

BURGUNDY 2018 EN PRIMEUR

'Joyful' was the word used by producers... to describe 2018, and it was a great pleasure to taste these embryonic wines. After visiting around 35 producers.... I found very few disappointments in a mostly generous vintage picked under blue skies.

Julia Harding MW (JancisRobinson.com)

"...the 2018 Burgundies exceeded my estimate.... wines that are destined to give a lot of pleasure. I loved the purity of fruit and the pinoté of the reds... The real surprise is the quality of the whites... Neal Martin (Vinous.com)

Whites: pure, soft, gentle whites which will give much early pleasure

Reds: rich, bold reds with good structure for mid to long term enjoyment

Prior to our week in Burgundy we had formed a picture of what the vintage might be. Our expectations were of potentially very ripe, juicy reds and slightly softer whites where we would have to navigate to find sufficient acidity and this indeed turned out to be the case. The whites will offer particularly delicious short to mid-term drinking, while the reds have volume of fruit, ripe tannins and an utterly seductive quality that will make them delicious from the starting blocks whilst having an inherent balance to age brilliantly. We found great typicity and beautiful freshness at many addresses and we are confident that this is an exciting vintage that you will not want to miss.

From the growers' perspective the vintage started well because winter gave them enough water to fill the aquifers and as it turned out this was important to the success of the vintage. Flowering was successful resulting in good fruit set and a potentially large crop. Good growers were careful to control yields in order not to over-stress the vines, which proved a key decision due to the summer heatwave.

As harvest approached potential alcohol degrees were increasing rapidly, gaining a degree over the course of just a few days. The harvest date became crucial and many growers brought forward their start dates to the end of August, organising pickers and equipment in haste in order to preserve acidity and freshness in the whites. For the reds picking dates were equally key, and a late harvest date entailed a risk of losing freshness in the fruit as alcohol levels rose and acidity dropped. As ever the best estates managed the conditions well and gentle extractions have delivered superbly juicy, deep coloured vibrant reds.

There are many reds and whites of outstanding quality. One could say the vintage has the succulence of the 2009 vintage with finer tannins than 2016 and the freshness of 2010. There is no direct vintage comparison but we are happy to confirm that these are delicious wines with which to top up your cellar.

Given the tiny size of the 2019 crop (and likely price rises), and the delicious nature of these 2018's we strongly recommend that you secure this vintage as soon as you are able. If you would like us to guide you with regard to purchases please do not hesitate to ask, we will be only too pleased to share our enthusiasm for these wines.

With very best wishes,

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Where prices have not yet been released, they are marked TBC (To Be Confirmed). We will update this brochure regularly, so please keep checking the website, or let us know your interest and we will let you know when they are available. Prices are under bond excluding duty and VAT and are for cases of 12x75cl or 6x75cl unless otherwise shown.

Please note; wines are offered subject to availability and where demand exceeds supply wine will be allocated taking into account the balance of the overall order and previous order history with DBM wines.

Wines in this offer as follows;

<i>Code</i>	<i>Wine</i>	<i>IB</i>		
	<u>White Wines</u>			
<i>JC1</i>	Rully 'Montmorins' Blanc, Jean Chartron	£156	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>FV1</i>	Rully 'Les Villeranges' Blanc, Maison Faiveley	£160	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>JQ1</i>	Rully Blanc, Jacqueson	£90	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FV2</i>	Mercurey Blanc 'Clos Rochette', Maison Faiveley	£189	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>JQ2</i>	Rully Blanc 1er Cru Margotées, Jacqueson	£105	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>JQ3</i>	Rully Blanc 1er Cru Gresigny, Jacqueson	£110	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>DF1</i>	Bourgogne, Hautes CdeB 'Clos Bortier', Fouqueraud	£165	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>JC4</i>	Bourgogne, Hautes CdeB, J Chartron (Inc VAT)	£119	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>AT1</i>	Bourgogne Blanc, 'Champs Perrier', Tessier	£95	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>BM1</i>	Bourgogne Blanc, Bernard Moreau	£195	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>AT2</i>	Bourgogne Blanc 'Les Herbeux', Tessier	£100	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>HL1</i>	Bourgogne Blanc 'Les Chataigners' Hubert Lamy	£100	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FV3</i>	Ladoix, Maison Faiveley	£199	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>CH1</i>	Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru Hauts Marconnets, Chanson	£126	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>JC2</i>	Pernand Vergelesses Blanc, Jean Chartron	£135	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM1</i>	Santenay Blanc 1er Cru Clos Tavannes, Remoissenet	£159	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CH2</i>	Pernand Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Caradeux, Chanson	£162	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>JD3</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Clos de Mouches Blanc, Joseph Drouhin	£525	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>VP3</i>	Meursault 'Les Vireuils', Vincent Prulier	£210	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>BM1</i>	Meursault 'Chaumes', Boyer-Martenot	£210	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>BM2</i>	Meursault 'Tillets', Boyer-Martenot	£215	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>AT3</i>	Meursault 'Les Casse Tets', Tessier	£225	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM2</i>	Meursault 1er Cru Les Cras, Remoissenet	£258	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>AT4</i>	Meursault 1er Cru Charmes Dessus, Tessier	£330	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>AT5</i>	Meursault 1er Cru Genevrieres, Tessier	£375	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FV5</i>	Meursault 1er Cru Charmes, Faiveley	£385	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>

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JC1	Saint Aubin 'Compendium', Joseph Colin	£150	cs	6
VP1	St Aubin 1er Cru Sentier du Clou, Vincent Prunier	£159	cs	6
PP1	St Aubin 1er Cru Charmois, Paul Pillot	£168	cs	6
JC3	St Aubin 1er Cru Murgers Dents de Chiens, Jean Chartron	£168	cs	6
BM2	St Aubin 1er Cru Sur Gamay, Bernard Moreau	£185	cs	6
JC1	Saint Aubin 1er Cru Frionnes, Joseph Colin	£195	cs	6
JC1	Saint Aubin 1er Cru Chateniere, Joseph Colin	£210	cs	6
HL4	St Aubin 1er Cru Clos de la Chateniere, Hubert Lamy	£240	cs	6
HL3	St Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly, Hubert Lamy	£240	cs	6
LP2	Puligny Montrachet Les Noyers Brets, F&L Pillot	£189	cs	6
VP4	Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Garennes, Vincent Prunier	£294	cs	6
FV4	Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Gains, Faiveley	£299	cs	6
CH3	Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Folatieres, Domaine Chanson	£369	cs	6
LP1	Chassagne Montrachet Villages, F&L Pillot	£170	cs	6
BM3	Chassagne Montrachet Villages, Bernard Moreau	£200	cs	6
LP3	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot, F&L Pillot	£220	cs	6
LP4	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Champs Gains, F&L Pillot	£220	cs	6
HL2	Chassagne Montrachet 'Concis du Champ', Hubert Lamy	£240	cs	6
LP5	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Vide Bourse, F&L Pillot	£260	cs	6
PP2	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean, Paul Pillot	£280	cs	6
BM4	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Maltroie, Bernard Moreau	£325	cs	6
BM5	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeots, Bernard Moreau	£325	cs	6
JD2	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot, Laguiche, Drouhin	£384	cs	6
PP3	Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets, Paul Pillot	£395	cs	6
JD1	Chablis Grand Cru Vaudesir, J Drouhin	£258	cs	6
TB6	Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Tollot-Beaut	£600	cs	6
FV6	Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Maison Faiveley	£825	cs	6
JD4	Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis de Laguiche, J Drouhin	£2,430	cs	6
	<u>Red Wines</u>			
JQ5	Rully Rouge Chaponnieres, Jacqueson	£90	cs	6
JQ7	Mercurey 1er Cru Les Nauges, Jacqueson	£105	cs	6
JQ6	Rully Rouge 1er Cru Preaux, Jacqueson	£105	cs	6
JQ8	Rully Rouge 1er Cru Les Cloux, Jacqueson	£115	cs	6
FV7	Mercurey 1er Cru Clos des Myglands, Domaine Faiveley	£235	cs	12
DF2	Bourgogne HC de Beaune 'Derriere Montbard', Fouquerand	£165	cs	12
BG1	Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Berthaut-Gerbet	£175	cs	12
CA1	Bourgogne Rouge 'Roncevie', Arlaud	£175	cs	12
TB1	Bourgogne Rouge, Tollot-Beaut	£90	cs	6
FT1	Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Nuits Rouge, Felettig	£99	cs	6
MG1	Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Fontaine St Martin, Gros	£108	cs	6

