

BURGUNDY 2023 EN PRIMEUR: A DYNAMIC DUO



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It's a pleasure to present our 2023 Burgundy En Primeur report. Andrew and I were once again delighted to return to Burgundy (visiting the Côte d'Or and the Mâconnais), as well as taking new Private Client Team member, Ronald Buchanan, on his maiden voyage to the region, to get to grips with the latest release. It is an experience we never take for granted; a moment in time where we are incredibly fortunate to be given the opportunity to taste direct from the barrel, discussing openly and at length with producers about all their hard work and strategies in both the vineyard and cellar, over the last 12 months.

Following a return to good fortune with generous yields in 2022, the 2023 vintage is just as abundant in terms of quantity, and more importantly, quality. Unsurprisingly, there were many quiet smiles from producers during our tastings, and upon initial impressions, 2023 has produced a dynamic duo, where charming white and red have been crafted. We always ask as if the vintage can be compared as a reference point for our customers, though producers are reluctant to do so, as they truly are unique. However, Nicolas Rossignol from Domaine Rossignol-Trapet in Gevrey-Chambertin kindly discussed the vintage in depth with us, and stated that 2023 was "similar to 2021 yet with more structure, and also like 2017 but with less spice... these are open and approachable wines but will also age very well too."

What we found in the glass brought a smile to our faces (the very same smiles adorned by the vignerons); the resulting wines are juicy, luscious, and are brimming with energy and vibrancy. As already mentioned, 2023 saw an improvement in yields and returned to more normal levels of around 30-35 hectolitres for many producers. However, in some instances such as Domaine Faiveley, a staggering 50-60 hectolitres were produced in certain appellations. You could contribute this to a bumper crop, as for certain producers interestingly the weight of berries in 2023 were 50% more than average, as Caroline Parent-Gros of Domaine AF Gros told us that the "normal weight of a berry is roughly 90g and in 2023 it was 180g... so we not only had a lot of grapes to bring in, but large bunches of grapes too. During the harvest, a full truck (carrying 50 cases), travelled to the winery every thirty minutes! To put this into perspective, it was one truck every one hour and thirty minutes in the 2024 harvest." On the other hand, producers such as Domaine Chanson purposely kept yields low (22-hectolitres) as is always their policy, despite being able to produce much more.

As there is an abundance of wine in the cellars throughout the Côte d'Or for sale this Primeur campaign, we had hoped for price reductions on the 2023s. Nevertheless, we know that for next year's campaign (with the 2024 vintage), there will be significant reductions in availability with some producers telling us they have lost between 10-20% in the Côte de Beaune, and 50-80% in Chablis and the Côte de Nuits, of their crop respectively. As such, there is a mixed bag of pricing strategies from vignerons; some have reduced prices, others have kept them the same as last year, and others, sadly have increased to curtail what is coming down the line 12 months from now. We have therefore been more discerning than ever in our recommendation policy. When tasting En Primeur we are looking for true expression; that of terroir, balance, structure, purity, and harmony. Above all, we search for wines we truly believe in and feel represent value for money and stand out in the crowd.

Vintage and growing conditions

January, February, and March were all mild and dry, where March saw adequate levels of rainfall to replenish the water table reserves. The risk of frost is always at the forefront of producers' minds; arriving at the end of March and into early April, though thankfully came to pass with little damage. Bud-break ensued around 10th April and vignerons across the whole of Burgundy breathed a sigh of relief: mon dieu!

As Spring arrived, the warmer weather continued and improved with temperatures rising towards the end of May. Flowering progressed rapidly and evenly, completing in early June under superb conditions and the prospect of a large, homogenous crop was on the horizon. Producers were starting to crack a smile...

Although June remained warm and dry - it was in fact the hottest month on record since 2003 - there were some intermittent and localised storms, with vineyards suffering various levels of damage. Although rain was much needed to support vine growth (some hydric stress isn't necessarily a bad thing), when combined with warmer temperatures then disease pressure such as powdery mildew, was a real cause for concern. Thankfully, it was swiftly and appropriately dealt with by producers.

However, to limit future disease pressure many vignerons decided to act and de-leaf in July to maximise canopy ventilation, whilst maintaining sufficient cover so grapes did not burn. There is debate on when (or if) to implement this technique, as some argue doing it too early allows grapes to develop overly thick skins, whereas others avoid it as much as possible, if not at all. Caroline Parent-Gros falls in the latter camp and informed us "Mathias and I took the decision not to de-leaf as primarily we wanted to avoid having berries with thicker skins... instead, we were prepared to work harder in the vineyards to maintain their health and balance. Ultimately, this worked to our advantage when the heatwaves arrived later in the season, as the grapes had perfect coverage and were in great condition."

Another fraught subject, green harvesting, was undertaken by many Domaines, removing fruit from the vines to reduce potential yield, thus focusing on less but better-quality grapes. July was beautiful until the middle of the month when more high humidity, localised storms, and temperature peaks occurred. August began with cooler than normal temperatures and flutters of panic began to spread regarding ripeness levels. Suddenly, smiles started to fade from their faces. Nevertheless, a five-day heatwave in mid-August settled nerves, albeit followed by another cool spell, and small bouts of rain.

At the end of August, some producers in the Côte de Beaune started to pick as usual. However, the majority in both the Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits decided to wait, and Mother Nature was kindly on their side. Another heatwave arrived on September 6th with temperatures rising and staying well over 40°C for over a week, permitting full physiological and phenolic ripeness. Many producers picked from 6th September right throughout the month, and in some instances, into early October. The smiles were back, and in abundance. Of course, the decision to pick is always dependent on vineyard management, house style, as well as winemaker preferences.

Whites: our vintage score 8 / 10

A good vintage that has created vibrant, racy, and energetic wines with an emphasis on green, citrus, and white stone fruit. We believe the best value is found at both Village and Premier Cru levels from Claudie Jobard, Saumaize-Michelin, as well as Sylvain Bzikot, regardless of appellation. These wines will drink upon release giving immediate pleasure thanks to their tension, focus, and vivacity. However, for those who prefer their whites with a few years under bottle, they will age for the short-to-mid-term.

Reds: our vintage score 8.5 / 10

Also a good vintage that has produced juicy, luscious, and charming wines combining summer berry and in places, darker hedgerow fruit. Again, we feel the best value is to be found at Village and Premier Cru levels from Ambroise, AF Gros, and Rossignol-Trapet, regardless of appellation. These wines will provide great pleasure and drinkability in youth due to the fantastic fruit purity and silky tannins; that will also give them the potential to age well, mid-term in the cellar.

Our buying strategy

We continuously review our En Primeur buying strategy based on the performance of each vintage, with a focus on sourcing wines from producers that we believe are "the best in show" from each appellation. We can therefore give you, the customer, a more personal and tailored service to suit your palate/cellar as well as buying/investment strategies.

Having been and tasted over several intense days throughout the Côte d'Or there is much variation, some producers have overdelivered and some appellations stood out performing well. As always, please be aware that some Premier and Grand Cru wines are sold under allocation to those who have purchased them in previous years. However, if you are interested, please do let us know and we will do our very best to accommodate your request.

Our tasting notes are written from samples tried with producers at the Domaines, directly from the barrel, unless stated otherwise. As I am sure you will appreciate there is a lot of work that goes into producing this report, so a big thank you to my fellow Wine Buyer and En Primeur taster; Andrew Ray, who has been instrumental in producing this report. We do hope you enjoy.

Best wishes, James Goodhart



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Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Teurons'	£280 IB (6x75cl)
Gevrey-Chambertin VV	£245 IB (6x75cl)
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Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	£895 IB (per 3)
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Key

IB: Prices quoted are In Bond (exempt of Duty and VAT) delivered to Moor Park bonded warehouse. ON ALLOCATION: Wines that are sold on an allocation basis, please contact the office if interested. RECOMMENDED: A favourite from our Domaine tastings.

NEW: A new wine offered in this En Primeur campaign.

Please note that all En Primeur wines are sold In Bond (excluding UK VAT and Duty) by the case as stated. They do, however, include shipping costs and insurance into our UK bonded warehouse at Moor Park.

The wines will arrive in 2025 (whites in Spring and reds in Winter). Storage, release, or transfer preferences are to be advised upon ordering. Once the wines have physically landed with us, we will email you to inform you of their arrival. If you wish to transfer your wines to another UK bonded warehouse or have them released from Bond to a UK mainland address, please be aware that UK Duty, VAT, and/or delivery and logistic charges will be applicable.

For further information, please contact a member of the Private Client Team. E & OE.

