

# BURGUNDY 2020 EN PRIMEUR : "A BEAUTIFUL BRACE"









## Burgundy 2020 En Primeur - 'A Beautiful Brace'

For many months there has been a lot of excited whispers and murmurs in the trade regarding the excellent potential of the 2020 Burgundy vintage; one of low yields (again), yet superb quality for both white, and red wines. For the first time in two years, Andrew and I were thrilled to plan for our return to Burgundy to taste the latest vintage; an experience we never take for granted. It is quite simply a moment in time where we are incredibly fortunate to be given the access, and the opportunity to taste direct from the barrel, discuss openly and at length with producers about all their hard work in both the vineyard, and cellar, over the last 12 months.

Sadly, at the very last moment I was unable to travel and therefore my fellow Wine Buyer, Andrew Ray, and Trade Account Manager, Charles Willoughby, took up the mantle and headed off to Beaune...

Although we are still in the midst of the pandemic and the world continues to be full of doubt; one thing we can be certain of is the 2020 Burgundy vintage, it is a beautiful brace with intense, concentrated whites and opulent, compact reds. When tasting En Primeur we are looking for true expression; that of terroir, balance, structure, purity, and harmony. I have personally tasted En Primeur for over 20 years now and have worked with many of these winemakers for most of this period, and I still have as much respect for their craft now, as I did when I first started. It is also exciting to see some Domaines now embracing the younger generation who have been patiently waiting in the wings: such as Paul at Domaine Jean-Louis Chavy, serving time in the fields and in the cellar ready to continue in the footsteps of their ancestors. I hope you enjoy this report; full of the key facts of their holdings and winemaker's comments on the vintage, as well as our producer notes, highlighting their news over the last year, including new techniques embraced in the field, and cellar.

## Vintage and growing conditions

Winter 2019-20 was mild and dry, and very much set the scene for the vintage by prompting an earlier than usual start to the growing cycle with bud burst occurring in March. For once, Burgundy vignerons did not have to worry about the severe risk of Spring frost that has plagued them in recent years as the good weather continued through April and into May, ensuring a healthy, albeit early flowering.

Summer was hot and dry with several instances of extreme heat; the combination of high temperatures (up to 42°C) and the low water table reserves (due to such a mild winter), caused some hydro-stress, vines to shut down as well as genuine concern about the berries shrivelling and/or burning on the vine. Rumours of a growing season like the historic heat wave year of 2003 circled; however, this was dispelled by many including Nicolas Potel who stated that although the days were hot, in contrast to 2003, it was the nights were cool that is the main difference, allowing grapes to retain acidity, vibrancy and balance.

Harvest took place in almost perfect, healthy conditions with many starting to pick ca.  $22^{nd} - 27^{th}$  August (the earliest on record) ... purely due to the traditional 100-days after flowing, rather than because of the climatic conditions. Of course, the decision to pick is dependent on the vineyard management, house style and winemaker preferences.

## Reds: our vintage score 9-9.5 / 10

A superb vintage with ripe, opulent, and compact wines that retain outstanding energy, and vibrancy. There is quality available at all levels (from Village to Grand Cru), and throughout all appellations, however, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Gevrey-Chambertin and Vosne-Romanée stood out for us with added depth, and complexity. The wines will be approachable in youth due to impressive fruit purity yet have fantastic aging potential too.

## Whites: our vintage score 9 / 10

A very good vintage where the intense, concentrated wines are complimented by precise, and uplifting acidity. The hot and dry growing season is more evident in the Côte de Beaune, where concentrated citrus, exotic as well as tropical fruits fuse harmoniously with rounded, creamy texture from well balanced, and integrated oak. In the cooler northern climes of Chablis, the wines are as would be expected, more restrained and linear with great focus, tension, and precision.

## **Our Buying Policy**

In recent years we have been reviewing our En Primeur buying policy (of course, considering vintage variation), and have adapted to the market to become more focused on sourcing wines that we believe are the best from each appellation. We can therefore give you, the customer, a more personal and tailored service to suit your requirements and palate.

Our notes are purely written from samples tasted with producers direct from barrel at the Domaines. As I am sure you will appreciate there is much work that goes into producing these reports, so a big thank you to my fellow colleagues and tasters; Andrew Ray and Charles Willoughby, who travelled to Burgundy in November to taste, and have been instrumental in producing this report.

We are very happy to talk you through the vintage and discuss what will best suit your cellar / palate. As always, many of the top wines are sold under allocation, so if you are interested, please let us know, as some are only available in extremely small quantities.

Finally on price, we have seen some increases and obviously costs are going up across the board. It's worth noting 2021 will be a 50% yield reduction, so there's certainty of large increases to follow. Some wines are only available in small quantities as increasing worldwide demand has significantly reduced allocations. If you are interested in the 2020 vintage, please contact us without delay.

# Best wishes, James Goodhart

Founder and Chairman Bon Coeur Fine Wines

## <u>Key</u>

IB: Prices quoted In Bond (exempt of Duty and VAT).

Recommended: Our favourites.

Allocation: These wines are sold on an allocation basis, please contact the office if interested.

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£3650 IB (per 6)

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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 Winter 2023. Once they have physically arrived, 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.

## **OUR RECOMMENDATIONS**

## WHITE WINES

## Under £200 (per 12 bottles)

Séguinot-Bordet Chablis	£130 IB (12x75cl)
Samuel Billaud Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs'	£180 IB (12x75cl)
Gérard Thomas Saint-Aubin 'Champ Tirant'	£195 IB (12x75cl)

## Between £200 - £360 (per 12 bottles)

Chanson Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Hauts Marconnets' Blanc	£120 IB (6x75cl)
Gérard Thomas Saint-Aubin 1 <sup>er</sup> Cru 'Les Murgers des Dents de Chien'	£135 IB (6x75cl)
Louis Jadot Pernand-Vergelesses 'Les Combottes'	£150 IB (6x75cl)

# Over £360 and excluding Grand Cru (per 12 bottles)

Vincent Latour Meursault 'Cuvée St Jean'	£195 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Louis Chavy Puligny-Montrachet	£195 IB (6x75cl)
Bzikot Père et Fils Puligny-Montrachet	£220 IB (6x75cl)
Gérard Thomas Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Chenevottes'	£245 IB (6x75cl)

## **RED WINES**

## Under £200 (per 12 bottles)

Jean-Jacques Girard Bourgogne Pinot Noir	£130 IB (12x75cl)
Roche de Bellene Cuvée Réserve Rouge	£130 IB (12x75cl)
Bertrand Ambroise Bourgogne Pinot Noir VV	£75 IB (6x75cl)

# Between £200 - £360 (per 12 bottles)

Rossignol-Trapet Bourgogne Rouge	ESTIM. £100-120 IB (6x75cl)
Jean-Jacques Girard Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Serpentières'	£135 IB (6x75cl)
Chanson Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Vergelesses'	£135 IB (6x75cl)
Faiveley Monthélie 1er Cru 'Les Champs Fulliot'	£145 IB (6X75cl)
Bertrand Ambroise Nuits-Saint-Georges	£165 IB (6x75cl)

## Over £360 and excluding Grand Cru (per 12 bottles)

Rossignol-Trapet Gevrey-Chambertin VV	ESTIM. £190-210 IB (6x75cl)
Roche de Bellene Gevrey-Chambertin VV	£195 IB (6x75cl)
Louis Jadot Volnay 1er Cru 'Clos des Chênes'	£290 IB (6x75cl)
Bertrand Ambroise Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'En Rue de Chaux'	£295 IB (6x75cl)
Chanson Beaune 1 <sup>er</sup> Cru 'Clos des Fèves'	£295 IB (6x75cl)
AF Gros Chambolle-Musigny	£340 IB (6x75cl)
AF Gros Vosne-Romanée 'Les Chalandins'	£340 IB (6x75cl)

# **SÉGUINOT-BORDET**





Domaine Séguinot-Bordet is the oldest producer in Chablis with records dating back to 1590 with 20-hectares under vine consisting of 2.5-hectares of Petit Chablis, 16-hectares of Chablis and 1.5-hectares of Premier Cru Chablis. Winemaker Jean-François Bordet places particular emphasis on obtaining the best fruit possible through careful pruning and de-budding, as well as harvesting at optimum ripeness. In the cellar, cool fermentation allows the wines to mature for 2-5 months on their lees, which in turn creates pure, luscious wines.