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<i>MC1</i>	Maranges 1er Cru Clos Roussots, Maurice-Charleux	£199	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>DF3</i>	Santenay 'Comme Dessus', Fouquerand	£225	<i>cs</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>TB2</i>	Chorey Les Beaune La Piece du Chapitre, Tollot-Beaut	£120	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM3</i>	Pernand Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Caradeux, Remoissenet	£129	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CH4</i>	Pernand Vergelesses 1er Cru Les Vergelesses, Chanson	£159	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>LB1</i>	Volnay Village 'Grand Poissots', Louis Boillot	£192	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>TB3</i>	Aloxe Corton 1er Cru Fournieres, Tollot-Beaut	£240	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>LB3</i>	Volnay 1er Cru Les Angles, Louis Boillot	£276	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM5</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Marconnets, Remoissenet (Domaine)	£189	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM4</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Teurons, Remoissenet (Domaine)	£189	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RT2</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Teurons, Rossigol-Trapet	£195	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>TB4</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Tollot-Beaut	£270	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CH6</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Feves, Chanson	£279	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CH5</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Mouches, Chanson	£279	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>JD7</i>	Beaune 1er Cru Clos de Mouches Rouge, Joseph Drouhin	£390	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>HG1</i>	Nuits St Georges Villages, Henri Gouges	£195	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>HG2</i>	Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Porrets, Henri Gouges	£255	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FV9</i>	Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Les Porets St Georges, Faiveley	£279	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>HG3</i>	Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Pruliers, Henri Gouges	£330	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>HG4</i>	Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Vaucrains, Henri Gouges	£435	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FT2</i>	Chambolle Musigny Vieilles Vignes, Felettig	£210	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CA3</i>	Chambolle Musigny Villages, Arlaud	£225	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>TM2</i>	Chambolle Musigny Villages, Taupenot-Merme	£225	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>JD5</i>	Chambolle Musigny Villages, Joseph Drouhin	£259	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM8</i>	Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Combottes, Remoissenet	£380	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>JD6</i>	Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru, Joseph Drouhin	£390	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>BG5</i>	Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Plantes, Berthaut-Gerbet	£395	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FV11</i>	Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes, Faiveley	£415	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FV12</i>	Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Fuees, Faiveley	£579	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>RM6</i>	Vosne Romanee Villages, Remoissenet	£225	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>FT3</i>	Vosne Romanee Villages, Felettig	£240	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>BG3</i>	Vosne Romanee Villages, Berthaut-Gerbet	£250	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>MG2</i>	Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Aux Brulees, Michel Gros	£480	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>MG3</i>	Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Clos de Reas, Michel Gros	£498	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>BG6</i>	Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Petits Monts, Berthaut-Gerbet	TBC	<i>cs</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>JD8</i>	Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Petits Monts, J Drouhin	TBC	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CA2</i>	Morey St Denis Villages, Arlaud	£195	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>TM3</i>	Morey St Denis Villages, Taupenot-Merme	£240	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>CA5</i>	Morey St Denis 1er Cru Les Ruchots, Arlaud	£315	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>TM4</i>	Morey St Denis 1er Cru Riotte, Taupenot-Merme	£395	<i>cs</i>	<i>6</i>

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BG2	Fixin Les Crais, Berthaut-Gerbet	£155	cs	6
RT1	Gevrey Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Rossignol-Trapet	£174	cs	6
BG4	Gevrey Chambertin Combes de Dessus, Berthaut-Gerbet	£195	cs	6
LB2	Gevrey Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Louis Boillot	£204	cs	6
TM1	Gevrey Chambertin Villages, Taupenot-Merme	£210	cs	6
CA4	Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Aux Chezeaux, Arlaud	£285	cs	6
LB4	Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Champonnets, Louis Boillot	£348	cs	6
RM7	Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers, Remoissenet	£350	cs	6
FV10	Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetieres, Faiveley	£375	cs	6
LB5	Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Cherbaudes, Louis Boillot	£438	cs	6
TM5	Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Bel Air, Taupenot-Merme	£495	cs	6
TB5	Corton Bressandes Grand Cru, Tollot-Beaut	£405	cs	6
RT3	Chapelle Chambertin Grand Cru, Rossignol-Trapet	£630	cs	6
TM6	Corton Rognet Grand Cru, Taupenot-Merme	£640	cs	6
FV14	Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru, Faiveley	£650	cs	6
CA6	Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru, Arlaud	£650	cs	6
FV15	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, Faiveley	£715	cs	6
TM7	Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru, Taupenot-Merme	£795	cs	6
RM9	Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Remoissenet	£795	cs	6
TM8	Mazoyeres Chambertin Grand Cru, Taupenot-Merme	£985	cs	6
RT4	Chambertin Grand Cru, Rossignol-Trapet	£1,080	cs	6
JD9	Musigny Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	TBC	cs	3

TASTING NOTES (by producer from Côte de Nuits to Côte de)

Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet, Fixin

This was our second tasting with Amélie who, having been put in charge of the estate in 2013 by her father, has made some radical changes and moved the estate into the modern era with super results. We are very excited by the wines; they have wonderful energy and elegance and this Domaine is definitely a rising star. Amélie is very modest and hard-working and seems surprised by the attention her wines are attracting. Perfume and finesse are the hallmarks here.

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits

Drink: 2021-2026

Price: £175 per 12

Lifted red fruits, this wine has lots of energy. Lovely tannins and quality for Hautes Côtes de Nuits. The 60 year old vines are planted at the top of Vosne Romanée.

Fixin Les Crais

Drink: 2021-2026

Price: £155 per 6

This has an extra layer of perfume. The flagship of the domaine. Beautiful, racy wine, very fine, lacy fruit. So much finesse for Fixin. *"The 2018 Fixin Les Crais sees around 20% new oak. It has a lovely bouquet of dark cherry, black currant and violet aromas, the 20% whole cluster nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, quite good structure and fine acidity..."* Neal Martin 89-91/100 *Vinous.com*

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Gevrey Chambertin, Combes de Dessus

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £195 per 6

Very dark colour. More closed on the nose. Very low-yielding site. Wonderful perfume, very juicy and pretty.

"The 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin Combe de Dessus is now a separate blend. It has a lovely, pure bouquet of red cherry, blueberry and light iodine/marine scents. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, fine acidity, good cohesion and a nicely structured finish. It should drink well for a decade or more." Neal Martin 90-92/100 Vinous.com

Vosne-Romanée

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £250 per 6

From two plots "Les Réas" and "Au Dessus de la Rivière", planted in 1960. Riper, darker fruit. Plenty of structure but the tannins are very fine and unforced.

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Plantes

Drink: 2022-37 Price: £375 per 6

The nose explodes with perfume and this carries on into the palate. The texture is cashmere silk. This is bursting with energy, positively dancing. Very complex and long.

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Petits Monts

Drink: 2022-37 Price: £TBA per 3

Petits Monts sits just above Richebourg and rates as one of Vosne's finest 1er Cru's, a steep vineyard where all work has to be done by hand. Tremendous length on this wine. Bright and vivacious, complex, perfumed. Really creamy and layered with enchanting elegance and grace.

Domaine Rossignol Trapet, Gevrey-Chambertin

The 2018 vintage is one of the best we have tasted at the domaine. An absolute belter of a vintage which really exhibits what a combination of helpful vintage conditions and attention to detail can deliver. Very perfumed, graceful wines with real power this year.

"Their wines have performed impressively during the annual Burgfest blind tastings – a perfect litmus test to see whose wines are really doing the business inside the bottle" Neal Martin, Vinous.com

Gevrey Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £174 per 6

Huge colour. Deep, velvety, sweet black fruits. Big tannins on the finish. Very juicy, lovely freshness. Feels very impressive. Layers of creamy fruit. Powerful.

"... a lovely bouquet of undergrowth scents percolating through red berry fruit that is slightly darker than the Bourgogne Rouge, the 50% whole cluster nicely integrated. The lightly spiced palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and an elegant finish that exerts gentle grip. Give it two or three years in bottle" Neal Martin 89-91/100 Vinous.com

Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £195 per 6

Lovely, pure, very elegant, gentle texture. Beautiful caress of fruit. Very pretty and elegant. The ripeness of the vintage can be felt here but also freshness and energy.

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Chapelle Chambertin, Grand Cru

Drink: 2025-2035

Price: £630 per 6

Dense and very powerful with a core of rich fruit. Super density, this feels very complete. There is a chocolate, mocha note and a touch of spice on the finish. This is both powerful and elegant - a majestic wine

"...a perfumed, floral bouquet of wild strawberry, wilted rose petal, juniper and orange blossom aromas that gently unfold in the glass. The palate has a fleshy texture on the opening and finely judged acidity. Candied red fruit intermixes with marmalade and a drop of honey toward the finish. A seductive Chapelle Chambertin..." Neal Martin 92-94/100 Vinous.com

Chambertin, Grand Cru

Drink: 2025-2035

Price: £1080 per 6

Huge colour. Very deep, dark and spicy, yet incredibly pure. This is a superstar. Huge intensity and really complete middle palate. Truly gorgeous wine for the cellar.

Immense power and layer upon layer of mouthwatering fruit. This will age brilliantly. Magnificent. Beautifully managed tannins and very harmonious.

"The 2018 Chambertin Grand Cru comes from two parcels. The wonderful, extremely well-defined bouquet immediately expresses the aristocratic nature of this vineyard, offering red berry fruit, orange pith, crushed stone and wilted rose petal, and becoming more and more intense with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and very impressive balance. There is a judicious spiciness to this grand cru. Structured on the finish, with a long, persistent aftertaste. Superb breeding here. Recommended, especially given the price of other Chambertins". 94-96/100 Neal Martin Vinous.com

Domaine Taupenot-Merme, Morey-St-Denis

Romain, as ever, is a very considered winemaker. The vintage suits his style well and he has produced lovely deep-fruited wines not shy of structure and with very good balance. Interestingly he makes wines from the south through to the north. We felt his Gevreys were on particularly good form along with a Morey 1er Cru and a red from the hill of Corton. The fruit was destemmed which gives an extra plushness. He has harvested grapes with particularly ripe, lush tannins.