WHITE WINE RECOMMENDATIONS

Under £150 IB (per 6 bottles)

Vincent Latour Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay	£105 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Louis Chavy Bourgogne Chardonnay	£125 IB (6x75cl)
Saumaize-Michelin Pouilly-Fuissé 'Pentacrine'	£125 IB (6x75cl)
Claudie Jobard Rully Blanc 'Montagne La Folie'	£120 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Jacques Girard Savigny-Les-Beaune Blanc	£130 IB (6x75cl)
Gérard Thomas Saint-Aubin 'Champ Tirant'	£130 IB (6x75cl)
Samuel Billaud Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs'	£130 IB (6x75cl)
Saumaize-Michelin Pouilly-Fuissé 'Les Courtelongs'	£145 IB (6x75cl)

Between £150 - £300 IB (per 6 bottles)

Chanson Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Hauts Marconnets'	£160 IB (6x75cl)
Gérard Thomas Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Les Murgers des Dents de Chien'	£180 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Jacques Girard Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Sous Frétilles'	£195 IB (6x75cl)
Samuel Billaud Chablis 1 ^{er} Cru 'Vaillons'	£265 IB (6x75cl)
Vincent Latour Chassagne-Montrachet 'Les Benoites'	£270 IB (6x75cl)
Joseph Pascal Puligny-Montrachet	£275 IB (6x75cl)
Vincent Latour Meursault 'Cuvée St Jean'	£280 IB (6x75cl)
Chanson Chassagne-Montrachet	£280 IB (6x75cl)

Over £300 IB and excluding Grand Cru (per 6 bottles)

Gerard Thomas Chassagne-Wontrachet 1" Cru Les Chenevottes	£300 IB (6X/5CI)
Jean-Louis Chavy Puligny-Montrachet	£310 IB (6x75cl)
Bzikot Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Morgeot'	£380 IB (6x75cl)
Vincent Latour Meursault 1er Cru 'Poruzots'	£550 IB (6x75cl)
Samuel Billaud Chablis Grand Cru 'Bougros'	£550 IB (6x75cl)

RED WINE RECOMMENDATIONS

Under £150 IB (per 6 bottles)

Ambroise Bourgogne Pinot Noir Cuvée VV	£110 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Jacques Girard Savigny-Les-Beaune Rouge	£115 IB (6x75cl)
Claudie Jobard Rully Rouge 'La Chaume'	£115 IB (6x75cl)
Rossignol-Trapet Bourgogne Rouge	£120 IB (6x75cl)

Between £150 - £300 IB (per 6 bottles)

Faiveley Mercurey 'La Framboisière'	£156 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Jacques Girard Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Serpentières'	£160 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Jacques Girard Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Fichots'	£160 IB (6x75cl)
Joseph Pascal Puligny-Montrachet Rouge	£165 IB (6x75cl)
Faiveley Mercurey 1er Cru 'Clos des Myglands'	£168 IB (6x75cl)
Ambroise Nuits-Saint-Georges VV	£205 IB (6x75cl)
Rossignol-Trapet Gevrey-Chambertin	£245 IB (6x75cl)
Ambroise Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Damaudes'	£295 IB (6x75cl)

Over £300 IB and excluding Grand Cru (per 6 bottles)

Chanson Beaune Rouge 1 ^{er} Cru 'Clos des Fèves'	£330 IB (6x75cl)
Rossignol-Trapet Gevrey-Chambertin 'Aux Ételois'	£350 IB (6x75cl)
Ambroise Nuits-Saint-Georges 1 ^{er} Cru 'Rue de Chaux'	£370 IB (6x75cl)
AF Gros Chambolle-Musigny	£460 IB (6x75cl)
AF Gros Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Réas'	£460 IB (6x75cl)
AF Gros Gevrey-Chambertin	£490 IB (6x75cl)
Faiveley Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'La Combe Aux Moines'	£534 IB (6x75cl)
Rossignol-Trapet Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Petite Chapelle'	£595 IB (6x75cl)

SAMUEL BILLAUD





Samuel Billaud is part of an esteemed Chablis family and was the former head winemaker at the iconic Chablis estate: Billaud-Simon. After a family feud, he left the family Domaine and decided to go it alone – a bold and masterful move. Samuel built a new winery in the heart of Chablis, and crafts excellent wines from Village to Grand Cru level using both his own vines (after reclaiming parcels of Les Clos and Vaudésir Grand Cru), as well buying in grapes from only the very best *climats* using his deep-rooted connections with vignerons in the village.

Samuel Billaud is without a doubt one of Chablis' rising stars with Neal Martin (Vinous), William Kelley (Wine Advocate), and most recently Jasper Morris MW (Jasper Morris: Inside Burgundy) having touted him as one of the region's top producers alongside François Raveneau and Vincent Dauvissat. As we sadly didn't have the time to travel north to Chablis, Samuel kindly sent us some samples to taste at Puligny-Montrachet HQ.

Petit Chablis 2023 £115 IB (6x75cl)

Grapes are sourced from vines located higher up the slope, just above the 'Les Clos' Grand Cru vineyard.

"Vibrant aromas of lemon, peach, and apricot. Clean and crisp on the mid-palate thanks to the racy, linear acidity that provides backbone and direction. Abundance of further lemon and grapefruit citrus fused with white pepper spice on the focused finish. Frankly, it's not so 'petit'!" Drink 2025-2028. (JG. Tasted at Puligny-Montrachet HQ in November 2024)

Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£130 IB (6x75cl)

Combination of 3 parcels adjoining several Premier Cru vineyards. The backbone comes from the 80-year-old plot of 'Les Cartes', whilst both 'Les Pargues' and 'Bas de Chapelots' provide precision and energy.

"Forward notes of lemon, white peach, and chamomile fill the glass. Wonderfully pure and energetic on the palate with zippy, driven acidity that gives way to a creamier, more rounded texture and core of more citrus and white stone fruit studded with white pepper spice on long, oyster shell infused finish. Classic Chablis." Drink 2025-2028. (JG. Tasted at Puligny-Montrachet HQ in November 2024)

Chablis 1er Cru 'Montmains' 2023

£245 IB (6x75cl)

One of the best Premier Cru vineyards thanks to its long, narrow trajectory that catches the morning sun and creates wonderfully pure wines.

"Impressive multi-layered nose of apple, peach, and apricot with an uplifting white flower edge. The creamy, rounded texture fills the palate and then is intersected by saline, driven acidity that flows into a lean core of more apple and pear all wrapped up in white pepper spice on the long finish. Taught, tense, and precise." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at Puligny-Montrachet HQ in November 2024)

Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaillons' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£265 IB (6x75cl)

Situated on the left bank of the river Serein, grapes sourced from 60-year-old vines with a south-easterly exposure that captures all the morning sun. Matured in stainless steel only.

"Slightly fuller, more intense aromas of peach, apricot, and grapefruit. There's more power and tension (in comparison to Montmains) on the mid-palate complemented by the creamy, rounded texture and intense oyster-shell acidity. An abundance of peach, apricot, and grapefruit fuse with toasted almonds and clove spice on the persistent finish." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at Puligny-Montrachet HQ in November 2024)

Chablis 1er Cru 'Butteaux' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£265 IB (6x75cl)

Located to the southwest of the village, the vineyard is known for its limestone rich soils where the wines are taught, steely and precise. Butteaux is a climat located within the 'Montmains' vineyard and considered to be the pinnacle of Chablis Premier Cru.

"Butteaux lies at the top of premier cru Montmains near the village of Courgis. The old vines planted on a deep, clay soil gives a wine of impressive depth which is enhanced by fermentation in 500 litre demi-muids. Rich and spicy with excellent length on the finish." Drink 2025-2031. Charles Taylor MW

Chablis 'Bougros' Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£550 IB (6x75cl)

Undeniably one of the best Chablis Grand Cru climats. Located on the right bank of the river Serein, it has a remarkable south-east exposure and is also the steepest slope of all Grand Cru helping to produce full-bodied, rich Chablis for the long haul.

"Bougros is the most westerly of the grands crus and this is 50% vinified in stainless steel and 50% in oak demi-muids from tonnelleries Doreau and Chassin. A lovely wine with sumptuous fruit, just a hint of oak and glorious, rich texture." Drink 2025-2032. Charles Taylor MW

Chablis 'Blanchots' Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£585 IB (6x75cl)

The most easterly of all Chablis Grand Cru vineyards, where the location on clay-limestone soils and extended sunshine hours creates a refined and sophisticated wine. The parcel is in the centre of the vineyard and vines have an average age of 35 to 40-years-old.

"From the eastern end of the grand cru hillside adjacent to Les Clos. Fermented and aged for 12 months in a single 2-year-old 456 litre demi-muid from Chassin, followed by 6 months in stainless steel. This is rich and racy with wonderful, honeyed fruit, a touch of oak and thrilling minerality on the finish." Drink 2025-2032. Charles Taylor MW

CLAUDIE JOBARD





Claudie Jobard boasts a proud viticultural and vinicultural heritage as her mother, Laurence; was head winemaker at Joseph Drouhin for many years, and her father, Roger, founded one of the region's top vine nurseries. Roger developed the family Domaine in the 1970s through buying and planting land in Rully, which has now come to fruition as many of the vines are over 40 years-old and produce some excellent wines.

Claudie took charge of the estate in 2002, after graduating from her oenology degree, and changed the direction of the Domaine by stopping selling to négociants, and instead started a new venture by bottling wines under her own name and is Rully's rising star!

Rully Blanc 'Montagne La Folie' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£120 IB (6x75cl)

2.5-hectares of vines with an average age of 47 years-old from a stony site near the village of Chagny, in the northeast of the appellation. 10-15% new oak.