Jean-François Bordet is the sitting President of the BIVB (Chablis Commission), and recently stated in a Decanter interview with Andy Howard MW that "[2020] was very classic vintage."

## Petit Chablis 2020 (screw cap)

£113 IB (12x75cl)

Located at the top of the slope near the plateau where the combination of limestone and Kimmeridgian clay create bright, vibrant and approachable wines.

"Enticing aromas of green apple, pear and lemon citrus with a touch of acacia. Crisp and clean with vibrant, racy acidity on the mid-palate with a core of further citrus and green fruit with a dusting of white pepper. Lip-smacking good! Drink this while your Premier Crus mature in the cellar..." Drink 2021-2024.

#### Chablis 2020 (screw cap)

RECOMMENDED

£130 IB (12x75cl)

Grapes come from south and southeastern facing plots near the village of Maligny and have an average age of 25-40-years old. Again, the iconic Kimmeridgian clay produces wines with classic citrus fruit and underlying flinty characteristics.

"A touch fuller and more concentrated (than Petit Chablis) where citrus and green fruit fuse with added ripe melon. Ripe and juicy style with plenty of structure and an abundance of peach and apricot that intermingle with flinty minerality on the saline, driven finish." Drink 2021-2024.

#### Chablis 1er Cru 'Fourchaume' 2020

£220 IB (12x75cl)

Situated in the north of the appellation along the right bank of the River Serein, nestled in between the Premier Cru vineyards of 'L'Homme Mort' and 'Vaulorent'. Vines have an average age of 45-60-years old and face south to southeast. It is without a doubt, one of the best Premier Crus in Chablis.

"Attractive aromas of lemon, peach and apricot with hints of acacia honey. Ripe, round and forward on the palate with great structure and poise; zippy, linear acidity provides the backbone of the wines and underpins the fleshy, ripe fruit. Excellent finish." Drink 2023-2029.

## **SAMUEL BILLAUD**





Samuel Billaud is part of an esteemed Chablis family and was the former head winemaker at the iconic Domaine Billaud-Simon. After a family feud, he left the family Domaine and decided to go it alone — a bold yet seemingly correct 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.

Bourgogne d'Or 2020 £125 IB (12x75cl)

100% Chardonnay with 1/3 grown in Chablis, and the remaining 2/3 sourced from the Mâconnais. Created initially due to low yields of his other wines in 2016, it has now become a permanent part of his portfolio.

"Pure aromas of lemon citrus and green apple. Fresh and zippy on the mid-palate with wonderful, lively citrus and stone fruit on the core that is complemented by its precise finish. This punches way above its weight for a Bourgogne Chardonnay." Drink 2022-2025.

Petit Chablis 2020 £140 IB (12x75cl)

From vines located higher on the slopes and above 'Le Clos' Grand Cru.

"Attractive aromas of green apple, lemon and white peach. Pure and precise on the palate with excellent, uplifting acidity and impressive tension and drive... there's lots of further citrus and stone fruit with great minerality too." Drink 2022-2025.

#### **Chablis 'Les Grands Terroirs' 2020**

RECOMMENDED

£180 IB (12x75cl)

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

"Abundance of lemon and peach as well as grapefruit and orange peel undertones. Steely and vibrant on the mid-palate with bright acidity that underpins the further citrus, verging exotic core through in a taught and driven finish. Bravo, Samuel!" Drink 2022-2025.

## Chablis 1er Cru 'Butteaux' 2020

SOLD

£280 IB (12x75cl)

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.

"Charming nose of green apple and pear with a hint of lemon citrus. There's power and structure here that is balanced by the concentration and complexity of ripe green and stone fruit, fusing seamlessly with a superb streak of mineral acidity. Great length and mineral drive." Drink 2024-2029.

#### Chablis Grand Cru 'Blanchots' 2020

**SOLD** 

£340 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.

"Inviting aromas of green and red apple as well as a touch of peach. Rich and round with serious power and concentration, yet balanced by fresh, linear, and uplifting acidity. An impressive Grand Cru." Drink 2025-2030.

## Chablis Grand Cru 'Vaudésir' 2020

SOLD

£340 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of two parcels; one facing east, and the other facing west where the former brings freshness, and the latter maturity. It is aged in two-year-old oak for one year, before moving to tank for the second winter.

"Complex nose of white peach and apricot with a deft touch of orange blossom. Intense and concentrated on the palate with real depth of further white stone and citrus fruit combine with a blast of striking acidity that adds another dimension. A powerful wine with an amazing saline finish." Drink 2026-2031.

# **GÉRARD THOMAS ET FILLES**





Gérard Thomas has been in control of this Saint-Aubin estate since 1982 and is now helped by his two daughters: Isabelle and Anne. Gérard has expanded organically by purchasing vines throughout the Côte de Beaune with acquisitions in both Chassagne- and Puligny-Montrachet, and today own a combined total of 12-hectares. Several passes through the vineyards during harvest ensure optimum ripeness; harvesting 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 in barrels with regular lees stirring to add depth. It is without doubt that Gérard Thomas et Filles is one of Saint-Aubin's finest producers and offers some of the best value wines in the Côte de Beaune.

Isabelle stated that harvest began on August 20<sup>th</sup>, which was one of the earliest on record (usually mid-September), and has produced wines that are "fresh, clean, and lively... 2020 is a classic Burgundy vintage."

## Saint-Aubin 'Champ Tirant' 2020

RECOMMENDED

£195 IB (12x75cl)

The vineyard is just to the west of the village where it borders the Premier Cru vineyard 'Les Castets'. 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.

"Bright and lifted nose of lemon and green apple with honeyed undertones. Great structure and weight on the mid-palate with a lovely, creamy texture fused with a citrus and white stone fruit core. Crisp, mineral acidity on the finish provides drive and direction. Très bon." Drink 2023-2026.

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Les Murgers des Dents de Chien' 2020 RECOMMENDED £135 IB (6x75cl) 1.82-hectares of vines planted between 1981 and 1999. It borders Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Champ Gain' on the east and located above 'Chevalier-Montrachet' Grand Cru.

"More concentrated in comparison to 'Champ Tirant' with aromas of both green and red apple that intermingle with gentle, toasted spice. Powerful, rich and round yet balanced by precise, uplifting acidity and great purity of citrus and white stone fruit with almond undertones supported by the excellent drive and tension... it goes on for minutes!" Drink 2023-2030.

## Puligny-Montrachet 'Le Trézin' 2020

£340 IB (12x75cl)

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'.

"Charming nose of lemon rind and green apple with flinty, toasted oak overtones. Wow, extremely luscious on the mid-palate with a seductive, creamy texture complemented by vibrant, racy acidity that adds another dimension and fuses with further citrus and stone fruit with a dusting of vanilla spice." Drink 2024-2030.

## Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'La Garenne' 2020

£245 IB (6x75cl)

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

"Attractive aromas of green apple, yellow plum and apricot with hints of subtle vanilla. Complex and concentrated with a rounded texture underpinned by taught, linear and racy acidity. An abundance of further green and stone fruit on the core, however, there is much more tension and focus here compared to 'Le Trézin'. Bravo." Drink 2023-2029.