"Romain Taupenot has overseen this Domaine ratchet up through the gears in recent vintages" Neal Martin

Gevrey Chambertin Villages

Drink: 2022-2032

Price: £210 per 6

Great colour. More red fruits than Morey. Very sweet berry fruit. Lovely volume, silky tannins and very juicy mouthwatering finish. Terrific length and concentration.

Chambolle Musigny Villages

Drink: 2022-2032

Price: £225 per 6

Deep colour, not quite translucent. Crunchy, floral bouquet. Very good energy, lovely clarity of fruit. Has the slightly firm style of Taupenot-Merme on the finish but lovely pastille fruit which has great lift and expands well on the finish.

Morey Saint Denis Villages

Drink: 2022-2032

Price: £240 per 6

Deep colour. Beautiful berry fruit nose. Almost smoky bouquet. The palate has good energy and focus. Ripe tannins. Super length.

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Morey St Denis 1er Cru La Riotte

Drink: 2022-2035

Price: £395 per 6

Situated just below Clos Saint Denis. The vines hardly ever suffer from hydric stress here, even in 2018 and 2019 and this helps the vines to properly develop ripe tannins. This is currently more closed than the *Villages*. The fruit is quite dark and dense. The finish has energy and freshness. A big structure of tannins behind.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Bel Air

Drink: 2022-2035

Price: £495 per 6

Bel Air is immediately above the Grand Cru 'Le Chambertin' and shares its finesse. Deep mauve, lovely bright colour. The nose has lots of energy. Very pure pastille fruit. Really sweet core with soft, ripe tannins. Beautifully fresh finish. Great fruit bomb with fine, silky tannins and a mouthwatering finish. Quite mineral.

Corton Le Rognet Grand Cru

Drink: 2022-2035

Price: £640 per 6

Great colour, lovely velvet texture. Hugely enticing. The tannins are really silky and fine. Lovely clarity to the flavour of black pastille fruits – almost creamy. Very seductive and flattering.

"The 2018 Corton-Rognet Grand Cru has one of the most opulent bouquets from Romain Taupenot this year, featuring open-knit red cherry, kirsch, orange pith and fig aromas. The spicy palate is medium-bodied with a sweet core of fruit, saturated tannins and touches of white pepper and clove toward the finish..." 91-93/100 Neal Martin Vinous.com Jan 2020

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

Drink: 2025-2040

Price: £750 per 6

Great colour. Really perfumed and graceful. Beautiful core of fruit. The tannins need more time to settle and integrate but there is a fine caress of fruit here, good detail. Not as opulent as Corton but gorgeous length.

"The 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru has an expressive bouquet of red berry fruit laced with licorice and touches of black pepper; there is good intensity here. The palate is medium-bodied with a grainy texture and quite savory in style. The sturdy, Mazoyères-like finish lingers in the mouth. This is a classy offering and it should give two decades of drinking pleasure" 92-94/100 Neal Martin Vinous.com Jan 2020

Mazoyères Chambertin Grand Cru

Drink: 2025-2040

Price: £865 per 6

Great colour. Black fruits on the nose. Lovely volume and density, great freshness and spiciness too. Very pure and elegant with fine, detailed tannins yet huge weight behind. Lovely dense fruit here. Big and fine, really mouthwatering. Excellent.

"The 2018 Mazoyères-Chambertin Grand Cru needs a lot of coaxing, but it is worth waiting as it reveals ebullient blackberry, raspberry, crushed stone and light truffle aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins, a superb bead of acidity and a very intense, quite structured finish. Romain Taupenot opined that this is closing down as winter falls, and I can see that, but it will ultimately turn into a very serious Mazoyères-Chambertin". 95-97/100 Neal Martin Vinous.com Jan 2020

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Domaine Arlaud, Morey-St-Denis

We had the best tasting we have ever had in the cellar here. Lovely silky textures, tremendous core of dark fruit in the wines. They attribute the brilliant energy in the wines to 20 mm of rain just before harvest, hardly any sorting required in 2018 as fruit was in such excellent condition. A brilliant vintage here for these strong proponents of Biodynamic viticulture.

*"I must say from the off that Cyprien Arlaud's 2018's rank **amongst the best that I have tasted**" [Neal Martin Vinous.com Jan 2020](http://NealMartinVinous.com)*

Bourgogne Rouge 'Roncevie'

Drink: 2020-2025

Price: £175 per 12

From vineyards on the same soil and exposure as Gevrey Chambertin. Deep colour with a very pure silky texture to the fruit. Ripe and succulent tannins.

Morey St Denis Villages

Drink: 2023-2032

Price: £195 per 6

A deep dense wine that needs time to settle and to come together, the volume is lovely as is the power. The dry extract needs the fruit to open out to cover it so let this rest in the cellar for a time. Super energy.

Chambolle Musigny Villages

Drink: 2022-2032

Price: £225 per 6

Floral with a super deep colour and a wonderful velvety texture. A lovely sweet berry fruit is starting to open up, best wait for a year or two before approaching this.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Aux Chezeaux

Drink: 2025-2036

Price: £285 per 6

Deep ruby, again a floral note here on the nose matched to a full powerful palate that needs to time to mature, terrific length and a slight brulée note to the fruit – very good.

Morey St Denis 1er Cru Les Ruchots

Drink: 2022-2035

Price: £315 per 6

This is a consistent cuvee that always delivers beautiful wines. Great colour and density with ripe fleshy tannins. The fruit is dark and the finish long. This combines the finesse of Chambolle and the structure of Gevrey.

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

Drink: 2025-2035

Price: £650 per 6

1ha parcel in two plots. This is incredibly seductive, Cyprien has captured a silky elegance alongside a wine that is bursting with energy and freshness. The nose has very pretty red fruits and amazing length on the palate.

Domaine Louis Boillot, Chambolle Musigny

Louis' quite strict and correct style always requires a bit of maturation for the wines to reveal their gentler and silkier side. This will be the case this year but boy, they will be worth waiting for. He has really captured a vibrant freshness to match the beautifully dark flavours. Ageworthy wines for the mid to long term.

Volnay Villages 'Grands Poisots'

Drink: 2022-2032

Price: £192 per 6

A little reduction in the barrel initially hid the flavour but the palate shows black fruits with finesse and lovely purity.

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Volnay 1er Cru Les Angles

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £276 per 6

Lovely floral nose. The structure is really succulent. Very fine, graceful tannins. This will fill out and be a lovely glass of wine in seven or eight years' time.

Gevrey Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £204 per 6

Lovely dark, smoky fruit. Super density and concentration. Quite a firm structure with a great core of fruit. The acidity is succulent, the tannins are ripe and focused. This feels quite ageworthy. Best wait for four to six years.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Champonnets

Drink: 2025-2040 Price: £348 per 6

Good colour. Very pure, elegant bouquet. The palate has proper density. The tannins are very 'noble'. Lovely juicy finish and velvet texture.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Cherbaudes

Drink: 2025-2040 Price: £438 per 6

Some 105 year old vines here. Deep colour. Huge intensity, really fine tannins on the finish. Powerful fruit. The tannins are very integrated, lots of freshness, very complete. Lots of complexity too. Serious, long and fine.

Domaine Felettig, Chambolle-Musigny

According to Gilbert, "We began picking early in 2018 on 29th August and finished on 13th September. The grapes were great and in perfect health. I was worried about producing wines that resembled those of 2003. However, on the contrary, after malolactic fermentation, the wines are very well balanced. They are rich and powerful, very aromatic and with very good levels of acidity. It is a very good year" There is a lot of new oak here which adds to the structure but the concentration of fruit is enough to soak it up and so it is well integrated. They use some whole bunches depending on the cuvée. Bold deep coloured juicy wines here.

"I find much to admire in Felettig's well crafted wines" Neal Martin Vinous.com

Bourgogne, Hautes Cotes de Nuits

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £99 per 6

An east facing parcel of 45 year old vines on the plateau above Nuits-Saint-Georges, planted on red clay topsoil over Comblanchien limestone. 100% destemmed. No pigeage. 20% new oak.

Chambolle Musigny Vieilles Vignes

Drink: 2024-2034 Price: £210 per 6

The domaine owns half a hectare here. Great colour, sweet berry fruit, very creamy and easy to approach. The nose is open and inviting. Lovely perfume. The palate is really pure, clean and modern. Very fine oak but absorbed well. Lovely flavour. This will drink brilliantly in six to eight years' time. Wonderful bouquet.

"The 2018 Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes had been racked four days prior to my visit. Completely de-stemmed, it has a precise bouquet that is slightly austere at first and needs a little more cohesion. The palate is medium-bodied with a pinch of black pepper on the entry, fine balance and crunchy black fruit on the slightly short but fresh finish. Fine" Neal Martin 88-90/100 Vinous.com

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Vosne-Romanée

Drink: 2025-2034

Price: £240 per 6

Great colour. Creamy, dark and spicy. Very floral, violets on the palate. This has the great silk texture of Vosne and power on the palate too. Serious intensity here and very good length on the finish. Powerful and bold.