"Vibrant aromas of lemon and green apple with a touch of white peach. Ample and generous on the midpalate thanks to the creamy texture that flows into a multilayered core of more tropical, wild honey, and white pepper spice pulled together by the pure, mineral streak of acidity. Excellent." Drink 2025-2029. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Claudie Jobard in November 2024)

Rully Blanc 'En Villerange' 2023

NEW

£130 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel from the southern section of the appellation (on the Mercurey border), where the soil is pebble rich. 10-15% new oak.

"Rich and intense nose of green apple and white peach with added exotic fruits. Full, rich, and rounded yet brilliantly balanced by the uplifting and racy acidity that adds purity, precision, and harmony. More exotic fruit on the mid-palate seasoned with a touch of white pepper spice on the long, pleasing finish." Drink 2025-2029. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Claudie Jobard in November 2024)

Rully Rouge 'La Chaume' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£115 IB (6x75cl)

2.5-hectares of 45-year-old-vines planted just opposite Château de Rully, and Claudie's Rully 'En Villerange' plot to the south of the appellation. 15% new oak.

"Enticing nose of red and black cherry, blackberry and added mulberry. Ripe and rounded texture with impressive structure and depth, yet still so luscious and ample thanks to hedgerow and bramble fruit core with dashes of cinnamon spice." Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Claudie Jobard in November 2024)

GÉRARD THOMAS ET FILLES





Gérard Thomas has led this Saint-Aubin estate since 1982, however, his two daughters (Anne-Sophie and Isabelle) now run the day-to-day operation. Gérard has expanded organically by purchasing vines throughout the Côte de Beaune with acquisitions in Saint-Aubin, as well as Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet, today owning a combined total of 12-hectares throughout all appellations. Several passes through the vineyards during harvest ensure optimum ripeness; everything is done by hand with careful treatment of complete bunches to avoid oxidation. All wines are barrel fermented with 25% new oak (renewed annually), followed by ten months ageing in barrels with regular lees stirring to add depth and complexity. They have recently changed supplier from Gillet to Montgillard, resulting in finer, more elegant wines with less toasted oak emphasis.

The continuous refinement and attention to detail Isabelle and Anne show year upon year is why they are considered one of Saint-Aubin's best producers, and offer some of the finest value wines in the Côte de Beaune.

Saint-Aubin 'Champ Tirant' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£130 IB (6x75cl)

Found to the west of the village where it borders the 'Les Castets' Premier Cru vineyard. The combined 1.63-hectares of vines on a gentle limestone slope produces one of the most consistent and best value White Burgundies in our portfolio.

"Vibrant aromas of both green and red apple supported by a touch of white peach. Ample and generous mouthfeel supported by saline-mineral acidity that carves through the centre of the wine adding energy, focus, and tension. More white stone and exotic fruit fuse with delicate vanilla spice on the fine finish." Drink 2025-2029. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Isabelle Thomas in November 2024)

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Les Murgers des Dents de Chien' 2023 RECOMMENDED £180 IB (6x75cl)

1.82-hectares of vines planted between 1981 and 1999. It borders the Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru vineyards 'Champs Gains' and 'La Garenne' to the east and located above 'Chevalier-Montrachet' Grand Cru.

"A fuller, richer nose (in comparison to Champ Tirant) with an abundance of white stone and gently toasted oak spice. Good power and concentration on the mid-palate with a rounded, waxy texture underpinned by zippy, uplifting acidity. A clementine and grapefruit pith dominant core adds a lovely bitterness to the white pepper infused finish. Pure and precise." Drink 2025-2030+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Isabelle Thomas in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet 'Le Trézin' 2023

£240 IB (6x75cl)

0.52-hectares of vines planted in 1973 and 1978. A hidden gem at the top of the slope bordering the Premier Cru vineyards of 'La Garenne' and 'Sous Le Puits'.

"Enticing nose of green apple, pear, and chamomile; very linear and pure. Taught, tense, and driven midpalate balanced by vibrant, racy acidity that flows into a core of further green apple, green gauge, and pear with delicate honeysuckle undertones. Très bon." Drink 2025-2032. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Isabelle Thomas in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'La Garenne' 2023

£300 IB (6x75cl)

A 0.57-hectare parcel where vines date back to 1983. This is the highest vineyard of all the Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru vineyards and is situated at the top of the hill (on the Meursault side).

"A more intense and complex nose (in comparison to Le Trézin) of red and green apple, honeysuckle and beeswax. Rich, creamy, and rounded thanks to the juicy, concentrated core of more green and white stone fruit with added white pepper spice, all off-set by energetic, racy acidity that flows into a fine, lingering finish. A great La Garenne." Drink 2025-2032+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Isabelle Thomas in November 2024)

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Chenevottes' 2023 RECOMMENDED £300 IB (6x75cl)

A small holding of just 0.32-hectares of vines planted in 1975, 1985 and some replanting in 2016, situated very close to 'Le Montrachet' Grand Cru.

"Concentrated green apple and white peach aromas complemented by smoky toasted oak spice. Multi-layered and complex palate supported by bright, uplifting acidity that gives the wine a seamless balance and precision. An explosion of more green and white stone fruit with added white pepper and flint spice leading into a generous finish. A charming Les Chenevottes." Drink 2025-2032+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Isabelle Thomas in November 2024)

JOSEPH PASCAL





A true family affair as the Domaine started in the 1950s when Jean Pascal (who worked at Domaine Leflaive at the time) started buying up parcels of land with his wife Céline. Later in 1970s, their son Jean-Luc joined them and formed Domaine Jean Pascal et Fils, followed by their son, Jean-Luc, and his wife Alexandra in the early 2000s. Fast-forward to 2023 and the Pascal estate is now named after the next generation: Joseph Pascal.

Their 15-hectares of vines makes them one of the larger properties in Puligny-Montrachet, however, there is no compromise on quality with the crop now being vinified and bottled at the Domaine. All wines are barrel fermented with the casks being supplied by four local tonnelleries; Berthomieu, Montgillet, Meyrieux, and Rousseau.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay 2023

£100 IB (6x75cl)

The majority of grapes are sourced from Puligny-Montrachet with the remainder coming from nearby Corpeau.

"Perfumed, vibrant aromas of green apple and lemon citrus. Bright, energetic, and lively palate due to the racy, zippy acidity and pure core of more green and citrus fruit and mineral finish. Fresh, fun, and very good." Drink 2025-2028. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Alexandra Pascal in November 2024)

Meursault 2023 £275 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of 3 climats; 'Clos du Cromin', 'Le Corbin' and 'Les Vireuils', planted on clay-limestone soils where vines have an average age of 32 years old. 20% new oak.

"Seductive nose of green apple, pear, and white peach with a touch of wild honey. Rich, rounded, and creamy yet retains wonderful vibrancy and vivacity thanks to uplifting, zippy acidity providing both structure and length. Similar green and white stone fruits combine with integrated vanilla spice on the linear, focused finish." Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Alexandra Pascal in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet 2023

RECOMMENDED

£275 IB (6x75cl)

A total of 3.5-hectares coming predominantly from the lieu-dit of 'Les Noyers Brets'. However, some parcels include 'Les Nosroyes', 'Au Paupillot', 'Derrière la Velle', 'Les Meix' (underneath Premiers Crus 'Les Pucelles' and 'Clos des Meix') as well as 'Les Grands Champs' (underneath Premier Cru 'Les Clavoillons'). 20% new oak.

"An abundance of green apple, pear, and white flowers fill the glass. Finely tuned mid-palate with impressive weight, purity, and precision thanks to the bright, focused acidity that leads into a multi-layered core of further crunchy green apple and lemon sherbet with a touch of spice on the seamless finish. Puligny perfection." Drink 2025-2032+. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Alexandra Pascal in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Folatières' 2023

NEW

£420 IB (6x75cl)

A small 0.62-hectare parcel of vines from the lower section of the vineyard underneath Premier Cru 'Champs Gain'. On the same level as Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru with similar chalky-limestone soil.

"Impressive nose of green apple and lemon supported by delicate spice infusion. Pure, precise, and focused on the mid-palate coming from the saline, mineral streak of acidity that creates backbone and structure leading into a more citrus and white stone fruit dominant core. Wonderful concentration and tension on the marathon finish that lasts for minutes. A fantastic Folatières." Drink 2026-2034+. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Alexandra Pascal in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£165 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.36-hectare parcel of vines planted in 1973 in the lieu-dit of 'Les Noyers Bret' situated just underneath the renowned vineyard of 'Les Enseignères'. A mix of new oak (less than 25%) and stainless steel.

"Intense aromas of red and black cherry, blackberry and mulberry with an integrated violet overtone. Ample palate thanks to the silky tannins and juicy texture of the multilayered, hedgerow fruit dominant core infused with a generous helping of black pepper spice." Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Alexandra Pascal in November 2024)

BZIKOT





Sylvain Bzikot's grandfather fled Poland and arrived in Burgundy just before the Second World War, and in time, steadily built up the Domaine in the post-war years when land was plentiful and cheap. Sylvain and his wife, Béatrice, now tend 14-hectares of vines in Puligny-Montrachet, including the Premier Cru sites 'Les Folatières' and 'Les Perrières', as well as the famous lieu-dit 'La Rousselle'. For a long time, most of the crop was sold in bulk to négociants, until Sylvain's arrival in the 1990s, when he took the decision to bottle under the name Domaine Bzikot Père et Fils. They also produce wines from grapes purchased and jointly managed from trusted, long-term contracted growers through their négociant label: Sylvain Bzikot.