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Chenevottes' 2020 RECOMM

A small holding of just 0.32-hectures of vines planted in 1975, 1985, and si

**RECOMMENDED** £245 IB (6x75cl)

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

"Intense and complex nose of lemon citrus and green apple with smoky, toasted oak. Rich, round and generous on the palate with impressive concentration of further citrus and white stone fruit supported by bright, vibrant acidity providing focus and tension. Superb finish." Drink 2024-2032.

# **BZIKOT PÈRE ET FILS / SYLVAIN 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.

#### Bzikot Père et Fils Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or 2020

£85 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of the best placed parcels in Puligny-Montrachet. A portion of the wine is aged in 30% new oak, which provides a richer and more structured Bourgogne Blanc.

"Bright and lifted aromas of lemon, green apple and pear. Crisp and clean on the palate with focused, taught, racy acidity that fuses with further citrus fruit and white pepper minerality." Drink 2022-2025.

## Sylvain Bzikot Meursault 2020

£190 IB (6x75cl)

Négociant wine. Sylvain tends to the 50-year-old vines, maintaining the highest standards in terms of both vineyard management, and winemaking.

"Abundance of green apple and lemon with undertones of honey and bees wax. Rich and round with a creamy texture that is well balanced on the mid-palate thanks to the uplifting, precise acidity and further core of citrus and white stone fruit with gentle, integrated toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2030.

## Bzikot Père et Fils Puligny-Montrachet 2020

RECOMMENDED

£220 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of 4 separate parcels from throughout the village combine to create this Puligny-Montrachet that is Premier Cru quality in all but name.

"Attractive nose of apple, lemon and white peach. Refined and restrained with great balance between its rounded texture, ripe fruit and persistent, driven acidity that provides flow and direction. Further citrus and white stone fruits fuse with white pepper spice on the fine finish seals the deal. A classic Puligny-Montrachet." Drink 2023-2029.

## Bzikot Père et Fils Puligny-Montrachet 'La Rousselle' 2020

£230 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.40-hectare plot of this lieu-dit, which lies underneath 'Les Perrières' Premier Cru on the northern side of the village. Vines have an average age of 50 to 60-years old and are grown on marl-limestone soils (there is less clay than the rest of the village) with an east to southeast exposure.

"Enticing aromas of lemon peel and green apple – extremely vibrant and bright. Ample and generous on the mid-palate thanks to its luscious, creamy texture underpinned by crystalline, mineral-charged acidity giving focus and precision. A sublime Puligny." Drink 2024-2030.

Bzikot Père et Fils Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Folatières' 2020 SOLD £300 IB (6x75cl) The largest and quite possibly the finest Premier Cru vineyard in Puligny-Montrachet. Vines are located near the famous 'Le Montrachet' Grand Cru and have an average age of 55 to 60-years old.

"Much richer and riper on the nose (in comparison to 'La Rousselle') with lemon citrus, peach and apricot intertwined with underlying honey tones. Rich and generous thanks to its luscious, rounded texture that wraps around a core of further citrus and white stone fruits with added beeswax, hazelnut and gentle, toasted oak spice. Long and persistent finish." Drink 2024-2032.

# **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 Domaine Gérard Chavy), which was split between his younger brother, Alain, and himself. The production is approximately 25% Bourgogne Blanc, 50% Village and 25% Premier Cru (including 'Le Champ Gain', 'Le Clavoillon', 'Les Perrières' and 'Les Folatières'). His wines represent such good value that he has a long waiting list of merchants desperate for an allocation; therefore, naturally we are delighted to receive ours once again.

Jean-Louis confessed that although "2020 is a less concentrated vintage in comparison to 2019, it has more freshness and acidity, providing it with greater aging potential."

## **Bourgone Chardonnay 2020**

£110 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of 4 parcels that total ca. 2-hectares from younger vines. No new oak is used to emphasise freshness and its ability for early drinking.

"Delightful aromas of lemon zest and green apple. This is bright and clean on the palate with crisp, crunchy acidity that is taught, linear and pure. Great drive and precision mineral-infused finish." Drink 2022-2025.

## **Puligny-Montrachet 2020**

RECOMMENDED

£195 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of 10 to 12 different parcels from across the appellation culminating in 3-hectares of vines. An excellent representation of Puligny-Montrachet's terroir.

"Enticing nose of ripe lemon and green apple. Compact and concentrated core of lemon curd and tarte tatin are underpinned by uplifting, racy acidity that gives impressive structure and balance. Further citrus and green fruits marry effortlessly with dashes of white pepper spice." Drink 2024-2029.

## Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Folatières' 2020

**SOLD** 

£290 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.

"Attractive aromas of lemon curd, red apple and gentle, toasted oak spice. Round, ample and generous on the palate followed by piercing, crisp acidity creating impressive focus and tension." Drink 2024-2030+.

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## **VINCENT LATOUR**





The Latour-Labille family boast a long, rich history and have been making wine in Meursault since 1792! Vincent Latour took over the family Domaine in 1998 from his father Jean, and then when joined by his wife, Cécile, changed the name from Domaine Jean Latour et Labille, to Domaine Latour from the 2010 vintage. 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).

When tasting with Vincent at his new, ultra-modern winery, he described 2020 as "a great vintage... the wines are intense and lively, yet more balanced than 2019 with impressive freshness and purity."

Bourgogne Blanc 2020 £85 IB (6x75cl)

A combined 2-hectares from the individual parcels of 'Les Clous Perrons', 'Les Bellecotes', 'Les Durots' and 'Les Herbeux'.

"Charming aromas of lemon citrus, golden apple and pear. Bright, fresh, and crisp on the palate thanks to the zippy, tingly acidity and further core of citrus and green fruit. Very pure and precise." Drink 2022-2025.

## Meursault 'Cuvée St Jean' 2020

RECOMMENDED

£195 IB (6x75cl)

A blend of 3 parcels: Village, 'Les Vireuils' (0.30-hectare) and 'Les Crotots' (0.47-hectare), where vines were planted in 1925, 1926, 1992, 1998 and 2001.

"Wonderful nose of lemon, peach and apricot with underlying honey. This is extremely seductive due to its luscious, creamy texture that envelops the mid-palate and is supported by a streak of uplifting acidity leading into a core of further citrus and white stone fruits with subtle toasted oak." Drink 2023-2029.

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Meursault 'Narvaux' 2020 £195 IB (6x75cl)

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

"Refined aromas of lemon, apple and honeysuckle. Wonderful power, structure, and balance throughout due to the ample and generous texture, which is complemented by racy, linear acidity with more white stone fruit and white pepper spice. Lean with lots of precision and tension on the long finish." Drink 2023-2029.

#### Meursault 1er Cru 'Poruzots' 2020

£330 IB (6x75cl)

A 0.87-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'.

"Intense nose of caramelised apple tarte tatin and apricot compote with deft traces of butterscotch and toffee. There's a wonderful creamy and rounded character that provides concentration and complexity, yet kept in check by taught, linear acidity that provides lift and energy. Further citrus and white stone fruits fuse harmoniously with delicate brioche and almond nuances. Bravo, Vincent!" Drink 2024-2030.

#### Meursault 1er Cru 'Perrières' 2020

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£395 IB (6x75cl)

A miniscule 0.18-hectare parcel planted in 1964 and are the last vines before you reach Puligny-Montrachet. 'Les Perrières' is rightly credited as one of the top three Premier Crus in Meursault and is seemingly a combination of its peers; the minerality of 'Les Genevrières' and the roundness of 'Charmes', which creates the fullest, and most powerful Meursault Premier Cru.

"Abundance of ripe apple, peach, apricot and acacia honey. Creamy, and unctuous on the palate with a waxy, rounded texture adding weight and complexity. Nevertheless, there's great freshness and balance from bright, vibrant acidity that adds another dimension. Further citrus and white stone fruit core with hints of delicate, smoky undertones. Exceptional!" Drink 2024-2032.