"The 2018 Vosne-Romanée Village is matured with 20% whole bunch. The 50% new oak is better integrated than I would have expected, allowing red berry fruit mixed with pressed iris and incense to flourish. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit, good acidity, a dash of white pepper and a cohesive and quite persistent finish. This has good potential."
Neal Martin 89-91/100 Vinous.com

Domaine Michel Gros, Vosne Romanée

We are witnessing the handing over of the estate to the next generation. We were met by both Michel and his son Pierre who is back from Paris and taking over operations under the gentle guidance of Michel. Their 2018s are big, rich wines which will need time in the cellar. Traditionally Michel heats the tanks at the end of fermentation to ensure a final squeeze of colour and flavour but in 2018 the natural levels of ripeness meant this was not required. He has delivered typically generous, rich and silky wines.

Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Nuits, Fontaine St Martin

Drink: 2021-2025

Price: £108 per 6

Great colour. Fresh, lively wine with lovely energy and finesse. Great flavour. A little strict at the moment but very pure, bright fruit.

"The 2018 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Rouge Fontaine St Martin comes from 35-year-old easterly-oriented vines matured entirely in one-year-old oak. It has an attractive, quite opulent bouquet of blueberry and raspberry preserve aromas; crushed violet petals emerge with time. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannins, the most balanced and precise among Gros's Hautes-Côtes, leading to a short but quite mineral finish. Recommended" Neal Martin 87-89/100 Vinous.com

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées

Drink: 2025-2035

Price: £480 per 6

Chocolaty fruit and good structure – needs a bit of time. Has super volume and lovely integration on the finish. Soft acidity, easy to enjoy.

"The 2018 Vosne-Romanée Aux Brûlées 1er Cru, matured in 50% new oak, has an attractive bouquet of black cherries, blueberry, crushed violet and light rose petal aromas that are nicely integrated with the wood. The palate is medium-bodied with ripe tannins framing the blackberry, bilberry, black olive and black pepper notes, the latter lending the finish a bit of welcome frisson and length. Quite long on the aftertaste. This is one of Michel Gros's best wines this year". Neal Martin 91-93/100 Vinous.com

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Clos des Réas

Drink: 2025-2035

Price: £498 per 6

Incredibly fine texture and lots of energy. A step up in concentration. Bright black and red fruits with a sweet nugget on the finish and good structure behind.

"The 2018 Vosne-Romanée Clos des Réas 1er Cru comes from the 2.12-hectare monopole of the domaine, though 0.4 hectares was pulled up two years ago for replanting. It has an attractive bouquet of well-defined black cherries, blueberry and hints of cassis and orange peel aromas. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry. There is good depth here, although I find that the Aux Brûlées has better assimilated its new oak. The finish is a tad disjointed at the moment" Neal Martin 88-90/100 Vinous.com

Domaine Henri Gouges, Nuits St Georges

Over the past decade Grégory Gouges has updated the style of wines at this venerable Domaine, the days of strong extraction have been modified and pure 'Nuit St George' with its dark elegant fruit and strong but fine tannins are now the order of the day. Nuits St George will always offer a bit of muscle but the elegance has been regained here and there is much pleasure to be had from these delicious wines.

Nuits Saint Georges

Drink: 2022-2032 Price: £195 per 6

A blend of nine parcels from the middle of the appellation. The fruit is very dark and super-ripe. Good intensity and length of flavour.

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Les Porets St George

Drink: 2025-2035 Price: £255 per 6

"...It has a generous bouquet of upfront red cherry and crushed strawberry fruit, a little too ripe for my liking and when compared to previous vintages. The medium-bodied palate offers soft tannins, gentle grip and plenty of fleshy red fruit, although it is missing some grip and density toward the finish. Pleasant, but I would broach this in its youth" Neal Martin 88-90/100 Vinous.com

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers

Drink: 2025-2035 Price: £330 per 6

Complex nose with layered and creamy fruit and a lovely velvety texture. Excellent wine. Very majestic. Very pure, dark cherry fruit and the coolness of the site has kept the fruit fresh in this warm vintage.

The 2018 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Pruliers 1er Cru has a little more intensity and delineation than the Clos des Porrets, the red cherry and crushed strawberry fruit laced with sous-bois notes. The medium-bodied palate offers fine tannins and more density and energy than the Clos des Porrets. The pretty dark cherry, raspberry and white pepper finish does not overstay its welcome. Enjoy over the next decade" Neal Martin 90-92/100 Vinous.com

Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Vaucrains

Drink: 2025-2035 Price: £435 per 6

Very small berries here. Compact, concentrated, bright. Very intense with lots of extract but the tannins are not harsh. This has a very fine, mineral, long finish. Very precise fruit. Very good indeed.

"The 2018 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Vaucrains 1er Cru comes from a mixture of 20- and 80-year-old vines and was cropped low, around 25hl/ha. It has a floral bouquet with pressed rose petals and potpourri almost dominating the red fruit. The medium-bodied palate offers fine tension; you would think there was some stem addition here, but there is none. I like the mineralité and vigor on the finish, which is precise and long in the mouth. Excellent" Neal Martin 91-93/100 Vinous.com

Domaine Faiveley, Nuits St Georges

Aidan tasted the Faiveley 2018's on a couple of occasions, initially during a barrel tasting in June at their winery where their ripeness, opulence and concentration shone out, and in a more measured fashion at their London release tasting in November, where the reds really came to the fore. It is no secret that Faiveley have reinvented themselves since Erwan succeeded his father Francois in 2007, the style is now one of elegance and freshness and excellent regional typicity. Faiveley are justifiably excited by the vintage. ***"Elegant but age worthy, they exemplify Faiveley's contemporary style and come recommended"*** William Kelley, robertparker.com

Reds:

Mercrey 1er Cru Myglands (Domaine)

Drink 2021-2036 Price: £235 per 12

Wonderful, ripe juicy fruit, there is lovely luminosity to the colour, whilst the palate is succulent yet also structured, the tannins will benefit from a year or so in the cellar and this will then blossom – super balance.

"Barrel sample. Light to mid cherry red. Lifted and bright red fruits like the Framboisière, even more intense aromatically. Smooth but definite tannins completely infused with juicy fruit. So scented on the mid palate. Juicy but not simple, persistent too. It's not bottled but you really could drink this now" Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 16/20

Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Les Porets St George (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2035 Price: £279 per 6

Pretty ruby, lovely crunchy fresh red fruits with lots of energy and finesse. Fine tannins and great length. This will need a few years in the cellar at which point the finesse will come through to match its wonderful length.

"Barrel sample. Mid crimson. Sweetly spiced red fruits. Beautifully scented. Firm, dry and less scented on the palate than the Nuits Chaignots, rather more serious and withheld. Not as open but the tannins are fine-boned. Great balance", Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 16.5/20

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2040 Price: £375 per 6

Very dark fruit on the nose supported by powerful new oak. There is a lovely density of powerful fruit matched by the ripe powerful and structured body. Very good density here with fine tannins and terrific length – super.

"Barrel sample. Mid crimson. Sweet dark-red fruit with some peppery oak spice (approximately 50% new and 50% two-year-old barrels for all the Faiveley premier cru reds). More savoury on the palate. One of the least charming wines at this stage but also one of the most refined in structure. The extraction of the tannins is so well judged to match the hidden but present fruit" Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 17++/20

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Charmes (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2035 Price: £415 per 6

"Barrel sample. Mid cherry red. Scented with cherry and raspberry fruit and the oak covered by the fruit – hard to believe there is 50% new oak in the premiers crus. Another wine with super-fine tannins, elegantly structured if not yet as open on the palate as it is on the nose. Savoury, firm finish. Needs time" Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 16.5+/20

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Fuees (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2035 Price: £579 per 6

"Barrel sample. Mid crimson, a little darker than some. Darker fruited too, though there is some oak sweetness – more vanilla than spice – and pure red fruits with a hint of violets. A little more open than their Chambolles Charmes. There's real depth here, depth of fruit and compact but smooth tannins to perfectly frame that fruit. Compact and elegant at the same time" Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 17/20

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2040 Price: £650 per 6

Open expressive, very accessible today. This has a lovely silky intensity, not massive density but beautifully judged satin textured. Gloriously integrated tannins and bags of energy. *"Barrel sample. Mid crimson. Less sweet-smelling than the Clos de Vougeot, with plenty of open, dark-red fruit and also a light herbal note, which lifts it and adds freshness. Firm and dry on the palate, dry yet elegant, the fruit filling out the core. Chalk-fine texture. A little constrained at the moment" Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 17.5/20*

"The 2018 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru is another of the portfolio's high-points this year, bursting with aromas of wild berries, orange rind, incense and smoked meats. On the palate, it's full-bodied, fleshy and textural, with old-vine concentration, broad shoulders and a long finish. While this is a muscular, serious Charmes, it's also very elegantly rendered" William Kelley, robertparker.com 93-95/100

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2040 Price: £715 per 6

Deep hue with dark powerful fruit and plenty of structure showing on the bouquet, the tannins need time to settle and integrate but balance is excellent with fine texture and great length. *"The 2018 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru is performing very well, wafting from the glass with a deep-pitched bouquet of cassis, wild berries, incense, rich soil tones and woodsmoke. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, layered and broad-shouldered, with a deep and layered core, rich structuring tannins and ripe but succulent acids. Long and sapid, this is another excellent Clos Vougeot from Faiveley, and this cuvée seems to go from strength to strength every year" William Kelley, robertparker.com 93-95/100*

Whites:

Rully 'Les Villeranges' Blanc

Drink 2019-2024 Price: £156 per 12

A soft approachable Rully this year, captures the lovely ripeness of the vintage but quite soft textured and for early consumption.