Whether Domaine or Négociant labels, Sylvain crafts wines of the highest quality with the utmost care and attention to detail. It will therefore come as no surprise they are some of our best-selling Côte de Beaune wines.

(Bzikot Père et Fils) Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay 2023

£105 IB (6x75cl)

Grapes come from vines near Puligny-Montrachet and shares all its attributes, except the price tag!

"Charming aromas of lemon, peach, apricot and white blossom. Lovely pure texture with plenty of focus and precision thanks to the zippy, mineral acidity that fuses with further citrus and white stone fruit and white pepper spice." Drink 2025-2029. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Sylvain Bzikot in November 2024)

(Sylvain Bzikot) Meursault 2023

£270 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of parcels from both the lieu-dit 'Les Grands Charrons' and as well as several Meursault Villages. Sylvain tends to the 50-year-old vines himself, maintaining the highest standards in terms of both vineyard management, and winemaking.

"Attractive nose of peach, apricot, and pineapple with a touch of honeysuckle. Creamy complexity and rounded texture underpinned by a streak of linear acidity providing more structure and backbone to this brilliant wine. An exotic fruit core of mango, pineapple, and clementine fuses with white pepper spice on the long, dreamy finish." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Sylvain Bzikot in November 2024)

(Bzikot Père et Fils) Puligny-Montrachet 2023

£280 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of ten separate parcels from throughout the village combine to create this Puligny-Montrachet that is Premier Cru quality in all but name.

"Generous and concentrated aromas of ripe apple, lemon citrus, and white peach. Lovely texture on the mid-palate; so rounded and smooth yet balanced by the bright, uplifting acidity that flows into a similar green and citrus fruit core with added white pepper spice on the pleasing, linear finish." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Sylvain Bzikot in November 2024)

(Sylvain Bzikot) Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Morgeot' 2023 NEW / LIMITED £380 IB (6x75cl) Grapes are purchased from a long-term and trusted grower, whose parcels come from the top section of the vineyard. Only 1,500 bottles produced.

"Concentrated nose of lemon, grapefruit, and pineapple with toasted oak spice. Rich, rounded, and ample with wonderful depth and complexity, yet still so pure and energetic due to zingy acidity that pulls you in. Multi-layered core of further citrus and tropical fruit and integrated vanilla spice on the reverberating, tense finish." Drink 2025-2030+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Sylvain Bzikot in November 2024)

(Bzikot Père et Fils) Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Perrières' 2023 ON ALLOCATION £450 IB (6x75cl) A small parcel from one of the appellations famous Premier Cru vineyards with dense, chalky-limestone soil.

"Abundance of red apple, peach, apricot, and nutmeg spice fill the glass. Rich and generous on the midpalate though still extremely bright and vibrant thanks to great energy that drives through a further core of white stone fruit and toasted oak spice. Classy, pure, and precise with a long, intense finish." Drink 2026-2032+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Sylvain Bzikot in November 2024)

JEAN-LOUIS CHAVY





Jean-Louis Chavy is based in the heart of Puligny-Montrachet where he has 7-hectares of vines (his share of the family estate: Domaine Gérard Chavy), which was divided between his younger brother, Alain, and himself. Production is split approximately 25% Bourgogne Blanc, 50% Village and 25% Premier Cru (including holdings of 'Le Champ Gain', 'Le Clavoillon', 'Les Perrières' and 'Les Folatières'). The wines represent such good value that there is a long waiting list of merchants desperate for an allocation; therefore, naturally we are delighted to receive ours once again.

Jean-Louis' son, Paul, continues to be ever prominent in all aspects at the Domaine and is seemingly a chip off the old block, carrying on the house style of crafting pure and precise wines allowing the superb fruit quality to shine through using old vines, as well as integrated use of oak.

Bourgogne Chardonnay 2023

RECOMMENDED

£125 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of five parcels that total roughly 2-hectares from younger vines.

"Forward and expressive aromas of lemon, peach, and apricot fused with mandarin and quince spice. Eally fresh and vibrant with wonderful energy from the white pepper acidity that provides precision and tension. All the hallmarks of a young Puligny-Montrachet. Bravo!" Drink 2025-2029. (AR. Tasted at Domaine with Paul Chavy in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet 2023

RECOMMENDED

£310 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of twelve different parcels from across the appellation culminating in 3-hectares of vines. An excellent representation of Puligny-Montrachet's terroir.

"Ripe and generous nose of green apple and lemon with added pineapple. Fat, rich, and rounded though brilliantly balanced by the linear, taught acidity that adds freshness and drive to the mineral, long finish. Similar core of citrus and white stone fruit with lots of white pepper spice. A superb Puligny-Montrachet." Drink 2025-2032+. (AR. Tasted at Domaine with Paul Chavy in November 2024)

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Folatières' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

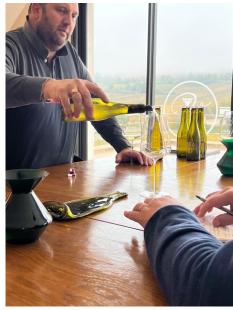
£495 IB (6x75cl)

Two separate plots of 25 to 45-year-old vines totalling 1.3-hectares. The first is in the steepest stoniest part close to Blagny, which contributes excellent acidity and structure; the other is from lower down the slope where the soil is richer, in turn giving greater richness and concentration.

"Complex and seductive aromas of peach and apricot intermingle with generous quince spice. Deceptively generous and ample on the mid-palate yet retains balance and elegance thanks to the uplifting streak of mineral-infused acidity. More peach and apricot with added mandarin and grapefruit pith alongside a dash of white pepper spice for good measure on the seamless finish. Bravo!" Drink 2026-2034+. (AR. Tasted at Domaine with Paul Chavy in November 2024)

VINCENT LATOUR





The Latour-Labille family boast a long, rich history and have been making wine in Meursault since 1792. Vincent took over the family Domaine from his father Jean in 1998. He was then joined by his wife, Cécile, and changed the name from Domaine Jean Latour et Labille, to Domaine Latour from the 2010 vintage onwards. Since his arrival Vincent has implemented many changes (and in turn improvements), from the inclusion of whole cluster fermentation, adaptation of demi-muids and foudres, as well as longer élévage (12 months in old or large oak, followed by 4 to 6 months in stainless steel vats without any bâtonnage to avoid masking fruit).

Vincent is certainly one of Meursault's rising stars, and has gained local as well as international recognition in recent years. A new cellar and state-of-the-art tasting room have both been recently completed, taking this already impressive Domaine to the next level. The next generation is coming through too as Vincent's son, Thomas, has joined the family business.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay 2023

RECOMMENDED

£105 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of two plots 'Les Malporiers' and 'Les Dressoles' totalling 0.57-hectares in the Meursault appellation.

"Vibrant aromas of crunchy green apple, lemon citrus and a touch of mango. Crisp and clean with bright, electric acidity creating impressive tension and energy for a Bourgogne Chardonnay. So zippy and lively. Similar lemon and white stone fruit, with a touch of pineapple all supported by the integrated white pepper spice on the pleasing finish. Mini-Meursault." Drink 2025-2029. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Latour in November 2024)

Chassagne-Montrachet 'Les Benoites' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£270 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel of vines located underneath the Premier Cru vineyards of 'La Chapelle' and 'Guerchère' and flanked by 'Champs de Morjot' and 'Les Battaudes'.

"Inviting nose of lemon citrus and fresh green apple combined with chamomile overtones. Taught and tense on the mid-palate with linear, racy acidity that reverberates into a more exotic fruit core with a dash of white pepper spice that seals the deal on the lingering finish. Charming Chassagne-Montrachet." Drink 2026-2033. (RB. Tasted at Domaine with Vincent Latour in November 2024)

Meursault 'Cuvée St Jean' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£280 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of three Meursault Villages parcels: 'Les Vireuils', 'Les Crotots' and 'Meix Chavaux'. Vines were planted in 1925, 1926, 1992, 1998 and 2001.

"Enticing aromas of lemon, white peach, and mandarin fused with delicate toasted oak spice. Luscious and seductive palate thanks to the creamy, rounded texture flowing into a similar citrus and white stone fruit core wrapped up by warming white pepper spice. All off-set by a delightful streak of mineral, oyster shell-infused acidity providing intensity and focus. Marvellous Meursault." Drink 2026-2032+. (RB. Tasted at Domaine with Vincent Latour in November 2024)

Meursault 'Les Narvaux' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£295 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.57-hectare plot planted in 1989 on limestone-clay soils. Without a doubt one of the most famous lieux-dits located next to the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Genevrières' and 'Les Poruzots'.

"Bright and attractive nose of lemon, peach and apricot with a touch of acacia. Powerful, generous, and rounded yet balanced by vibrant, tingling acidity that provides added structure. An abundance of lemon, grapefruit and peach fuse with delicate white pepper spice on the long, precise, and focused finish." Drink 2026-2034+. (RB. Tasted at Domaine with Vincent Latour in November 2024)

Meursault 1er Cru 'Poruzots' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£550 IB (6x75cl)

A 0.82-hectare plot planted between 1947 and 1991. Situated in the heart of Meursault and surrounded by the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Genièvres', 'Les Bouchères' and 'La Goutte d'Or'.