# **JEAN-JACQUES GIRARD**





Founded in 1529 by Jean Girard, Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard is one of Savigny-Les-Beaune's oldest vigneron families and own a total of 18-hectares throughout the Côte D'Or; namely in Savigny-Les-Beaune as well as small parcels in Pernand-Vergelesses, Pommard, Volnay and Aloxe-Corton. There is no denying that he is one of our favourite producers as his wines offer great purity and elegance, thanks to the use of cool fermentation, which maintains the wines aromatic and fresh qualities. We believe the Domaine provides a great range for all occasions delivering consistent quality and superb value.

Jean-Jacques was clearly delighted with his 2020 offering, as he declaring "[2020] for now, is the vintage of the century... what more do you want? What more could I have done? It's hard to have done any better!"

Pernand-Vergelesses 'Les Belles Filles' Blanc 2020

£110 IB (6x75cl)
MAGS £225 IB (6x150cl)

Located on the opposite side the 1er Cru vineyard of 'Sous Frétille' and the Corton-Charlemagne hill.

"Pure and lifted aromas of lemon and green apple. Crisp and clean on the mid-palate with superb balance between crystalline acidity, ripe citrus and green fruit, as well as gentle toasted oak and vanilla spice... such great harmony." Drink 2023-2026.

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Sous Frétilles' Blanc 2020

£160 IB (6x75cl)
MAGS £325 IB (6x150cl)

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

"Bright, vibrant nose of lemon, pear and apple with underlying apple blossom tones. Rounded and creamy texture that is underpinned by linear, precise, and pure acidity flowing into a core of further citrus and green fruit fused with white pepper spice. Very good indeed." Drink 2024-2029.

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#### **Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2020**

**RECOMMENDED** 

£130 IB (12x75cl)

One the best value and most consistent Bourgogne Pinot Noir's – hard to beat!

"Lovely, bright nose of red and black cherry, cranberry and strawberry. Juicy and vibrant on the mid-palate with underlying soft, silky tannins and further red berry and a touch of hedgerow fruit... this is so pure and simply delicious!" Drink 2023-2028.

## Savigny-Les-Beaune Rouge 2020

£95 IB (6x75cl)

MAGS £195 IB (6x150cl)

Nestled away between the hills of Corton and the village of Beaune on a varied terroir of limestone topped with clay, pebbles and in parts, some sand.

"Compact and dense aromas of black cherry and blackberry with a deft touch of cassis. Great structure and poise with ripe, velvety tannins and a further black fruit core of hedgerow and bramble fruit infused with mocha spice. A serious Savigny." Drink 2023- 2028.

## Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Fourneaux' Rouge 2020

£130 IB (6x75cl)

An extremely small parcel of just 0.20-hectares bordering the renowned Premier Cru 'Les Lavières' vineyard on the Aloxe-Corton side of the hill.

"Bright and floral nose of raspberry, red and black cherry with added iris undertones. Powerful yet poised and elegant on the palate with ripe, juicy tannins creating a silky mouth feel that combines with the great further red and black fruit core and mocha spice." Drink 2023-2029.

Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Serpentières' Rouge 2020 RECOMMENDED £135 IB (6x75cl) A 0.56-hectare plot located on the lower to mid-slope with a southern exposure. It is considered as combining the soft, ripe qualities of Premier Cru 'Les Rouvrettes' with the structure of Premier Cru 'Les Peuillets'.

"Deep, dark aromas of black cherry and black plum with toasted oak spice – this is serious. Despite such a powerful nose it has a luscious, ripe, and round palate with velvety tannins and excellent fruit purity of further dark black fruits and underlying spice. An explosive finish... bravo, Jean-Jacques!" Drink 2024-2030.

## Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Lavières' Rouge 2020

£160 IB (6x75cl)

MAGS £325 IB (6x150cl)

A minute parcel from this decorated vineyard, where vines face south just before the hill bends around to Pernand-Vergelesses in the north. It's often claimed to be Jean-Jacques's best Savigny-Les-Beaune Premier Cru!

"Brooding nose of blackberry and black cherry with underlying black pepper spice. Rich, robust and powerful, yet balanced by great vibrancy and lift with pure, forward fruit and soft, rounded tannins that wrap around a core of further bramble fruit and added toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2030.

#### Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Vergelesses' Rouge 2020

£135 IB (6x75cl)
MAGS £275 IB (6x150cl)

One of the original Premier Crus in the appellation found to the west of the Corton hill. A 0.42-hectare parcel of vines aged between 30 and 85-years-old.

"Impressive aromas of black cherry, blackcurrant and cassis. Wow – despite such dark fruits on the nose, it is so luscious on the mid-palate with great harmony between uplifting vibrancy and ripe, forward black fruit core. Wonderful precision and purity." Drink 2024-2029.

## Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos du Roi' Rouge 2020

£160 IB (6x75cl)

MAGS £325 IB (6x150cl)

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 by the dukes of Burgundy and is where the parcel takes its name.

"Dark and concentrated aromas of black and bramble fruits with added toasted oak spice. Powerful and intense, yet retains excellent vibrancy from the silky, soft tannins and forward, ripe fruit that combine to keep everything in check. Further dark black fruits fuse with toasted cedar and black pepper spice." Drink 2024-2029.

#### Volnay 'Vielles Vignes' 2020

£160 IB (6x75cl)

MAGS £325 IB (6x150cl)

A 0.34-hectare parcel planted in 1959, which classifies as old vine (vieilles vignes).

"Imposing nose of black cherry, blackcurrant and blackberry. Big, bold, and powerful with firm, yet ripe tannins that fuse together with an abundance of black and bramble fruit underpinned by Asian spice. A classic Volnay." Drink 2025-2030.

**Aloxe-Corton 2020** 

£160 IB (6x75cl)

MAGS £325 IB (6x150cl)

A 0.25-hectare plot of 30-year-old vines situated to the south of the village on iron-rich soils that produce rich and sumptuous wines.

"Wow – intense aromas of bramble and hedgerow fruits with a dusting of black pepper spice. Impressive structure and depth on the mid-palate; much brighter than anticipated with great vibrancy and uplift thanks ripe, juicy tannins and a core of red and black cherry, as well as blackberry and toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2029.

## **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. Chanson also buy grapes in through their négociant business and long-established contacts, and therefore Domaine wines made from owned vineyards will be noted as such.

Domaine Chanson's Export Director, Vincent Wallays, proclaimed 2020 as "an almost perfect vintage for both white and reds..."

Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Hauts Marconnets' Blanc 2020 (Domaine) RECOMMENDED £120 IB (6x75cl) A 2.18-hectare parcel located high on the Savigny-Les-Beaune hill overlooking the majority of Beaune Premier Cru vineyards.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Caradeux' Blanc 2020 (Domaine) £140 IB (6x75cl) Situated on the mid-slope close to the hill of Corton-Charlemagne where Chanson own a 1.90-hectare plot.

"Bright nose of green and red apple with undertones of lemon curd and wild honey. Round and ample on the palate with a luscious, creamy texture all underpinned by racy, crisp acidity that flows in a lemon sherbet and white pepper infused finish." Drink 2024-2029.

## Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos des Mouches' Blanc 2020 (Domaine)

LOW STOCK £295 IB (6x75cl)

A majority vineyard holder of this famous Premier Cru with 2-hectares (from the total 4.5-hectares). Vines are located on the upper side of the hill on limestone subsoil covered with sand.

"Rich and inviting nose of lemon curd and red apple (à la tarte tatin) with added peach and honey. Full and round with a generous, creamy texture that is supported by crisp, piercing acidity that flows into a core of further citrus fruit and clove spice. A brilliant Clos des Mouches!" Drink 2024-2032.