Mercurey Blanc 'Clos Rochette' (Domaine)

Drink 2019-2024 Price: £189 per 12

Green gold colour with lovely new oak on the nose. The fruit has good intensity and quite a bit of structure, this will need 12 months bottle age for the flesh to fill in but the succulence of the finish is really impressive and offers a very promising future.

"Barrel sample - A little more savoury on the nose than the Rully Les Villeranges, a little less immediately fruity. Creamy texture and crisp acidity" Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 16/20

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Ladoix Blanc (Domaine)

Drink 2019-2024

Price: £199 per 12

The village of Ladoix lies at the foot of the hill of Corton, concentrated wines can be produced here and Faively have done an excellent job. Nicely seasoned oak draws you in whilst the palate has a flinty structure combined with the opulence of the vintage. Really good cuvee here. The oak gives an impression of sweetness but this is well matched by super volume of fruit and freshness. Fleshy and full with a good long finish. *"Barrel sample. The oak shows more in a cedary character than in creaminess on this wine. Tight, with some tannic structure from the oak. Firm and fresh. Decent persistence, too"* Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 16/20

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Champgains (Domaine)

Drink 2020-2027

Price: £299 per 6

The Champs Gains vineyard sits just above Folatieres, the higher elevation and poor limestone soils help ensure freshness in this cuvee. The wine has a green gold hue with quite sweet new oak, but lovely fresh greengage fruit. The palate is broad and rich with a big personality and a full rich flavour. *"A fine follow-up to the excellent 2017, Faiveley's 2018 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Gain mingles aromas of crisp orchard fruit and orange oil with nuances of nutmeg and pastry cream in an incipiently complex bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, supple and satiny, it's lively and precise, with a chalky finish"*. William Kelley, robertparker.com 92-94/100

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes

Drink 2020-2027

Price: £385 per 6

One of Meursault's finest vineyards, this is deep and rich with fleshy fruit and lovely finesse. Green gold with a very pretty white flower nose, lots of energy and vigour this year, succulent and mouthwatering with an excellent finish.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru (Domaine)

Drink 2020-2027

Price: £825 per 6

Green gold hue, the nose is strongly marked by the oak today but the balance is fine and this will be absorbed in due course. A powerful wine with huge density of fruit and wonderful rich flavour, emphasised by the super length on the finish, needs 5 to 6 years in the cellar to let this round out and to integrate. *"Bursting from the glass with aromas of citrus oil, fresh pear, dried flowers, toasted nuts and fresh pastry, Faiveley's 2018 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru is medium to full-bodied, lively and incisive, with good concentration and chalky structuring extract, concluding with a long, precise and mineral finish"* William Kelley, robertparker.com 93-95/100

Domaine Tollot Beaut et Fils. Chorey-lès-Beaune

We love the style of Nathalie's wines. The fruit is pure and precise, the tannins so well-judged and these are wines brimming with perfume and poise. They are happy to have made a good volume of very good wine from a decent sized crop at last. Tollot-Beaut's wines were some of the best reds we tasted.

Bourgogne Rouge

Drink 2021-2025

Price: £85 per 6

Deep colour, beautifully spicy nose. Ripe, opulent and fleshy. These were the last plots to be picked and the alcohol level is over 14% but this has amazing balance and feels fleshy rather than heavy. *"The 2018 Bourgogne Rouge comes from vines around the Chorey appellation. It offers pretty, almost Gamay-like scents of blueberry and crushed strawberry fruit. The palate is well balanced with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and a light, saline finish. Drink over the next three to four years"* Neal Martin 89-91/100 Vinous.com

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Chorey-lès-Beaune, 1er Cru, Pièce du Chapitre (monopole)

Drink 2021-2025

Price: £120 per 6

Deep colour, amazing silky sweetness. Wonderful perfume with notes of creamy cherries and wild strawberries. Beautiful density of fruit. Enormous volume. Lovely rounded texture. Really velvety wine yet has freshness and clarity.

"The 2018 Chorey-lès-Beaune Pièce du Chapitre is a two-hectare monopole of 60-year-old vines that the domaine inherited in 2001. This cuvée is only sold in Europe. It offers blackberry and briar on the elegant and quite understated nose. The palate is nicely structured with pretty blue fruit toward the finish. Approachable and quite delicious" Neal Martin 89-91/100 Vinous.com

Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Fournières

Drink 2022-2032

Price: £240 per 6

Deep colour, velvety voluminous dark fruit. Lovely density and richness on the palate. Tannins are powerful but fleshy. All round very good density and energy. Solid.

Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi

Drink 2022-2035

Price: £270 per 6

Great colour. Very fine, pure and delicate aroma with hints of raspberry. Very restrained and elegant. Very fine, lacy tannins. Gorgeous texture. Very moreish.

"The 2018 Beaune Clos de Roi 1er Cru has a well-defined dark cherry and crushed strawberry bouquet, displaying moderate complexity but bright and vivid. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit, fine acidity and good depth, if just missing a little length at the moment. This has less alcohol than the other cuvées, at 13 degrees" Neal Martin 89-91/100 Vinous.com

Corton Bressandes Grand Cru

Drink 2022-2035

Price: £405 per 6

Immense concentration – really exciting. Bold, intense, big flavour. Powerful tannins. Succulent and ripe. Amazing length and flavour. Closed at the moment – as it should be.

"The 2018 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru comes from two parcels amounting to a single hectare of vines. This is more mineral-driven than the straight Le Corton, offering beautifully defined red berry fruit laced with crushed limestone and light marine aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with powerful red berry fruit. Quite heady for a Corton-Bressandes, leading to an intense finish" Neal Martin 90-92/100 Vinous.com

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru

Drink 2022-2026

Price: £600 per 6

Not Tasted

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Joseph Drouhin, Beaune

Veronique Drouhin; "August was extremely dry and we had no issues with botrytis or mildew. In 2018 is a very good vintage with good quantity, not huge. There was remarkable phenolic maturity so alcohol is on the higher side, which is not ideal for Pinot Noir, but it is what it is. It was good for whole cluster. Primary fermentation for the whites was slow as yeast struggled with alcohol, so some are around 14% there was remarkable quality of the lees. When doing debourbage they included a lot of lees from barrel. No lees stirring as we did not want wines to be too big. Less pigeage to moderate extraction"

Reds

Chambolle Musigny Villages

Drink: 2020-2030 Price: £259 per 6

"Cask sample. Mid cherry red. Lifted and open like the Vosne village wine but a little darker, more savoury, with a note of peony. Dark beauty on the palate, rounded and smooth but not thick in texture. Smooth, fresh length. Open but should age well"

Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 17/20

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru (Domaine)

Drink: 2022-2035 Price: £390 per 6

Tasting note to follow

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Rouge (Domaine)

Drink: 2020-2035 Price: £390 per 6

"The 2018 Beaune Clos des Mouches Rouge 1er Cru has a very pure, charming bouquet of layers of dark cherry, raspberry coulis and blueberry aromas, with just a touch of warmth from the slightly higher level of alcohol. The medium-bodied palate delivers saturated tannins. Lush and generous, almost New World-like in terms of fruit profiles, with a caressing finish. Lovely" Neal Martin 92-94/100 Vinous.com

Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Les Petits Monts (Domaine)

Drink: 2025-2035 Price: £TBA per 6

"The 2018 Vosne-Romanée Les Petits Monts 1er Cru comes from a parcel that lies just above Richebourg and receives 50% whole bunch. Now this is one cru that comes across a little trop on the nose, displaying a soupçon of volatility. The palate is sweet on the entry with dark cherries, loganberry and sea salt notes. Lush and powerful, though missing a bit of finesse and precision on the finish" Neal Martin 89-91/100 Vinous.com

Musigny Grand Cru (Domaine)

Drink: 2025-2040 Price: £TBA per 3

"The 2018 Musigny Grand Cru is slightly lighter than the Bonnes-Mares tasted alongside and has a more detailed, precise bouquet of intense blackberry, mulberry, sous-bois and light charcoal aromas that gain power with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and a fine bead of acidity, very sensual and seductive. The polished and lightly spiced finish is pure class. Outstanding" Neal Martin 95-97/100 Vinous.com

Whites

Chablis Grand Cru Vaudesir

Drink 2020-2027 Price: £258 per 6

Tasting note to follow

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeot, Marquis de Laguiche

Drink 2020-2029

Price: £384 per 6

"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot 1er Cru (Marquis de Laguiche) comes from a vineyard that tends to produce millerandé berries. This has an intense, powerful bouquet with hints of menthol permeating the citrus fruit, developing a more fumé style with time in the glass. The palate is well balanced with hints of passion fruit and peach on the entry, becoming spicier and subtly Muscat-like toward the very satisfying, persistent finish. Excellent" Neal Martin 91-93/100 Vinous.com

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Blanc (Domaine)