"Complex and intense aromas of grapefruit, clementine, and white peach. Powerful and intense on the mid-palate thanks to the creamy texture and multi-layered core of peach, passionfruit, and mango balanced by uplifting mineral acidity. Great energy and drive on the marathon finish. So graceful and sophisticated." Drink 2026-2034+. (RB. Tasted at Domaine with Vincent Latour in November 2024)

SAUMAIZE-MICHELIN





Saumaize-Michelin was created in 1977, when Roger Saumaize received 4-hectares of vines in Vergisson (the heart of the Pouilly-Fuissé appellation). A year later in 1978, he fully took over his father's estate. Over the subsequent decades along with his wife Christine (whose maiden surname is Michelin, hence the winery name), they have naturally increased vineyard holdings throughout Mâcon, Saint-Véran, and Pouilly-Fuissé to its current holding of 9.5-hectares. The estate has been producing wines according to biodynamic principles since 2005, and as a result, the old vines (40 to 45-years-old) are naturally low-yielding and disease-resistant, resulting in wines with increased complexity.

As prices have continued to rise in the Côte de Beaune in recent years, regions such as the Mâconnais have become more popular and attractive. Even more so since the approval of Premier Cru status for Pouilly-Fuissé from the 2020 vintage, in addition to wine critics and writers such as Neal Martin (Vinous), William Kelley (Wine Advocate), and Allen Meadows (Burghound) confidently placing Saumaize-Michelin alongside the iconic producers of Jean-Marie Guffens-Heynen and Daniel Barraud.

Saint-Véran 2023 £95 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of two parcels; the first from the village of Davayé (marl soils), and the second from Prissé (limestone soils). Vines have an average age of 15-years-old.

"Floral, bright nose of peach, apricot, and orange blossom. Lovely weight and texture off-set by mineral, saline acidity that drives through a core of further white stone and citrus fruit with added white pepper spice. Pure and precise with great tension." Drink 2025-2029. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Christine Michelin in November 2024)

Pouilly-Fuissé 'Pentacrine' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£125 IB (6x75cl)

A collection of plots from behind Vergisson where with a high proportion of chalk comes from the starshaped fossils (which the vineyard takes its name.).

"Delightful aromas of ripe lemon and orange citrus with added mango and pineapple. Ample, rounded texture supported by racy, mineral-laced acidity wraps around a multi-layered core of further citrus and tropical fruit as well as a dash of white pepper spice. Real chalky tension and verve on the iodine-infused finish. Bravo." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Christine Michelin in November 2024)

Pouilly-Fuissé 'Les Courtelongs' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£145 IB (6x75cl)

A high-altitude, north-facing vineyard that, as a result, was denied Premier Cru status. However, it produces vibrant, enticing wines from the red limestone soils.

"Appealing nose of pineapple, mango, and white peach. Lovely weight and rounded, creamy texture kept in check by the zesty acidity that adds freshness, energy, and tension. The tropical fruit dominated core is complemented by a streak of wild honey and white pepper that flow into a long, lingering finish. Delicious." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Christine Michelin in November 2024)

Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru 'Sur La Roche' 2023

£195 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel of southeast-facing, 42 to 100-year-old vines from the star Pouilly-Fuissé vineyard. Located above the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Crays' and 'La Maréchaude' inbetween the villages of Bussières and Davayé.

"Green apple and pear aromas fill the glass with a touch of chamomile. There's lovely purity and precision on the mid-palate thanks to the vivid, taught beam of acidity that cuts through and leads into more tropical fruit with pineapple, mango, and melon coming to the fore with hints of nutmeg spice. A superb Sur La Roche." Drink 2026-2031+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Christine Michelin in November 2024)

Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru 'Vers Cras' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£195 IB (6x75cl)

Situated in the centre of the appellation where the limestone soils producer powerful, yet refined wines.

"Ripe, concentrated nose of pineapple, mango, and mandarin with hints of quince spice. Rich and rounded with a creamy texture lifted by the taught, pure acidity that wraps around more of pineapple, orange and grapefruit citrus complemented by finely tuned toasted oak and vanilla spice. A voluptuous Vers Cras."

Drink 2025-2032+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Christine Michelin in November 2024)

Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru 'Les Crays' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£215 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.2-hectares from two plots of south-facing vines. The first found at the very northern end of the Pouilly-Fuissé appellation on blue clay, and the other near the house at the foothill of the famous Roche de Vergisson on red limestone.

"Intense and complex nose of mango, melon and orange blossom. So generous and richly textured though it still has wonderful tension, focus, and purity thanks to the lively acidity and saline drive. Similar tropical fruit core fused with mineral white pepper spice on the long, lingering finish. A real stunner!" Drink 2026-2032+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Christine Michelin in November 2024)

JEAN-JACQUES GIRARD





Founded in 1529 by Jean Girard, the Domaine lays claim to be run by one of Savigny-Les-Beaune's oldest vigneron families. Spearheaded by Jean-Jacques Girard and his wife, Agnès, together they own a total of 18-hectares throughout the Côte D'Or; namely in Savigny-Les-Beaune as well as small parcels in Pernand-Vergelesses, Beaune, Pommard, Volnay and Aloxe-Corton. In certain circumstances Jean-Jacques purchases grapes from long-term, trusted contacts for wines where he has no plantings of his own (e.g. Meursault). There is no denying that Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard is one of our favourite producers that provide a great range for all occasions delivering consistent quality and superb value wines.

Over the last few years there has been a changing of the guard as Jean-Jacques' sons, Vincent (pictured), and François, have stepped forward to lead the estate, however, the spirit and ethos remain the same. Jean-Jacques is still on hand to guide and advise, and seemingly his son's carry his Midas touch as the wines demonstrate typical house trademark vibrancy and juiciness.

Pernand-Vergelesses 'Les Belles Filles' Blanc 2023

£120 IB (6x75cl) £260 IB (6x150cl)

Located on the opposite side the Premier Cru vineyard 'Sous Frétilles' and the Corton-Charlemagne hill.

"Enticing aromas of lemon, green apple, and pear. The luscious, creamy texture is balanced the bright acidity that provides freshness and focus, flowing into a further core of more green and citrus fruits with an impressively long, tense finish." Drink 2025-2030. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Sous Frétilles' Blanc 2023

RECOMMENDED

£195 IB (6x75cl)

The 'Sous Frétille' vineyard is on the Corton-Charlemagne hill very close to the northern tip of 'En Charlemagne'.

"Charming aromas of citrus and white stone fruit combine with subtle toasted oak spice. Fuller and more rounded (in comparison to Les Belles Filles) with a lovely creamy texture that coats the palate and is complemented by a streak of zippy, uplifting acidity. More white peach, apricot, and mandarin on the white pepper spice laden finish that brims with mineral drive." Drink 2025-2030+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

Savigny-Les-Beaune Blanc 2023

RECOMMENDED

£130 IB (6x75cl) £290 IB (6x150cl)

Grapes sourced mainly from the excellent climat of 'Les Godeaux', which is sandwiched between the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Guettes' and 'Les Vergelesses'.

"Wow, seductive nose of green apple, mango, and pineapple with delicate coconut shavings. Juicy and generous on the mid-palate with a fantastic creamy texture that is underpinned by scintillating, racy acidity that carries the finish for minutes. So impressive. An abundance of similar tropical fruit fused with quince spice seals the deal. Star of the show!" Drink 2026-2031+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

Savigny-Les-Beaune Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£115 IB (6x75cl) £240 IB (6x150cl)

Two main parcels from the lieux-dits of 'Les Pimentiers' and 'Aux Champs Chardons' nestled away between Pernand-Vergelesses, Savigny-Les-Beaune, and Aloxe-Corton. A varied terroir of limestone topped with clay, pebbles and in parts, some sand.

"Impressive aromas of strawberry, red cherry, and raspberry with a charming iris uplift. Good structure and focus with soft, silky tannins and generous mouthfeel combined with impressive darker fruit core and touch of well-integrated liquorice spice." Drink 2025-2030. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Serpentières' Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£160 IB (6x75cl) £330 IB (6x150cl)

£130 IB (1x300cl)

Just 0.56-hectare plot of this excellent vineyard, which is considered as combining the soft, ripe qualities of Premier Cru `Les Rouvrettes` with the structure of Premier Cru `Les Peuillets`.

"Intense notes of blackberry, blueberry, and black cherry with a delicate floral edge. Striking concentration and depth yet so poised and sophisticated thanks to the ripe, rounded tannins and purity of further savoury black fruits and clove spice. As always, this was our favourite Savigny-Les-Beaune Premier Cru." Drink 2026-2032. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

RECOMMENDED

£160 IB (6x75cl) £330 IB (6x150cl) £130 IB (1x300cl)

One of Pernand-Vergelesses' original Premier Cru vineyards found to the west of the Corton hill. Vine ages range between 30 and 85 years old and come from a total of 0.42-hectares.