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Vergelesses' Rouge 2020 (Domaine) RECOMMENDED £135 IB (6x75cl) Despite owning a total of 5.4-hectares of vines, only one parcel goes into this Premier Cru bottling. The vineyard is nestled between the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Fichots', 'Les Fourneaux' and 'île des Vergelesses'.

"Deeper, darker and more serious nose (in comparison to Savigny-Dominode) of black cherry, blackberry and mulberry. Compact and concentrated core with ripe, juicy tannins and lovely purity of further bramble and hedgerow fruits combined with toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2030.

## Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Dominode' Rouge 2020 (Domaine)

£135 IB (6x75cl)

Considered one of Savigny's best vineyards despite its north-facing exposure and is located just above the Premier Cru vineyard of 'Les Narbantons' on clay and loam soils. Can also be referred to as 'Les Jarrons' by other producers.

"Aromatic nose of raspberry and red cherry, with a touch of black plum and some violet overtones. Surprisingly powerful and structured on the palate with muscular, rippling tannins that wrap around a core of red cherry, black plum and blackcurrant fused with a dollop of black pepper for good measure." Drink 2024-2029.

#### Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos de Marconnets' Rouge 2020 (Domaine)

£145 IB (6x75cl)

3.8-hectare plot positioned on the mid-slope above Beaune Premier Cru 'Clos du Roi' and flanked by Beaune Premier Cru 'En l'Orme'. Referred to by Vincent as "an iron fist in a velvet glove".

"Wow, such an intense and perfumed nose of black cherry and black plum with gentle, toasted oak spice. Great structure, weight and poise on the mid-palate with ripe, round tannins and a juicy, velvety textured core of black and bramble fruit with lots of black pepper spice." Drink 2024-2030.

## Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos des Fèves' Rouge 2020 (Domaine)

**RECOMMENDED £295 IB (6x75cl)** 

4.12-hectare parcel on 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.

"Beautiful, aromatic nose of red and black cherry with a touch of iris and damson. Elegant and sophisticated with a luscious, rounded, and juicy mid-palate underpinned by further dark black and bramble fruit and a liquorice-tinged finish. Bravo." Drink 2024-2029.

## **LOUIS JADOT**





Louis Jadot was founded in 1859 and is today run by Pierre-Henri Gagey and Head Winemaker, Frédéric Barnier, who took over from the legendary Jacques Lardière in 2013. One of the most famous négociants in Burgundy, owning over 60-hectares of vineyards throughout both the Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits; many of which are Premier and Grand Cru. A new, state-of-the-art winery on the Route de Savigny (pictured above), reinforces Jadot's commitment as a pioneer in the Côte d'Or and to producing the highest quality wines possible. There are several entities to which vineyards belong, such as Domaine Louis Jadot, Les Héritiers de Louis Jadot and Domaine André Gagey.

## Pernand-Vergelesses 'Clos de la Croix de Pierre' Blanc 2020

£150 IB (6x75cl)

Situated next to famous Premier Cru 'En Caradeux', south of the village of Pernand-Vergelesses itself. The combination of east-south/east orientation and calcareous- stony soils produce fresh and energetic wines. The name 'Croix de Pierre' is a reference to the big cross at the entrance of the vineyard.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

Pernand-Vergelesses 'Les Combottes' Blanc 2020

**RECOMMENDED** 

£150 IB (6x75cl)

Located high on the hill in between the vineyards of 'Les Pins' and 'Es Larrets et Vignes Blanches'. With its western exposure and mixture of poor soils (limestone, marl, and iron), wines are well balanced with impressive minerality.

"Charming aromas of lemon and red apple fused with toasted oak undertones. Rich, round and creamy on the palate followed by a streak of bright, uplifting and mineral-driven acidity that underpins more exotic fruits of mango, melon and pineapple with gentle waves of vanilla." Drink 2023-2028.

#### Meursault 'Narvaux' 2020

£250 IB (6x75cl)

Found just above the Premier Cru of 'Les Genevrières' where roots don't have to dig too far to reach the limestone mother-rock and in turn produces wines with both great freshness, and richness.

"Enticing nose of lemon zest, white peach and apricot with added honeysuckle. Unctuous and plump on the mid-palate yet extremely well balanced by bright, crisp acidity that provides tension and precision. Abundance of citrus and white stone fruit with added white pepper spice on the lingering finish." Drink 2024-2029.

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'La Garenne' 2020

**SOLD** 

£350 IB (6x75cl)

Positioned just above the Premier Cru vineyard of 'Les Folatières' next to the hamlet of Blagny.

"Inviting aromas of lemon, peach and apricot with delicate toasted oak spice. Ample and generous with a creamy, round texture married effortlessly with vibrant, racy acidity that underpins the core of citrus and white stone fruit." Drink 2023-2028.

#### Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Referts 2020

**SOLD** 

£350 IB (6x75cl)

A less well-known Premier Cru at the border between Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault; nestled in between the Premier Cru vineyards 'Les Combettes' and 'Les Perrières'.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Abbaye de Morgeot' 2020

**SOLD** 

£350 IB (6x75cl)

In the south of the commune surrounding an old abbey and lies adjacent to 'Morgeot' Premier Cru, where soils are deep with profound amounts of marl and limestone.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### Volnay 1er Cru 'Clos des Chênes' 2020

RECOMMENDED

£290 IB (6x75cl)

Considered as one of the finest Premier Cru vineyards in Volnay along with its neighbour 'Les Caillerets', enjoying a south-easterly exposure on thin, chalky soils.

"Charming aromas of red cherry, cranberry and blackberry with a touch of violet. Extremely juicy and pure on the mid-palate with ripe, velvety tannins that wrap around a core of red and black berries with gentle toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2029.

## Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 'Les Fuées' 2020

**SOLD** 

£485 IB (6x75cl)

Situated next the famous 'Les Bonnes Mares' Grand Cru on the northern side of the village (Morey-Saint-Denis frontier). Jadot own just a few rows of this 4.38-hectare Premier Cru vineyard, where vines have an easterly exposure on stone-laden soils.

"Rich and inviting nose of black mulberry, blackberry, black raspberry with smoky, toasted oak spice. Power and structure aplenty, this 'Les Fuées' is also refined and sophisticated thanks to soft, smooth tannins, wonderful vibrancy and purity of further bramble fruit on the core with underlying clove and black pepper spice." Drink 2026-2032+.

## **Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Lavaux Saint Jacques' 2020**

**SOLD** 

£450 IB (6x75cl)

Tucked up towards the 'Combe de Lavaux' in a valley that benefits from a stream of cool air, and naturally is therefore a cooler site on a gentle, south-facing slope.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## **Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Clos Saint Jacques' 2020**

SOLD

£795 IB (6x75cl)

A 1.10-hectare plot (of a total 6.7-hectares) in the centre of the hill. It is thought of by many as one of the best Premier Crus vineyards in the appellation.

"Serious and compelling aromas of red and black cherry, raspberry and mulberry with imposing, yet not aggressive toasted oak. Compact and concentrated with an extremely juicy core of more bramble and hedgerow fruits fused with juicy, ripe tannins that add lift and vibrancy. Excellent finish with a dusting of clove and black pepper spice." Drink 2026-2032+.

#### **Corton 'Pougets' Grand Cru 2020**

**LOW STOCK** 

£440 IB (6x75cl)

Compromised of two parcels covering a total of 9.7-hectares in Aloxe-Corton's upper and mid-slope, of which Jadot owns a 1.20-hectare plot on chalk and iron-rich marl.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### Corton 'Grèves' Grand Cru 2020

**LOW STOCK** 

£440 IB (6x75cl)

A mid-slope, south-east facing vineyard located below 'Perrières' and next to 'Les Bressandes' on light-gravel and sandy soils.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### **Clos Vougeot Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£600 IB (6x75cl)

One of the principal owners of the highly fragmented Clos with a 2.6-hectare parcel purchased in the 1980s.