Drink 2020-2029

Price: £525 per 6

"The 2018 Beaune Clos des Mouches Blanc 1er Cru, which has been produced by Drouhin since 1928, comes from six separately aged parcels. Drouhin mentioned that quite a few barrels were deselected from this vineyard and blended into the Côte de Beaune Blanc. This possesses an intense bouquet with subtle scents of almond, praline and pressed white flower aromas. The palate is taut and linear on the entry, featuring lovely orange pith and apricot notes and hints of tangerine and white chocolate toward the gorgeous, pure finish. Wonderful" Neal Martin 92-94/100 Vinous.com

Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis de Laguiche

Drink 2020-2029

Price: £2,430 per 6

"The 2018 Montrachet Grand Cru comes from the two-hectares on the Puligny side, comprising five parcels vinified separately (although I tasted the final blend). It has a very pure bouquet and, especially for Drouhin, an intense bouquet of lanolin, walnut and pressed flower aromas that if anything becomes even more powerful with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with superb balance, almost symmetrical, and just the right amount of salinity. This is a vibrant, precise Montrachet with touches of sea salt and ginger toward the very persistent finish, which fans out with brio. Deeply impressive" Neal Martin 95-97/100 Vinous.com

Domaine Chanson, Beaune

Vincent was very kind to host our tasting at a late hour. Chanson's winemaking style is to pick relatively late when the fruit and tannins are fully ripe and then to ferment the whole bunches and not destem. In a vintage like 2018 this means the wines have generous levels of alcohol but leaving the stems in gives the wines a fresher, more aromatic profile than one might expect. Part of the beauty of Burgundy is that producers have different winemaking philosophies and a good *terroir* always shines through. There are some excellent wines here in a big, bold style.

Whites

Savigny lès Beaune Blanc 1er Cru Hauts Marconnets (Domaine)

Drink 2021-2026

Price: £126 per 6

Ripe, creamy, very flattering nose, full of energy. Powerful, textured palate. Rich but with a saline finish. *"A little bit of welcome freshness and nerve on the nose. Dense and a good blend of fruit, structure and acidity. Medium body and just a little heat on the end but lots of acidity on the palate" Jancis Robinson MW 16.5/20*

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Pernand Vergelesses Blanc 1er Cru Les Caradeux (Domaine)

Drink 2021-2025 Price: £162 per 6

Les Caradeux is a very steep, limestone, high vineyard with an east-north-east exposure. This cool site does well in warm years. This needs time but has lovely creamy dense fruit with far more weight than one would expect. Quite a viscous texture. Like a mini Corton Charlemagne. *"Muted, rather dull, old-fashioned nose. Lively fruit on the palate with initial sucrosity but shows some potential to develop into something more interesting. Note that alcohol! 15%" Jancis Robinson MW 16/20*

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières (Domaine)

Drink 2021-2026 Price: £369 per 6

Elegant and restrained. Very pretty, beautifully integrated oak. Balanced, complete and seamless. Really beautiful wine. Very ripe with a touch of tropical pineapple.

"Pale straw. Fine boned with lots of pace. Substantial but with sufficient acidity too. Some chew and a beginning, middle and end rather than an amorphous blob. Some honey and blossom and more freshness than most. Quite long and not too rich. 13.5%" Jancis Robinson MW 16.5/20

Reds

Pernand Vergelesses Rouge 1er Cru Les Vergelesses (Domaine)

Drink 2022-2030 Price: £159 per 6

Deep colour. Amazing nose. Dense, firm palate. Serious intensity. Powerful tannins – this will need time. Very good acidity keeps the palate fresh. Rich, opulent style. Very good indeed. *"Cask sample. Blackish garnet. Lively, crisp, fragrant nose is rather a relief after so many rich reds. Good punch and balance with the wafting freshness counterbalanced well by the ripeness of the fruit." Jancis Robinson MW 16.5/20*

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Rouge (Domaine)

Drink 2025-2032 Price: £279 per 6

Ripe, small berry fruit. Deep fine, berry fruit. Beautiful velvet texture. Fabulous wine. Very ample with layers of creamy, cushioned fruit. The integration is sublime.

"Cask sample. Dark blackish garnet. Heady and introvert. Warm and rich but without much definition at the moment. This may just be a bit too ripe? There is power and weight but not much else at present. A little more freshness wouldn't go amiss. Chewy, rather drying end" Jancis Robinson MW 16.5/20

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Fèves 'Monopole' (Domaine)

Drink 2025-2035 Price: £279 per 6

A monopole since 1968. Black pastille fruit. Amazingly integrated. Beautiful detail and energy, great freshness. Wonderful, mouthwatering flavours with such ripe fruit that there is a note of roasted coffee beans to the tannins. Really perfumed and complete, layered wine. Tremendous wine.

"Cask sample. Some energy in a black-cherry idiom. Rich and round but with sufficient freshness to imbue vitality. Already quite charming! Lots of juice and fruit almost distracts from the dry tannins on the end" Jancis Robinson MW 17/20

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Remoissenet Père et Fils, Beaune

We had one of the best tastings we can recall at Remoissenet this year. The white wines are a notably softer style than other producers and will produce a soft, fleshier, earlier drinking style, while the reds were outstanding with a balance that will give immediate appeal for those who wish to tuck in, or if you choose to wait, they will age gracefully. Everything is destemmed at the property giving a particularly plump character to the wines. There are some real gems here to look forward to.

Reds

Pernand Vergelesses Rouge 1er Cru Les Caradeux

Drink 2022-2030 Price: £129 per 6

Very deep colour, really spicy, lovely density. Ripe and opulent with beautifully smooth, ripe tannins. Lovely freshness on the finish too. Delicious.

Beaune 1er Cru Teurons

Drink 2020-2035 Price: £189 per 6

Translucent, ruby hue, very delicate and pretty. Lovely chocolaty flavour, beautiful lacy flavour. Elegant and pure, real finesse on the tannins.

Beaune 1er Cru Marconnets

Drink 2020-2035 Price: £189 per 6

Slightly deeper hue, lead pencil, graphite nose. Definitely one for keeping, great tannic grip. More density with a powerful core. Will be super with time.

Vosne Romanée Villages

Drink 2022-2032 Price: £225 per 6

Beautiful velvet bouquet, really 'Vosne'. Great soft texture to the fruit and good power. Lovely flavour. The tannins are powerful but ripe. Good finish. Quite chewy.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Cazetiers

Drink 2022-2035 Price: £350 per 6

Sweet, silky fruit. Lovely succulent tannins, great volume of fruit. Lots of flavour, fine tannins. Excellent.

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Combottes

Drink 2022-2035 Price: £380 per 6

Lovely dark fruit, powerful core, firm, talc-textured tannins which need some time. Good length.

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

Drink 2025-2040 Price: £795 per 6

Very deep and concentrated. Powerful wine, one of the best vintages we have tasted. Huge volume of fruit. The tannins are almost completely covered. Very ripe.

Whites

Santenay Blanc 1er Cru Clos Tavannes

Drink 2021-2024 Price: £159 per 6

Exotic, a touch tropical and opulent, fleshy and bright. Full middle palate, soft texture but well framed. Juicy finish, nice length.

Meursault, 1er Cru Les Cras

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £258 per 6

Nicely rich, very clean and full and fleshy. Soft texture, lovely flavour, powerful but very soft.

Domaine Vincent Prunier, Auxey Duresses

The sunshine of the vintage really comes through in Vincent's wines this year giving a round and supple texture. Vincent is recovering from quite a severe hernia but fortunately his son has been able to help. His practice of leaving the wines for two winters in cask gives the wines a lovely texture. We had a particularly good impression of the 2018s.

St Aubin 1er Cru Sentier du Clou

Drink: 2021-2025 Price: £159 per 6

The balance here is lovely. This cool site retains freshness. Very elegant. Very good freshness on the finish.

Meursault Villages Les Vireuils

Drink: 2021-2025 Price: £210 per 6

Creamy white fruit with good volume and a very mineral, mouthwatering finish. Long and succulent. Excellent salinity, very complete and creamy.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Garennes

Drink: 2021-2025 Price: £294 per 6

Lovely white fruit on the nose, this is showing particularly well, ripe and opulent fruit with a restrained limestone texture on the palate, will mature beautifully midterm.

Domaine Boyer-Martenot, Meursault

This was our first visit to the domaine and we were met by Vincent, who has been investing in concrete fermentation eggs and is in the middle of digging out a new cellar. Vincent will not release his Meursaults for at least 24 months as he wishes to wait for them to be complete and gain that round texture from the greater contact with the fine lees in the concrete eggs. Aidan has bought these wines from time to time from landed stocks and they have always impressed for their richness, the newly arrived 'Eggs' are adding an excellent level of finesse.

Meursault Villages, Chaumes

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £210 per 6

Quite deep colour, creamy. Almond, ginger and spice notes.

Meursault Villages, Tillets

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £215 per 6

Bright, more tension and energy on the nose. Soft, gently and fleshy. Good full flavour and richness. Very rounded style.