"Attractive fusion of red cherry, raspberry, and blackberry with added toasted oak spice. Plenty of power and concentration yet balanced by the ripe, rounded tannins that create a juicy, luscious texture. There's lovely tension, energy, and drive on the finale with more hedgerow fruit with underlying black pepper spice for good measure." Drink 2026-2031+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos du Roi' Rouge 2023

£180 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.48-hectare parcel from vines with an average age of 30-years-old. The vineyard is situated to the north of the appellation and is without doubt one of the best parcels in Beaune; little surprise it was revered by the dukes of Burgundy, hence its name.

"Enticing aromas of both red and black cherry, blackberry, and black raspberry with black pepper spice. Soft, silky tannins fill the palate and provide a ripe, generous texture that effortlessly fuses with more bramble fruit and savoury spice on the long, lingering finish. A Beaune Premier Cru fit for a king!" Drink 2026-2032+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

Corton Grand Cru 'Clos du Roi' 2023

£550 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel located underneath the Corton woods and next to the revered vineyards of 'Les Bressandes' and 'Les Renardes'.

"Intense and complex nose of blackcurrant, cassis, and blackberry with a gentle iris overtone. Majestic and rather imposing on the mid-palate showing real power, weight, and presence yet still so elegant and sophisticated. The ripe, integrated tannins and striking purity of hedgerow fruit and toasted oak spice combine on the superb finish. Simply stunning." Drink 2026-2034+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Girard in November 2024)

CHANSON





Founded in 1750 under Louis XI, Domaine Chanson is one of the oldest estates in Beaune and renowned for its prime 43-hectares of exclusively Premier, and Grand Cru vineyards. The old bastion in Beaune town centre has been Chanson's cellar for centuries, where the four-storey high structure, with 8-metre-thick walls, provides an exceptional atmosphere for the maturation of some of the finest Burgundian wines, maintaining a constant level of temperature and humidity.

In 1999, the Bollinger family took ownership of Domaine Chanson and following considerable investment and development in recent years there has been drastic improvement in quality. They are certainly a producer that flies under the radar, though we're not sure for how much longer!

Savigny-Les-Beaune Blanc 1er Cru 'Hauts Marconnets' 2023 RECOMMENDED £160 IB (6x75cl) A 2.18-hectare parcel located high on the Savigny-Les-Beaune hill overlooking the Beaune Premier Cru vineyards.

"Rich, enticing aromas of lemon, mango, and pineapple. Ripe, rounded, and creamy texture with impressive concentration balanced by fresh, focused acidity that leads into a more tropical fruit dominated core and mineral spice. Notable concentration and complexity; a real crowd pleaser!" Drink 2025-2029. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Wallys in November 2024)

Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 1er Cru 'En Caradeux' 2023

£180 IB (6x75cl)

A 1.90-hectare plot situated on the mid-slope close to the hill of Corton-Charlemagne.

"Abundance of lemon, grapefruit, and orange blossom. Ample and generous with a luscious texture supported by a vein of bright, racy acidity and further core of citrus, verging exotic fruit with plenty of white pepper spice on the lengthy finish. Vincent calls this a 'petit Corton-Charlemagne' and it's easy to see why. Bravo!" Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Wallys in November 2024)

Chassagne-Montrachet 2023

RECOMMENDED

£280 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of parcels from throughout the appellation giving a superb representation of Chassagne-Montrachet and its terroir.

Unfortunately, we were unable to taste during our visit to the Domaine. A tasting note will be taken as soon as we are able to do so.

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Chenevottes' 2023

£350 IB (6x75cl)

2-hectares of vines in several parcels positioned next door to the famous Montrachet Grand Cru.

"Expressive nose of green apple, lemon, and white flowers. Linear, pure, and precise on the mid-palate with fresh, mineral acidity that adds tension, drive, and focus. Multi-layered citrus-almost exotic fruit core with added grapefruit pith providing a charming bitter undertone to long, complex finish." Drink 2026-2031. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Wallys in November 2024)

Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos des Fèves' Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£330 IB (6x75cl)

3.80-hectare monopole owned by Chanson. Complex soils of clay and limestone on the mid-slope and surrounded by the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Écu', 'Les Perrières', 'En Genêt' and 'Les Cent-Vignes'. One of the top Beaune Premier Cru sites.

"Vibrant aromas of red and black cherry, blackberry, and raspberry with a hint of iris. Complex and concentrated yet still so vibrant and luscious in style due to the ripe, rounded tannins and juicy, pure fruit core of red and black fruit with added black pepper spice. Wow, so seductive and moreish." Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Vincent Wallys in November 2024)

AMBROISE





Maison Ambroise's origins date back to the 18th century when only a few parcels had been planted around Nuits-Saint-Georges. However, it was not until Bertrand Ambroise took over the vineyard from his father-in-law in 1987, working extensively and gradually expanding the Domaine to its current size of 20-hectares. Bertrand built a reputation for full-bodied and opulent wines and now his children, François and Ludivine, run the winery under the new name Domaine Ambroise Frère et Soeur.

The siblings have introduced a more refined and elegant style too by adapting ageing between traditional 228L barrels and 400L foudres, which maximises the purity of fruit to really come through in their wines. It's fantastic to see the next generation coming through at the estate and forging a new identity; François is certainly excelling having won on several occasions the Côte de Nuits Young Winemaker of the Year award. Bravo, François!

Bourgogne Pinto Noir 'Cuvée Vieilles Vignes' 2023 RECOM

RECOMMENDED £110 I

£110 IB (6x75cl)

Several parcels where vines have an average age of 75-years-old. 30% whole bunch and 30% new oak.

"Charming nose of red cherry, raspberry, and cranberry with a touch of wild garrigue herbs. Ripe and rounded on the palate with soft, yet prominent tannins providing structure and weight balanced by a core of more summer berry fruit and savoury spice. A brilliant Bourgogne Pinot Noir." Drink 2025-2029. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with François Ambroise in November 2024)

Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Vieilles Vignes' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£205 IB (6x75cl)

From one plot underneath Les Saint-Georges Premier Cru, where vines have an average of 75-years-old. 30% whole bunch and 50% new oak.

"Enticing aromas of black cherry, blackberry and blueberry with intense liquorice spice. Impressive structure and depth yet sophisticated too – very Vosne-Romanée in style - with ripe, rounded tannins and charming vibrancy that lift the concentrated core of savoury black fruit and nutmeg spice. Premier Cru quality at a fraction of the price!" Drink 2026-2032+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with François in November 2024)

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Rue de Chaux' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£370 IB (6x75cl)

A small vineyard holding south of the village itself and next to the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Le Procès' and 'Les Crots'. The clay-based soils are renowned for their ability to produce wines of superb richness and intensity. 100% new oak.

"Concentrated aromas of black cherry, black plum, and blackberry fused with toasted oak spice. Intense, complex, and structured mid-palate with ripe, firm tannins and generous, juicy texture. There's more dark, brooding hedgerow fruit and cinnamon spice that complement one another on long, graceful, and multi-layered finish. Bravo, François!". Drink 2028-2036+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with François Ambroise in November 2024)

Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Damaudes' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£295 IB (6x75cl)

A regular favourite situated just above the Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru vineyards and over the border from 'La Tâche' Grand Cru. 50% new oak.

"Seductive nose of blackberry, black cherry and mulberry with added smoky overtones. Dense, compact, and concentrated though poised and focused thanks to the ripe, rounded tannins that lead into a melange of red and black hedgerow fruit and black pepper spice on the marathon finish. Always a firm favourite."

Drink 2028-2035+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with François Ambroise in November 2024)

Corton 'Le Rognet' Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£420 IB (6x75cl)

Vines are located between the villages of Pernand-Vergelesses and Savigny-Les-Beaune (west) and Aloxe-Corton, Ladoix and Buisson (east). The east-facing bank is perfect for Pinot Noir with its layers of Oxfordian rock topped with iron and pebbles. 100% new oak.

"Wow – big, bold, and intense aromas of savoury black cherry, black plum, and blackcurrant with underlying toasted oak – no denying this is Le Rognet! Rich, powerful, and structured that demands your attention and reveals impressive tension, purity, and poise given time in the glass. The finale culminates in more black fruits combined with generous black pepper spice that tingles on the monolithic finish. As always, a great Corton Le Rognet worthy of its Grand Cru status!" Drink 2028-2038+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with François Ambroise in November 2024)

FAIVELEY





The Faiveley family have lived and worked Nuits-Saint-Georges since 1825. From 2007, Domaine Faiveley has been in the capable hands of the seventh generation with siblings Erwan, and Eve Faiveley, working alongside head winemaker Jérôme Flous. The 115-hectare Domaine is split between a 78-hectare estate in Mercurey (Côte Chalonnaise), as well as a further 37-hectares throughout several leading appellations in the Côte d'Or including Nuits-Saint-Georges, Gevrey-Chambertin, and Chambolle-Musigny as well as lesser-known appellations such as Marsannay and Ladoix.

It is now one of the largest producers in Burgundy, though the vineyards are run with military precision where nothing is left to chance, as several teams keep a close eye on the viticultural programme. Their aim for elegance and finesse is now being rewarded with each wine possessing individual character and quality, a great reflection of the Domaine's terroir. Faiveley's impressive brand-new winery completed in 2017, as well as contributes to their steady rise in quality, profile, and demand for their wines around the world.