"Enticing aromas of red and black cherry, blackberry and bramble fruit. Rich, powerful and muscular with a demanding presence fills the palate thanks to ripe, firm tannins and great depth of fruit that unfurls into a black pepper and clove spice finish. A monumental wine." Drink 2030-2040+.

## Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£1085 IB (6x75cl)

Situated in the north of Morey-Saint-Denis and borders the Grands Crus vineyards of Gevrey-Chambertin. It is the biggest of the four Grands Crus within the appellation (at 17ha) and is east facing.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### **Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£1085 IB (6x75cl)

Situated on an east facing slope in the heart of the commune and is flanked by the Grand Cru vineyards of 'Mazoyères-Chambertin', 'Latricières-Chambertin' and 'Chambertin'.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## **Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

SOLD

£1085 IB (6x75cl)

Lies immediately below 'Chambertin Clos de Bèze' Grand Cru, 'Griotte-Chambertin' Grand Cru to the south and 'Les Cherbaudes' Premier Cru to the north. The soil is shallow and pebbly with a base of hard mother rock.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## **Echézeaux Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£1100 IB (6x75cl)

At top of the slope and south of the Grand Cru vineyards of 'Grands-Echézeaux' and 'Clos de Vougeot'. Altitude throughout the vineyard varies between 250m-300m and the topsoil is thin with underlying rock often visible.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### Chambertin 'Clos de Bèze' Grand Cru 2020

SOLD

£940 IB (3x75cl)

Nestled in between and above the Grand Cru vineyards of 'Chambertin' and 'Mazis-Chambertin',

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## **ROCHE DE BELLENE**





Nicolas Potel is one of the most dynamic winemakers in Burgundy whom we have proudly dealt with for over 15 years. Thanks to his time in Australia, California, and other regions of France, he has developed a modern, yet respectful approach to winemaking where he creates luscious and seductive wines from village all the way to Grand Cru level. He has a "Midas touch" and really does get the best out of each commune. Maison Roche de Bellene (MRB) is Nicolas' négociant business where he buys the grapes from respected growers with whom he has long-term contracts, whereas Domaine de Bellene (DB) wines are made from his privately owned vines.

Nicolas beamed during our tasting at his home in Beaune as he declared "2020 is without a doubt one of my best vintages... it's definitely a year for Pinot Noir!"

## **DB Savigny-Les-Beaune Rouge 2020**

£110 IB (6x75cl)

A selection of three climats; 'Les Vermots', 'Aux Champs Pruniers' and 'Les Planchots' culminating in just 0.63-hectares of vines. The first two climats were planted in the 1930s, and 1950s respectively.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### **DB Nuits-Saint-George 'Vieilles Vignes' Rouge 2020**

£165 IB (6x75cl)

In production since 2009. The combination of several different climats; 2 in 'Les Argillats', 1 in 'Les Charmottes', and 1 in 'Aux Chouillets Saint Julien'.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## **MRB Cuvée Réserve Rouge 2020**

RECOMMENDED

£130 IB (12x75cl)

It now contains 20% Village wine in the blend from Chorey-Les-Beaune, Savigny-Les-Beaune and Vézelay.

"Charming aromas of strawberry, raspberry, and red cherry with a deft floral touch. Ripe, juicy, and round on the palate with soft, silky tannins and great purity of summer berries. Delightful." Drink 2023-2028.

## MRB Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vieilles Vignes' 2020

**RECOMMENDED** 

£195 IB (6x75cl)

Taken from 3 specially selected parcels of vines with an average age of 42-72 years old.

"Enticing aromas of red and black cherry with added black plum and iris. There is impressive purity, poise and tension on the multi-layered core of further red and black fruits underpinned by ripe, silky tannins and delicate toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2029.

## MRB Chambolle-Musigny 'Vieilles Vignes' 2020

£240 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.19-hectare plot with vines that vary between 50 to 70-years-old on clay and limestone soils.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## MRB Vosne-Romanée 'Vieilles Vignes' 2020

£240 IB (6x75cl)

Just 0.43-hectare section of 46 to 52-year-old vines on clay and limestone soils.

"Bright and attractive nose of strawberry and raspberry with a touch of blackberry. Vibrant and pure with ripe, round tannins and great focus and purity of further black cherry and black mulberry fused with black pepper spice." Drink 2024-2029.

#### MRB Gevrey-Chambertin 'Combe Aux Moines' 2020

£265 IB (6x75cl)

Situated at the top of the slope between the Premier Cru vineyards of 'Les Cazétiers' and 'Les Goulots'. More importantly, it lies underneath a large cliff face that reflects the sun's rays back onto the vineyard and is therefore warmer than many of the surrounding plots.

"Bright nose of red cherry, mulberry and black plum with a deft touch of rose petal. Lovely weight and structure on the mid-palate with soft, smooth tannins and delightful purity of black and bramble fruit on the core with underlying mocha spice." Drink 2025-2030+.

#### MRB Volnay 1er Cru 'Clos des Chênes' 2020

**SOLD** 

£265 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.32-hectares of 50-year-old vines grown in the southeastern section of the vineyard on clay and limestone soils. One of (if not the best), Premier Cru in the appellation.

"Compact and complex nose of blackberry and black cherry with a touch of blackcurrant compote. However, there is great vibrancy and structure on the palate with ripe, fine tannins providing a luscious texture supported by further core of concentrated, pure black and bramble fruits fused with mocha spice." Drink 2024-2029.

MRB Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru 'Les Rouges du Dessus' 2020 UNDER ALLOCATION £420 IB (6x75cl)

A select parcel of just 0.06-hectares of 50-year-old vines. The vineyard is positioned at the top of the slope above 'Echézeaux' Grand Cru.

"Dark and brooding aromas of black cherry, black plum and blackcurrant. Rich, powerful and fleshy with luscious, firm tannins and compact layers of bramble and hedgerow fruits with black pepper spice on the crescendo finish. Bravo, Nicolas!" Drink 2026-2032+.

## MRB Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2020

SOLD

£795 IB (6x75cl)

0.08-hectare parcel where vines are 30 to 50-years-old.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### **MRB Bonnes Mares Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£995 IB (6x75cl)

This Grand Cru straddles the border between Chambolle-Musigny (13.54-hectares) and Morey-St-Denis (1.52-hectares) and Nicolas' interpretation comes from a 0.03-hectare parcel of 40 –year-old vines.

"Pure and precise nose of black cherry and black plum with floral overtones. Generous and ample texture combined with ripe, silky tannins and great fruit purity; lots of precision and direction leading into a black fruit and black pepper-laden finish. Très bon(ne)!" Drink 2030-2040.

#### MRB Echézeaux Grand Cru 2020

SOLI

£995 IB (6x75cl)

0.01-hectare snippet of one of the most famous Grand Cru vineyards in the whole of Burgundy.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### MRB Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£995 IB (6x75cl)

Located in the south of Gevrey-Chambertin on the More-St-Denis border. 0.06-hectares of 60-year-old vines on clay and limestone soils.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## **MRB Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£1850 IB (6x75cl)

A miniscule 0.21-hectares parcel where vines have an average age of 45-years-old.

"Complex and dense bouquet of bramble and hedgerow fruit with gentle, integrated oak spice. Big, bold, and powerful yet harmonious and balanced thanks to ripe, velvety tannins that envelop a core of further dark black fruit and black pepper spice. Impressive." Drink 2030-2040.

## MRB Chambertin 'Clos de Bèze' Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£1850 IB (6x75cl)

0.03-hectares of this prestigious vineyard flanked by the Grand Cru vineyards of 'Chambertin' and 'Mazis-Chambertin'.

