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£570.00

CLOS SAINT DENIS, GRAND CRU

A bit of July hail thinned the grapes here and what remained got beautifully ripe, better than after *vendange verte* (green harvesting). The result is great, with a nose of Asian spice and cool black fruit, but also salinity and power. This is a long and complex wine, more powerful than 2016. Drink 2025-2032.

E4080B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£570.00

CLOS DE LA ROCHE, GRAND CRU

This has a lovely bouquet with a hint of tobacco, white pepper and a kind of juiciness that New Zealand often achieves. The palate, though, is serious and with real grip. Yields for all the Grands Crus here were only 35hl/ha. Drink 2025-2032.

E4081B 6x75clbottlesinbond

£570.00

CLOS DE VOUGEOT, GRAND CRU

Jérôme's vineyard manager undertook a green harvest here in the summer while he was away. His initial annoyance has resolved to gratitude, as there is a balance in the wine that would not have been achieved otherwise. Notes of rose petal over a deep and textured palate are completely satisfying. Drink 2025-2032.

E4082B 6x75cl bottles in bond

£600.00

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CLOSING DATE

The Burgundy 2017 En Primeur of fer starts at 9 am on Thursday 3 rd January 2019 and ends at 6 pm on Friday 15 th February 2019, subject to stocks remaining unsold.

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