Mercurey 'La Framboisière' Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£156 IB (6x75cl)

Monopole vineyard with 11.11-hectares of vines planted between 1949 and 1990. A hidden gem.

"Vibrant aromas of strawberry, raspberry, and red cherry with added violet uplift. Plump, juicy and rounded with ripe, velvety tannins that wrap around a core of further summer berry fruit and delicate touch of black pepper spice. Très bon." Drink 2025-2030. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Mercurey 1er Cru 'Clos de Myglands' Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£168 IB (6x75cl)

Monopole vineyard with 6.31-hectares of vines planted between 1963-1992. Known as one of the best Premier Cru plots in the Côte Chalonnaise.

"Dark, dense, and serious nose (in comparison to La Framboisière) of black cherry, blackberry, and mulberry with smoky overtones. Concentrated and powerful yet retains vibrancy and juiciness thanks to ripe, rounded tannins and purity of a more hedgerow fruit dominated core fused with well-integrated toasted spice." Drink 2025-2030+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Damodes' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£456 IB (6x75cl)

A tiny 0.8-hectare parcel of this excellent Premier Cru vineyard that has a hint of Vosne-Romanée influence thanks to its adjacent position at the top of the slope.

"Luscious savoury aromas of black cherry, mulberry, and black raspberry intermingle with smoky, toasted oak spice. Rich, fleshy, and rounded on the mid-palate balanced by ripe, generous tannins and ample texture leading into a core of bramble fruit and nutmeg spice on the long, seamless finish. A joy." Drink 2028-2036. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'La Combe Aux Moines' 2023 ON ALLOCATION £534 IB (6x75cl) Another minute 0.8-hectare plot embedded in fossil-rich clay and white marl soils, some dating back to 1933. A vineyard influenced by the cool climate due to its location at the top of the hill near the woods (above Premier Cru 'Les Cazétiers').

"Captivating nose of red and black cherry, raspberry, and a touch of blackberry. Vibrant and luscious texture thanks to the ripe, velvety tannins that envelop a further core of dark black fruit and plenty of black pepper spice. Intense, complex and so pure on the long, substantial finish." Drink 2028-2036. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Les Cazétiers' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£636 IB (6x75cl)

Vineyard holdings have increased since 2012 from 2.05-hectares to 4-hectares (although not everything is currently in production). It is situated between the Premier Cru vineyards of 'La Combe aux Moines' and 'Clos Saint Jacques'.

"Complex aromas of black cherry, black raspberry, and cooling blueberry overtones fused with a gentle iris uplift. Soft, silky, and utterly gorgeous texture thanks to the rounded, seductive tannins and concentrated core of savoury black fruit and toasted oak spice. Powerful, pure, and precise." Drink 2028-2036. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Corton 'Clos de Cortons Faiveley' Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,158 IB (6x75cl)

A 2.75-hectare monopole formed from the plots known as 'Le Corton' and 'Le Rognet' that have been owned by Faiveley since 1874.

"Expressive aromas of ripe red and black summer berries intertwined with smoky toasted oak spice. Deceptively powerful and structured due to the ample, generous texture from the rounded tannins and luscious, vibrant core of hedgerow fruit and cracked black pepper spice on the seriously long finish. Very pure and luscious." Drink 2030-2040+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Échezeaux 'En Orveaux' Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,302 IB (6x75cl)

The 0.79-hectare parcel of this sub-climat is situated at the northern end of the appellation on the slope close to Chambolle-Musigny Premier Cru 'La Combe d'Orveau'. It was planted in 1950, 1956, and 1985.

"Enticing black cherry, blackberry, and mulberry dominant nose with integrated toasted oak spice. Dense, complex, and compact, yet retains superb vibrancy and energy leading into a multi-layered black fruit and black pepper spice infused marathon finish. Bravo." Drink 2030-2042. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,302 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of three small plots totalling just 1.3-hectares (out of a total 50-hecatres). Two parcels are in the lower part of the Clos; with the third situated in the centre near the Château.

"Seductive black fruit dominant nose with a vibrant floral overtone. Complex and concentrated yet also so juicy and luscious on the mid-palate with ripe, integrated tannins and ample texture that fills the palate. A melange of red and black fruit with added black pepper spice combines on the long, generous finish." Drink 2030-2040+. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,488 IB (6x75cl)

The most southern of Gevrey-Chambertin Grand Cru vineyards and known in medieval times as 'la petite merveille' (the little wonder) regarding its consistent high-quality wines. A 1.3-hectare plot with vines planted in 1958, 1984 and 1989.

"Beguiling aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and mulberry with an intense smoky overtone. Dense, compact, and complex complemented by the velvety, rounded tannins and pure, luscious core of further bramble fruit and cracked black pepper spice on the epic finish. Refined and elegant on the marathon finish." Drink 2032-2042. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,488 IB (6x75cl)

The most northern of Gevrey-Chambertin's Grand Cru vineyards, where Faiveley own 1.3-hectares located in 'Mazis-Haut' (Upper Mazis) on a bed composed of shallow, alluvial soils.

"Complex nose of both red and black cherry, loganberry, and boysenberry. Powerful and intense on the mid-palate exploding into a profound core of ripe, concentrated black fruit supported by prominent, yet integrated tannins. More savoury black fruit, subtle oak, and mocha spice combine on the superb finish." Drink 2030-2042. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

Chambertin 'Clos de Bèze' Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£2,322 IB (6x75cl)

Faiveley have owned the largest allocation of 'Clos de Bèze' since the 1930's with 1.3-hectares divided between 3 parcels: 'Grands Rangs', 'Clos de Bèze Haut' and 'Vieilles Vignes'.

"Wow, super intense and seductive aromas of both red and black cherry, blackberry, and black raspberry with undertones of toasted oak spice. Luscious, velvety texture and seamless balance throughout from the ripe, ample tannins and wonderful purity of more bramble and hedgerow fruit with serious white pepper spice. Impressive power, tension, and length... what a brilliant wine!" Drink 2030-2044. (JG. Tasted at the Domaine with Matthieu Luneau in November 2024)

ROSSIGNOL-TRAPET





Archives show that the Rossignol family have run vineyards in the famous Côte de Nuits since the 16th century so brothers Nicolas and David Rossignol, have plenty of experience to draw upon when creating their wines. The Domaine has grown steadily over the last few decades thanks to a refinement in winemaking techniques, the construction of a new winery in Gevrey-Chambertin in the late 1990's, as well as the improvement and management of vineyard health.

Conscious that great wines are made first and foremost in the vineyard, the brothers started their change to biodynamic farming in 1997, beginning their Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru vineyard. They converted the whole Domaine in 2004 and were fully certified in 2005. They own a total of 13-hectares of vines throughout Gevrey-Chambertin as well as a few plots around Beaune, creating excellent quality wines with incredible elegance and sophistication.

We are great supporters of Rossignol-Trapet having bought their wines for over 15 years now. It is a real joy to have seen the development and progression of the estate in that time, which has seen them become one of the true superstars of Burgundy.

Bourgogne Rouge 2023

RECOMMENDED

£120 IB (6x75cl)

A miniscule 0.85-hectare plot planted in 1999 in 'En Grands Champs', which borders 'La Burie', 'Pressonnier' and 'Croix de Champs'.

"Vibrant aromas of raspberry, red cherry, and cranberry intertwined with a charming floral overtone. Forward, ripe, and rounded with soft, silky tannins and wonderfully pure and crunchy red summer berry fruit core and dash of white pepper spice. Delicious." Drink 2025-2029. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Savigny-Les-Beaune 'Les Bas Liards' 2023

£160 IB (6x75cl)

Minute 0.25-hectare parcel planted in 1982 and 1984. Located opposite the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Rouvrettes' and 'Les Narbantons' with a north-south orientation.

"Charming aromas of black cherry and blackberry fused with smoky overtones. Well-structured with presence and grip yet balanced by the concentrated core of further dark black fruit and clove spice. Good weight and impressive length." Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Beaune 'Les Mariages' 2023

£180 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel planted in the 1980s located underneath the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Grèves' and 'Les Toussaints'.

"Attractive nose of red and black cherry, black raspberry, cassis and violet – a touch more floral (in comparison to Les Mariages). Luscious and pure with mega-ripe, juicy tannins and vibrant core of both red and black fruit. Slightly Chambolle-Musigny in style thanks to its seductive and luscious nature." Drink 2025-2030. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Teurons' 2023

£280 IB (6x75cl)

From the highest, most favoured part of the site located directly below the Premier Cru 'Aux Cras' vineyard. It is quite warm, but the stony soils always provide balanced freshness and good purity.

"Impressive red summer fruit nose with added blackcurrant overtones. Lovely tension, power, and precision with a mineral-infused backbone that adds structure and definition, leading into a blacker fruit dominant core supported by white pepper spice. Good energy and a finely tuned Teurons." Drink 2025-2031. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vieilles Vignes' 2023

RECOMMENDED

£245 IB (6x75cl)

Made from a selection of three Gevrey-Chambertin plots; Villages, 'Les Crais' as well as 'Jouise' where vines have an average age of 50 to 85-years-old.