"Wow – rich and inviting nose of pure black cherry, blackberry and black mulberry. There is serious power, intensity, and structure here, yet it is also incredibly sophisticated thanks to ripe, fine tannins and wonderful purity of further bramble fruit flowing through into a monolithic finish. Superb." Drink 2032-2042+.

## **MRB Richebourg Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£3650 IB (6x75cl)

Located in the centre of the slope where Nicolas works with 0.04-hectares of 45-year-old vines.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

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SOLD

£3650 IB (6x75cl)

A 0.05-hectare plot situated just underneath 'Richebourg' Grand Cru.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

# **BERTRAND AMBROISE**





Maison Ambroise origins date back to the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17 hectares. Bertrand's children, François and Ludivine, now run the winery and have been working on developing their organic winemaking and are now Ecocert certified. In addition, wines are neither fined nor filtered, although there has also been a move to ageing the wine in 400L foudres, which maximises the purity of fruit to really come through in their wines.

François commented that 2020 is a "great vintage" that he prefers to 2019 as in his opinion it has "riper and purer fruit, rounder tannins and better balance."

## **Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Vieilles' Vignes 2020**

**RECOMMENDED** 

£75 IB (6x75cl)

Several parcels where vines have an average age of 75-years-old. 50% new oak.

"Dark and brooding aromas of black cherry and bramble fruit with roast coffee undertones. Impressive depth and structure for a Bourgogne Pinot Noir with ripe, firm tannins and a compact core of further dark black fruits and integrated oak spice." Drink 2023-2028.

#### **Côte de Nuits Villages 2020**

£120 IB (6x75cl)

From a small vineyard found at the southern end of Côte de Nuits in Comblanchiens; near the Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru 'Clos de la Marechale'. 30% new oak.

"Intense and forward nose of blackcurrant, cassis and blackberry infused with mocha spice. Pure, concentrated and focused with ripe, fine tannins and a multi-layered core of red and black fruits with integrated toasted oak. A mini Nuits-Saint-Georges!" Drink 2023-2028.

#### **Nuits-Saint-Georges 2020**

RECOMMENDED

£165 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of 70 to 80-year-old vines from the parcels of 'Les Fleurieres', 'Les Maladières' and 'Les Poisets' located in the south of Nuits-Saint-Georges on south-east facing slopes brown-clay and limestone soils with a hint of silt.

"Attractive aromas of black cherry and black plum with an underlying floral touch. Rich and concentrated on the mid-palate with impressive power, tension and drive supported by a further core of dark black fruits and toasted oak spice." Drink 2023-2028.

## **Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Vieilles Vignes' 2020**

£180 IB (6x75cl)

From two plots: one in Primeaux-Prissey, and the other close to Nuits-Saint-Georges.

"Concentrated aromas of black cherry, cassis and blackcurrant. Wow – magnificent structure and depth with ripe, yet firm tannins balanced by the multi-layered core of further bramble and hedgerow fruits and toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2029.

#### Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'En Rue de Chaux' 2020

**SOLD** 

£295 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.

"Intense and complex nose of black cherry, black plum and mulberry fused with deft touches of toasted oak spice. Impressive structure and poise on the mid-palate thanks to the ripe, round tannins and luscious, juicy texture that leads into a focused and sophisticated finish. Bravo, François!" Drink 2025-2032.

#### Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Damaudes' 2020

SOLI

£245 IB (6x75cl)

A regular favourite situated just above the Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru vineyards and near to 'La Tâche' Grand Cru. 50% new oak. Only 3 barrels made.

"Brooding aromas of black cherry supported by further blackberry and mulberry fruit. Rich, round and powerful on the palate, yet retains elegance due to silky smooth texture and purity of further dark black fruit core and toasted cedar spice." Drink 2024-2030.

## Corton 'Le Rognet' Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£320 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, complex and concentrated dark black fruit nose fused with deft touches of toasted oak and mocha spice. Intense and powerful on the palate with a wonderful seductive texture complemented by juicy, ripe tannins that wrap around a core of further blackcurrant and cassis. As François states, this is a monster... It needs time, but what a wine!" Drink 2028-2038.

## **Clos Vougeot Grand Cru 2020**

SOLD

£695 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel of vines located near the top of the slope and 'Grands Echézeaux' Grand Cru.

"A wine that demands your attention from the get-go... rich and imposing aromas of bramble and hedgerow fruit intertwine with enticing savoury, slightly meaty undertones. Monumental power and structure on the palate with great concentration and complexity from the ripe, forward tannins and impressive purity of further dark black fruit and mocha spice. Incredible." Drink 2030-2040.

## **FAIVELEY**





Since 2007, Domaine Faiveley has been in the capable hands of Erwan Faiveley. The 115-hectare Domaine is split between an estate 78-hectare estate in Mercurey, and a further 37-hectares throughout the Côte d'Or. 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, contributes to their steady rise in quality, profile, and demand for their wines around the world.

Faiveley's Assistant Winemaker, Bastien Giraud, guided our tasting and explained that "2020 enjoyed a healthy and warm, although at times, very hot growing season, yet both whites and reds have incredible aromatics and freshness." Furthermore, he stated that "2020 has better balance [in comparison 2019] as they harvested almost a month later and thus achieved higher acid / lower pH levels, resulting in well-balanced wines with respectable alcohol levels between 13-14.5%."

## Meursault 1er Cru Blagny Blanc 2020

£275 IB (6x75cl)

## 1.15-hectare plot planted in 1963 next to 'La Pièce Sous Le Bois', near the hamlet of Blagny.

"Attractive aromas of lemon and mango with a hint of Cantaloupe melon. Rich, round and ripe on the palate with a wonderful creamy texture that it is underpinned by further exotic fruit and a streak of crisp, racy acidity that provides tension and direction." Drink 2024-2029

## Mercurey 'La Framboisière' Rouge 2020

**SOLD** 

£250 IB (12x75cl)

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

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### Monthélie 1er Cru 'Les Champs Fulliot' 2020

**SOLD** 

£145 IB (6x75cl)

Located to the east of the village and borders the famous Volnay Premier Cru vineyard 'Clos des Chênes'.

"Bright and perfumed aromas of both red and black cherry, blackberry with added iris and wild thyme. Forward and luscious texture on the palate with ripe, juicy tannins and wonderful purity of further black fruit and gentle toasted oak spice." Drink 2025-2032.

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#### **Gevrey-Chambertin VV**

£220 IB (6x75cl)

A total of 7.2-hectares of specially selected plots from throughout the appellation, where vines have an average age of 35-years-old.

"Charming aromas of black cherry and black plum fused with gentle toasted oak. Bright and vibrant on the palate with ripe, round and juicy tannins that intermingle with black and bramble fruit and underlying black pepper spice." Drink 2024-2029.

## **Chambolle-Musigny VV**

£245 IB (6x75cl)

Small production that shows Chambolle-Musigny at its best.

"Dark and brooding nose of black cherry, black plum and blackcurrant with a lifted touch of iris. Great power and impressive structure on the mid-palate with luscious, silky tannins that wrap around a core of further dark black fruits and mocha spice." Drink 2025-2030+.

## Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Damodes' 2020

**SOLD** 

£320 IB (6x75cl)

An excellent Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru that has a hint of Vosne-Romanée influence thanks to its adjacent position at the top of the slope.

"Wow! Beautiful and seductive aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and black raspberry with added gentle cedar spice. Great structure, poise and balance underpinned by ripe, velvety tannins and pure, concentrated black fruit core and mocha spice. An opulent and enticing Les Damodes." Drink 2025-2032+.

#### Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'La Combe aux Moines' 2020

£360 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 1.2-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').