Domaine Arnaud Tessier, Meursault

Catherine Tessier took us through the tasting. Their wines have a creamy texture and are enormously appealing. They are in a more gentle, modern style than the big, fat Meursaults of old. *"Arnaud and Catherine Tessier are the forces behind this quietly ambitious 7.5-hectare Meursault domaine, an estate blessed with choice parcels in some of the commune's finest sites. Rigorously worked soils, moderate yields and long, slow élevage in mostly used barrels are the rudiments of the approach. **The result is concentrated but tensile wines that unfold slowly and reward bottle age.** I look forward to revisiting more of their wines from bottle in the coming year"* Wiliam Kelley, Robertparker.com

Bourgogne Blanc, Champ Perrier

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £95 per 6

Fantastic, ripe, opulent nose. Really full, exotic and fine with notes of quince. Pretty, pure and not heavy. Lovely succulent fruit.

Bourgogne Blanc, Les Herbeux

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £100 per 6

Much more structure and grip. Lovely chewy palate, white fruits, intense, mouthwatering. Beautiful balance.

Meursault villages, Casses Têtes

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £225 per 6

Very rocky, mineral soil here. Very pure and pretty. Lovely ripe bouquet. Almost tropical/ginger. The palate is mouthwatering and buttery. Very fine acidity. Yellow fruit, lovely dry extract on finish. Juicy and long. Very pure.

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes Dessus

Drink: 2021-2026 Price: £330 per 6

Ripe yellow fruit, beautifully pure texture. Voluminous palate, fleshy, lovely flavours. Great energy, broad and luxuriant. Beautifully knit fruit. Flavour holds brilliantly. Fabulous length.

Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières

Drink: 2021-2026 Price: £375 per 6

Very pretty, fine and elegant. Beautiful integration and texture. Satin fruit and so fine, full of charm and inviting satin texture. Great build to the saline finish. Long and silky. Very fine detail.

Domaine Jean Chartron, Puligny Montrachet

A famous address in the village who is masterfully captured the ripeness of the vintage and generosity whilst retaining beautifully precise acidities.

"Jean Chartron is a wine maker I much admire, someone probably underrated by cognoscenti. I have been impressed by his recent vintages and his 2018's are no different" Neal Martin, Vinous.com

Rully 'Montmorin'

Drink: 2021-2025 Price: £78 per 6

Broad, lovely purity, freshness and energy. Lovely freshness and clarity. Very complete. *"The 2018 Rully Montmorin, which was bottled a week prior to my visit at the end of August, has a pretty orange blossom and Conference pear bouquet, more generous than the Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc. The palate is lovely and fat on the entry, tropical notes (guava and lime) defining the midpalate and a touch of spice surfacing on the finish. Delicious."* Neal Martin, Vinous.com 88/100

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Hautes Côtes de Beaune Blanc

Drink: 2021-2023

Price: £118.50 per 6 inc vat (**Duty Paid inc. vat)

Deep colour, lovely flavour on the nose, pretty bouquet. Good intensity and acidity showing. Lovely freshness and energy and a good, creamy texture.

Pernand Vergelesses Blanc

Drink: 2021-2026

Price: £135 per 6

"Four barrels of "Les Belles Filles" and four barrels without any lieu-dit comprise the 2018 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc this year. The nose was taciturn when I tasted it, possibly due to the recent addition of SO2. The palate is taut on the entry with fine weight and acidity, a citric bead emerging toward the finish. Give it a year or two in bottle to find its voice" Neal Martin, Vinous.com 87-89/100

St Aubin 1er Cru Dents de Chien

Drink: 2021-2023

Price: £168 per 6

Pretty nose, more acidity and energy. Very transparent, expressive style. Quite stony fruit and lovely succulent palate. Fabulously well knit.

Domaine Joseph Colin, St Aubin

Joseph is the younger brother of much lauded Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey. For his white wines, the grapes are gently whole-cluster pressed, the must run-off straight into barrel, and is neither settled, chilled nor are sulphites added. Only indigenous yeasts are used. The wines spend 12 months in barrel, without bâtonnage and the barrels are topped twice a week. He uses between 15% and 20% new oak barrels. These are stunning wines – Exquisite, generous and full of intense flavours, whilst retaining great tension, poise, energy, minerality, and salinity.

We have not yet tasted the 2018 vintage

St Aubin 'Compendium' £150 per 6

St Aubin 1er Cru Les Frionnes £195 per 6

St Aubin 1er Cru La Chateniere £210 per 6

Domaine Hubert Lamy, St Aubin

As usual Olivier took us through his wines with his characteristic intensity. He is now firmly established as one of Burgundy's finest winemakers with demand putting every greater pressure on supply. We understand why the wines have developed such a following as these concentrated wines are full of tension and precision. Olivier explained that in 2018 the temperatures weren't particularly higher but it was a very sunny year with as much as 30% more light. This has given an added plumpness to the wines which is very attractive. The wines have breadth and richness with bold, fleshy textures.

Bourgogne Blanc, Les Chataigners

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £100 per 6

Very floral and approachable nose. Rich and fleshy, powerful wine this year. Lots of powerful, rich fruit. Big density. The palate has big texture. *"The 2018 Bourgogne Blanc Les Chatagnière comes from four parcels within the titular climat and sees just a tiny amount of new oak. The nose is a little occluded at the moment, but the palate is well balanced with a lovely texture and a hint of brioche on the finish" Neal Martin, Vinous.com 86-88/100*

Chassagne Montrachet 'Concis du Champ'

Drink: 2021-2027

Price: £240 per 6

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Ripeness of the vintage has given a pear note to the fruit. The palate is intense and concentrated and the structure is ripe and velvety. Powerful, rich, dense wine. Very good. *"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet La Concis de Champs had wild variations in potential alcohol and acidity levels, caused by differing rootstocks, vine ages, pruning techniques, etc., that made it difficult for Olivier Lamy to pick. This has a bright red apple and lime bouquet that feels well defined. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity and very pure. A lovely touch of bitter lemon enlivens and lends edge on the finish. Excellent"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com* 89-91/100

St Aubin, 1er Cru Clos de la Chatenière

Drink: 2021-2027

Price: £240 per 6

Pure, lively, beautiful texture. So wonderful on the nose. The palate is more closed at present with the flavour hidden behind the texture. Really gentle, silky texture. Long, dense and rich. The flavour really builds on the finish. *"The 2018 Saint-Aubin Clos de la Chatenière 1er Cru was showing a bit of reduction on the nose, with light oyster shell scents developing with aeration. The palate is well balanced with quite a weighty, intense opening. There is real concentration here, and hints of fresh gooseberry and frangipane toward the finish. Very fine"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com* 89-91/100

St Aubin, 1er Cru En Remilly

Drink: 2021-2027

Price: £240 per 6

Very fine and pure. Quite strict. Very good intensity, long and precise. Breadth and depth. Very focused. *"The 2018 Saint-Aubin En Remilly 1er Cru has a pixelated, mineral-driven bouquet that manages to effortlessly offset the warmth of the growing season. Shucked oyster shell and limestone aromas develop in the glass. The well-balanced palate delivers wonderful harmony and a fine bead of acidity. Almost caressing in texture, with supremely well integrated oak toward the finish. Outstanding"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com* 92-94/100

Fernand et Laurent Pillot, Chassagne Montrachet

Laurent has a new tasting room with an amazing view of the vineyards. It was a pleasure to taste through the range and see how the generosity of the 2018 vintage translates into his wines. They are gently rich, soft and fleshy, very appealing and excellent value. Wines to enjoy young which will give much pleasure.

Puligny Montrachet, Les Noyers Brets

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £189 per 6

Pale colour with a bouquet of white flowers. Ripe, opulent fruit but not heavy. The palate is clean and pure. Good stoney finish with good intensity. Softly complete. Mouthwatering finish and lovely length. Very good flavour on the middle palate.

Chassagne Montrachet, 1er Cru Champgains

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £220 per 6

Yellow gold colour. White flowers on the nose, very pure, pretty, mineral bouquet. Nice purity of fruit. Lovely detail and finesse. Very good balance with a streak of acidity. Savoury too with a wet stone finish.

Chassagne Montrachet, 1er Cru Morgeot

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £220 per 6

Bright green gold, there is lovely volume of fruit and a soft texture, richness builds on the palate towards the finish. A mineral note keeps it mouthwatering and fresh.

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Chassagne Montrachet, 1er Cru Vide Bourse

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £260 per 6

Good colour. Full, fleshy nose. Great density, very complete and full. Very fine structure and good build of flavour and finesse. Really complete, beautiful flavour and length. Grows in the glass.

Domaine Bernard Moreau, Chassagne Montrachet

Alex is a gentle, charming man and he was as interested to hear what we thought about his wines, while we were in awe at his dexterity in bringing freshness in this warm year. The wines are generous with great volume of fruit and a lovely flow to them, an almost rainwater freshness and a touch of salinity that makes the mouth water. The flavours are very pure and precise letting the different *terroirs* shine through. The wines will be bottled a little later than usual as the fermentations took a long time to finish. This is a top address in Chassagne.

"You want the best Chassagne-Montrachet? this is where you call first" Neal Martin
Vinous.com Jan 2020

Bourgogne Blanc

Drink: 2021-2024 Price: £195 per 12

Polished yellow gold. Lovely ripe bouquet, yellow fruit and good freshness on the palate. Lovely balance. *"The 2018 Bourgogne Chardonnay, which had been bottled by the time of my visit, has a clean, precise apple blossom and citrus-scented bouquet that shows impressive definition for a generic white Burgundy. The palate is taut and fresh with a touch of bitter lemon on the entry, superb acidity and a saline finish. You will not find a better white Bourgogne Blanc in 2018"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com 90-92/100*

St Aubin 1er Cru Sur Gamay

Drink: 2021-2025 Price: £185 per 6

White flowers and yellow fruits, a hint of tropical, exotic fruit. Very pure, clean and bright.