"Enticing nose of blackberry, Morello cherry, and mulberry fused with a seductive smoky undertone. So vibrant and juicy on the mid-palate with soft, ample, and velvety tannins that fill the mouth and wrap around a core of further bramble fruit and nutmeg spice on the long, sophisticated finish. A generous Gevrey." Drink 2025-2031. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Gevrey-Chambertin 'Aux Ételois' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£350 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.35-hectare plot situated in between the Grand Cru vineyards of 'Aux Griottes' and 'Charmes-Chambertin', where vines have an average age of 60 to 70-years-old.

"Wow, such striking aromas of blackberry, mulberry, and boysenberry with intense, smoky spice overtones. Rich, rounded, and ripe with luscious, silky tannins and wonderfully sophisticated structure and mouthfeel... so, so elegant. Very impressive power, energy, and vibrancy on the hedgerow fruit and black pepper spice core that flows into a streamlined, persistent finish." Drink 2026-2032+. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Petite Chapelle' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£595 IB (6x75cl)

A continuation of 'Chapelle-Chambertin' Grand Cru, despite a faint slope separating the two.

"Remarkably concentrated nose of black cherry, loganberry, and black raspberry with added spice lift. Superb purity and structure thanks to ripe, rounded, and integrated tannins balanced by the multi-layered red and black berry fruit core and clove spice. Juicy, pure, and generous... so well-knitted together as it flows into the long, serious finish." Drink 2027-2034. (Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,200 IB (6x75cl)

Positioned directly underneath 'Clos de Bèze' Grand Cru and beside 'Griottes-Chambertin' Grand Cru on the gentle hill incline south of the village. 0.55-hectares of vines planted in 1924 on a limestone base covered with a shallow pebble-topsoil (0.5m).

"Rich aromas of red and black cherry, blackberry, and Morello cherry with integrated toasted oak spice. Dense, compact, and concentrated thanks to the ripe, yet prominent tannins that add structure and wrap around a core of more brooding black fruits fused together with cinnamon and nutmeg spice on the driven, finish." Drink 2030-2040. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,200 IB (6x75cl)

Situated directly south of 'Chambertin' and above 'Mayozères ou Charmes' Grand Cru vineyards, on the Morey-Saint Denis border. A total 0.73-hectares of vines planted on deep clay soils, which benefit from the cooler climate; a combination of the valley and westerly winds resulting in it always being the latest ripening vineyard.

"Attractive and rather enchanting nose of sour red cherry, raspberry, and cranberry with added raspberry and a deft violet uplift. However, it is also deceptively powerful and concentrated on the mid-palate balanced by silky tannins and intense dark black fruit core with mocha spice. Seriously impressive vibrancy, purity, and drive with a mineral seam that runs all the way through the wine and provides a marathon finish. Bravo." Drink 2030-2040+. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

Chambertin Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£1,800 IB (6x75cl)

Situated in between the Grand Cru vineyards of 'Latricières' and 'Clos de Bèze'. A 1.60-hectare plot in the centre of the vineyard on a gentle, east-facing slope of hard limestone topped with clay.

"Without a doubt the most striking nose... what a wine! Deep, dark, and intense aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and cassis with generous toasted oak spice. Full, dense, and compact on the palate yet still so pure and precise. Waves upon waves of concentrated black, savoury fruit and nutmeg spice build into a crescendo finish that last for minutes. Powerful and graceful at the same time. Simply superb." Drink 2032-2042. (RB. Tasted at the Domaine with Nicolas Rossignol in November 2024)

A.F. GROS





In 1988, Anne-Françoise Gros established Domaine A.F. Gros, when her parents, Jean and Janine Gros, decided to relieve a few parcels of the family Domaine. At the same time, Anne-Françoise acquired another Domaine in Flagey-Échezeaux, and later with her husband, François Parent, purchased a vineyard in Savigny-Les-Beaune.

The whole Domaine is now run by their children, Mathias (winemaker), and Caroline (commercial sales), who create some of the most elegant, sophisticated, and sought-after wines in Burgundy. They currently own 10-hectares of vines throughout Vosne-Romanée, Gevrey-Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny in the Côte de Nuits, Pommard in the Côte de Beaune, as well as Moulin-À-Vent in Beaujolais. There is a négociant side to the business too where grapes are bought through long-term contracts with trusted growers, which are bottled under the label: Maison Parent-Gros.

It is incredible to see how far this Domaine has come in such a short space of time under Mathias and Caroline's guidance, and we are extremely excited to see their progression in the coming years. It is, without a doubt, one of the most fascinating estates in Burgundy and certainly one to watch (if it's not already on your radar!)

(Maison) Gevrey-Chambertin 2023

RECOMMENDED

£490 IB (6x75cl)

Grapes are sourced from a long-term trusted grower and this year 100% is from the 'La Justice' vineyard.

"Elegant, pure, and enticing red summer berry dominant nose. Plump, ample, and generous mouthfeel thanks to the ripe, fine tannins that provide a lovely silky textured mid-palate. Reinforced red fruit core with a dash of white pepper spice seals the deal on the energetic, juicy finish." Drink 2026-2032. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)

(Domaine) Chambolle-Musigny 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£460 IB (6x75cl)

Combined 5 parcels totalling less than 1-hectare, yet always produces a great representation of the appellation.

"Beautiful aromas of red and black cherry with added iris uplift. Super soft, silky, and ethereal texture on the mid-palate; incredibly refined, balanced, and elegant due to the ripe, rounded tannins and seamless finish. Impressive concentration and depth on the finale with added liqourice spice for good measure. Très bon indeed." Drink 2026-2032+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)

(Domaine) Vosne-Romanée 'Les Chalandins' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£460 IB (6x75cl)

The parcel straddles the border between Vosne-Romanée and Flagey-Echézeaux and is surrounded by the vineyards of 'Basses Maizières', 'Vigneux' and 'Aux Ormes'.

"Beguiling nose of bramble fruit with added toasted oak spice. Rich, plump, and rounded thanks to the soft, supple tannins that float across the palate and lead into more dark black fruit fused with clove spice. Powerful and complex yet retains impressive purity and finesse on the dreamy, mineral-driven finish."

Drink 2027-2034. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)

(Domaine) Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Réas' 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£460 IB (6x75cl)

The plot (1.1-hectares) in this excellent lieu-dit is located on the Nuits-Saint-Georges / Vosne-Romanée border and is flanked by the Premier Cru 'Clos des Réas' to the north, as well as 'Les Jacquines' and 'Audessus de la Rivière' vineyards to the south.

"Serious, brooding aromas of black cherry, mulberry, and black cherry intertwine with smoky spice. Such impressive power, depth, and complexity, yet wonderfully balanced by the core of pure, vibrant, and luscious dark black fruit and seamlessly integrated toasted oak spice. Finely tuned, focused, and simply fantastic... as always, it's a firm favourite!" Drink 2028-2035. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)

(Domaine) Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£895 IB (3x75cl)

Miniscule 0.53-hectares from 3 parcels situated near Château Clos de Vougeot.

"Wonderfully expressive nose of black cherry, cassis, and blackberry with integrated toasted oak spice. Powerful, dense, and compact mouthfeel underpinned by juicy, luscious tannins that envelop more dark black fruit and cinnamon spice. Serious structure and multi-layered complexity leading into a monolithic finish. Wow." Drink 2030-2042+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)

(Domaine) Échezeaux Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£950 IB (3x75cl)

Produced from vines with an average age of 90-year-old. Sections of the vineyards are currently being replanted, and therefore only 0.45-hectares are in production.

"Broody and complex aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and mulberry with savoury, smoky overtones. A blockbuster of a wine with notable power, complexity, and structure, yet still so graceful and refined thanks to the silky texture and juicy dark black fruit core laden with delicate white pepper spice. Lots of tension and precision on the finale; what a stunner." Drink 2030-2042+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)

(Domaine) Richebourg Grand Cru 2023

ON ALLOCATION

£2,000 IB (3x75cl)

Situated near the Grand Cru vineyards of 'La Romanée', 'La Romanée-Conti' and 'Romanée-Saint-Vivant'. Richebourg has a combined total of 8-hectares, of which A.F. Gros own 0.59-hectares, therefore making them the second largest occupant after Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. Caroline explained that they are implementing the use of ceramic eggs as a neutral vessel for the purity of the wine to be more prominent. The final blend will be equal parts 50-50 barrel and ceramic egg.

Barrel sample

"Deep, dark, and seductive aromas of blackcurrant, black cherry, and blackberry with savoury spice. Big, bold, and powerful with a plush, rich texture that flows across and fills the palate thanks to the integrated tannins and multi-layered core of bramble fruit with added mocha and dark chocolate spice. Wonderful concentration and complexity on the majestic finish."

Ceramic egg sample

"Much more red fruit dominant nose with a floral uplift – very attractive and perfumed. There's still nice weight and structure, though there's more emphasis on sophistication and elegance here thanks to the ripe, juicy tannins and purity of the red fruit dominant core. The resulting blend will be a marvellous wine. Bravo, Mathias!"

Drink 2032-2044+. (AR. Tasted at the Domaine with Caroline Parent-Gros in November 2024)