Chassagne Montrachet Village

Drink: 2021-2025 Price: £200 per 6

Generous, full of fleshy fruit, very ripe, a hint of apricot. Very good weight. This comes from plots from both north and south parts of Chassagne. Archetypal Chassagne. *"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Village had been blended in July and fined three weeks prior to my visit. It has a delightful bouquet of orange blossom, tinned peach and touches of wild mint, quite intense for a Village Cru. The palate is taut, fresh and spicy on the entry, with touches of white pepper and fennel infusing the citrus fruit. An almost clinical saline finish lingers in the mouth. Superb"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com 90-92/100*

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Maltroie

Drink: 2021-2027 Price: £325 per 6

Fresh and finely balanced. Lovely succulent palate and full of energy. Very good density with lovely fresh, elegant finish. Very complete. Fine oak on the nose. Very pure, long finish. *"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet La Maltroye 1er Cru has a slightly reserved bouquet that is less expressive than its sibling Chassagnes at the moment; fleeting touches of citrus lemon and smoke emerge with aeration. The palate is well balanced with a very saline opening that counters the richness on the midpalate. There is weight and power to this Maltroye, yet the acidity offsets that and leaves it feeling perfectly balanced, with a very long, spicy tail on the finish. Excellent"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com 91-93/100*

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeots

Drink: 2021-2027

Price: £325 per 6

Broader, more powerful nose, more density on the palate. Again, super purity, bit more flesh here. Completely translucent. Beautifully mineral finish. Delicious and mouthwatering. *"The 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeots 1er Cru has a tight, backward, stony bouquet; Alex Moreau mentioned that he strove to pick at the right time to keep a sense of strictness. The palate is taut and fresh on the entry, with a fine bead of acidity. Elegant and refined, without the weight of the Champs Gain or La Maltroye on the midpalate, but conveying a sense of athleticism and poise on the saline finish and an exceptionally persistent aftertaste. Superb"* Neal Martin, *Vinous.com* 93-95/100

Domaine Paul Pillot, Chassagne Montrachet

Thierry Pillot is a thoughtful and talented winemaker and we just wish we could obtain more of his wines. The textures here are so silky and his wines are very elegant and graceful. He is using less new oak, particularly on the top wines, as he doesn't want to mask the *terroir*. The 2018 vintage has lent these wines a fleshier character than 2017. Very alluring and exciting wines.

St Aubin 1er Cru Charmois

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £168 per 6

Lovely weight on the middle palate and creamy, rounded, fleshy wine. The acidity is integrated giving a full, rich feel. Good length. *"Quite intense and concentrated on the nose. This is a pretty big wine! Definitely seems more marked by the year than the village. Fairly rich and accessible. But then it finishes by pulling the drawstring on the purse. There's a certain sweetness here that should charm many a drinker. Lots to chew on"* Jancis Robinson 16.5/20

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean

Drink: 2021-2025

Price: £280 per 6

Only 10% new oak used here. The stony soil really comes through on the palate. Lovely volume and build. *"Intense nose with pure pleasure exuded in spades. Big but not fat. Almost grand cru weight. Everything in balance. Edgy but rich – all set for a fine future. Throbs with potential on the end"* Jancis Robinson 17/20

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets

Drink: 2021-2027

Price: £395 per 6

Really pretty, white flower fruit, super natural density and very rounded texture. Really feels mineral on the finish. Very good.

Domaine Maurice Charleux et Fils, Maranges

The landscape of Maranges is breathtakingly stunning and the small village of Dezize, where the Charleux domaine is situated, is perhaps the prettiest. Founded in 1894 by his great grandfather, the estate is owned by Vincent Charleux and covers 12 hectares. As with many of these estates, when the new generation took over there was a move away from just selling the production to the cooperative, to sell the wines with their own identity. Today 100 % of the production is bottled as estate wine. The 1er Cru reds are subtly oak aged with about 20% new barrel.

Maranges 1er Cru Les Clos Roussots

Drink: 2021-2025

Price: £199 per 12

Deep, dark fruit with good density and structure. Power and freshness with lots of energy. Bold, masculine style.

Domaine Denis Fouquerand et Fils, La Rochepot ORGANIC

We tasted these good value wines with one of our suppliers in Beaune and are pleased to include them in our offer for the value that they offer. These are full flavoured rich wines made in the traditional style with hand harvested fruit, fermented in a traditional fashion followed by élevage and malolactic fermentation in barrel.

Bourgogne Rouge, Hautes Cotes de Beaune "Derriere Montbard"

Drink: 2021-2023

Price: £165 per 12

Lively deep coloured wine, super energy and very good purity, well balanced with good length.

Santenay Rouge "Comme Dessus"

Drink: 2021-2023

Price: £225 per 12

Good density, deep colour, full fleshy style of Pinot, enjoyable hearty wine, not overly finessed but plenty of stuffing and good value.

Bourgogne Blanc, Hautes Cotes de Beaune "Clos Bortier"

Drink: 2021-2023

Price: £165 per 12

Bright, polished yellow gold, good freshness and energy here with nicely focused fruit and plenty of intensity. A generous and refreshing wine to enjoy young

Domaine Paul et Marie Jacqueson, Rully

Marie Jacqueson said "2018 is an exceptional vintage, with good reserves of winter rainfall, ideal spring conditions, then a very hot summer, with some light showers in August. We began picking on 1st September and finished on 11th September. Despite our fears, the vintage was generous and, above all, very high quality. The whites are rich, with beautiful tension and the reds are intense, with supple tannins. They will be great vins de garde". Paul added that it reminded him of 2005. There was around 13.5% natural alcohol and no need for any chaptalization or acidification. The whites generally see 20% new oak and the reds slightly more.

Whites

Rully Blanc Villages

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £90 per 6

Very pretty yellow fruit. Fresh with lots of energy on the bouquet. The palate is honied, full and round. Lovely rounded texture. The fruit is soft, voluminous and easy with a good build to the finish.

Rully Blanc 1er Cru Margotés

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £105 per 6

Very pretty yellow fruit. Fresh with lots of energy on the bouquet. The palate is honied, full and round. Lovely rounded texture. The fruit is soft, voluminous and easy with a good build to the finish.

Rully Blanc 1er Cru Gresigny

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £110 per 6

Lovely concentration and structure from the old vines. More muscular wine. Lovely amplitude of fruit with a structure of tannin behind. Mouthwatering, warm fruit.

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Reds

Rully Chaponnières Rouge

Drink: 2021-2024

Price: £90 per 6

Immense dark colour. Black cherry nose with a lovely structure of ripe fruit. Very good tension and freshness too. Very supple and inviting. Rounded tannins. Very good length for *villages*.

Rully 1er Cru Préaux Rouge

Drink: 2021-2025

Price: £105 per 6

Deep colour again. A bit more density and muscle from the higher clay content in the soil. Lovely volume and texture. Tannins are a bit firmer. Will need two to three years' bottle age. Not seen a vintage like this here for some years.

Mercurey 1er Cru Les Nauges

Drink: 2021-2025

Price: £105 per 6

Very deep colour, lovely velvet texture. Super volume of fruit. Soft and ripe. Lovely integrated finish, supple tannins. Really fleshy. Long finish. Gorgeous.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We have selected our favourite wines from the top growers that we visited during November. Several of these wines are very sought-after and made in tiny quantities, often just two or three barrels, so quantities are very limited. Wines are offered subject to availability and where demand exceeds supply wine will be allocated considering the balance of the overall order and previous order history with DBM wines.

Prices: Prices shown are for cases of 12x75cl bottles (unless otherwise shown) lying in bond and exclude UK excise duty, VAT and UK delivery. Prices are valid until end January 2020.

Shipping: Once the wines have been released by the growers, we will group shipments together and by the autumn of 2020 we will start releasing wines. We will inform you when your wines have arrived into the UK and check where you would like these stored or delivered.

Paying for your wines

Step 1

When you place an order, we will send you an invoice which is due for immediate payment. This first invoice covers the cost of the wines and the shipping and insurance to our WineSafe account at Octavian Vaults in Corsham. It excludes excise duty and VAT and onward delivery to your home or other selected warehouse. Payment can be made by cheque, or directly into our bank account, details are shown on our invoices.

Step 2

When the wines land in the UK you have a choice to store them under bond or pay the UK excise duty and VAT at the prevailing rates and have the wines delivered. Should you wish to pay the duty and VAT a second invoice will be issued. VAT is charged on the duty and the purchase price of the wine. Delivery to your home or designated warehouse will also be charged. As an illustration:

1st invoice:	1 case 12 x 75cl @	£240.00	under bond
2nd invoice:	UK excise duty (from 1/2/19)	£ 26.76	per 12 x 75cl
	20% VAT on the duty	£ 5.35	
	20% VAT on the wine	£ 48.00	
	Total	£320.11	(=£26.68 pb inc vat)

Storage

If you wish us to store your wines for you (under bond or duty paid) this can be arranged under our WineSafe account at Octavian Cellars in Corsham. Please contact us for current storage charges.

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