"Lifted aromas of red cherry, raspberry and redcurrant with underlying 'sous bois' notes. Well-structured and balanced with luscious, velvety tannins and a bright, vibrant core of darker black and bramble fruits fused with cracked black pepper spice. There is great drive and tension on the fine finish. Bravo." Drink 2025-2030+.

## **Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Les Cazétiers' 2020**

**LOW STOCK** 

£420 IB (6x75cl)

Vineyard holdings have increased since 2012 from 2.05-hectares to 4-hectares. It is situated between the Premiers Crus of 'La Combe aux Moines' and 'Clos Saint Jacques'.

"Brooding and complex nose of black cherry, black plum and blackberry with toasted oak spice. Rich and powerful, yet extremely well-balanced thanks to the ripe, firm tannins and impressive fruit purity that integrates with gentle mocha and coffee spice." Drink 2025-2032+.

## Corton 'Clos de Cortons Faiveley' Grand Cru 2020

SOLD

£795 IB (6x75cl)

A 2.7-hectare monopole owned by Faiveley since 1874.

"Enticing aromas of strawberry, raspberry and black cherry with added floral lift. This is extremely juicy and ripe on the palate with silky, seductive tannins leading into a pure and precise finish. There's so much concentration here, yet without being excessive. Lots of potential and will need time." Drink 2026-2036+.

## **Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£895 IB (6x75cl)

A combination of three small plots totalling just 1.26-hectares. Two parcels are in the lower part of the Clos; with the third situated in the centre near the Château.

"Intense and forward nose of both red and black fruits with savoury toasted oak spice fill the glass. Big, bold, and powerful with impressive depth and concentration of a black and bramble fruit-dominated core with coffee and mocha spice undertones... it builds gradually to a crescendo finsh. Excellent." Drink 2030-2040.

## Echézeaux 'En Orveaux' Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£895 IB (6x75cl)

The 0.83-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.

"Wow, such complexity and intensity of red and black cherry, tayberry and gentle toasted oak. Compelling and compact with ripe, yet firm tannins integrate with great purity, depth and complexity of a more bramble and black fruit dominated core and smoky, cedar spice undertones." Drink 2028-2038+.

#### Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£995 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. 1.20-hectare plot with vines planted in 1958, 1984 and 1989.

"Charming and sophisticated aromas of black cherry and black plum with a dusting of black pepper spice. Elegant and graceful with silky, soft tannins and a voluptuous, generous texture on the mid-palate that gives way to a black fruit and cinnamon spice-infused core. This is so delicate and harmonious!" Drink 2028-2038.

#### **Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£995 IB (6x75cl)

The most northern of Gevrey-Chambertin's Grand Crus, where Faiveley own 1.55-hectares located in 'Mazis-Haut' (Upper Mazis) on a bed composed of shallow, alluvial soils.

"Concentrated mélange of bramble and hedgerow fruits with underlying sultry toasted spice. Dense, complex, and compact, yet refined and sophisticated thanks to fine, velvety tannins and ripe, forward, and generous fruit. This is a poised and precise Mazis-Chambertin that demands your respect, and its justified – a blockbuster wine!" Drink 2030-2040+.

## Chambertin 'Clos de Bèze' Grand Cru 2020

**SOLD** 

£1600 IB (6x75cl)

Faiveley have owned the largest allocation of 'Clos de Bèze' since the 1930's with 1.9-hectares divided between 3 parcels: 'Grands Rangs', 'Clos de Bèze Haut' and 'Vieilles Vignes'.

"Powerful and enticing aromas of black cherry and black plum with underlying 'sous bois' and smoky, toasted cedar spice. Intense and concentrated on the mid-palate, yet extremely seductive thanks to the silky, ripe tannins that unfurl around a core of red and black fruit with dashes of black pepper spice on the lingering finish. This is class and sophistication in a glass..." Drink 2030-2040+.

## **ROSSIGNOL-TRAPET**





Archives show that the Rossignol family have run vineyards in the famous Côte de Nuits since the 16<sup>th</sup> century so brothers Nicolas and David Rossignol, have plenty of experience to draw upon when creating their wines. Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 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. They have been certified organic and biodynamic since 2004. They own a total of 14-hectares of vines in Gevrey-Chambertin, creating excellent quality wines thanks to the combination of traditional methods and modern vinification techniques. We are great supporters of Rossignol-Trapet and have been buying their wines for over 10 years – we are continually impressed by their wines!

David discussed the 2020 in depth commenting, "winter and spring were mild, and the growing season began with early flowering. The harvest started on 29<sup>th</sup> August, which along with 2003 is one of the earliest on record, however, as summer was also hot and dry, the grapes were extremely healthy and there was no risk of disease (perfect for biodynamics)." Despite the warmth, David also noted "the berries were not dry or shrivelled, and there is very good acidity in the 2020 wines, which gifts them lift and brightness... this is a classic vintage for Pinot Noir!"

## **Bourgogne Rouge 2020**

SOLD

£105 IB (6x75cl)

0.77-hectare plot planted in 1999 in 'En Grands Champs', which borders 'La Burie', 'Pressonnier' and 'Croix de Champs'. 50% whole bunch fermentation.

"Attractive aromas of red and black cherry with delicate touch of iris. Vibrant, pure, and luscious on the palate with ripe, soft tannins that wrap around a core further red berry fruit with touches of Asian spice. Delicious." Drink 2023-2028.

## Beaune 'Les Mariages' 2020

£150 IB (6x75cl)

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

"Dark, brooding nose of black cherry and bramble fruit with well-integrated toasted oak. Compact, complex and driven on the mid-palate with luscious, rounded tannins that flow through into a further dark black fruit core and black pepper infused finish." Drink 2024-2029.

## Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Teurons' 2020

£230 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.

"Charming nose of red and black cherry with underlying black raspberry and undertones of toasted oak. Vibrant and pure on the palate with great energy, focus and precision thanks to silky, soft tannins and seductive dark black fruit core with added liquorice spice. Precise and pure." Drink 2024 -2030.

## **Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vieilles Vignes' 2020**

**RECOMMENDED** 

£200 IB (6x75cl)

Made from a selection of Gevrey-Chambertin village plots; 'Les Crais' and 'Creux Brouillard' to the east (gravel), 'Combe du Dessous' and 'Combe du Bas' on a slope to the west (clay) as well as 'Jouise' and 'Cerceuils' to the south (stone and clay). All vines have an average age of 60 to 65-years-old and are grown on a variation of soils; they are harvested and vinified separately, and then blended before malolactic fermentation.

"Beautiful aromas of black cherry, blackberry and mulberry with a delicate savoury edge. Impressive structure and tension on the mid-palate supported by juicy, ripe, and rounded tannins and an abundance of further dark black fruits and black pepper spice. Such drive and focus... an excellent Gevrey-Chambertin." Drink 2024-2030.

#### **Gevrey-Chambertin 'Aux Ételois' 2020**

**SOLD** 

£320 IB (6x75cl)

A minute 0.4-hectare plot situated in between 'Aux Griottes' and 'Charmes-Chambertin' Grands Crus, where vines have an average age of 60 to 70-years-old. 8 barrels made. 15% new oak.

"Wow, such as an intense and compact nose of black cherry and blackberry with added blackcurrant purée. Impressive power and structure, quite muscular though remains sophisticated with ripe, rounded tannins and dense black fruit core on the persistent black pepper infused finish." Drink 2024-2032.

## **Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Petite Chapelle' 2020**

**SOLD** 

£460 IB (6x75cl)

A continuation of 'Chapelle-Chambertin' Grand Cru, despite just a faint slope separating the two. 25-30% new oak.

"Enticing aromas of cranberry, red and black cherry with added blackberry and rose petal overtones. Bold and bracing with great structure and resolve, yet so juicy and pure on the mid-palate. There's an abundance of bramble and hedgerow fruit fused with a dusting of toasted oak and coffee spice on the long, lingering finish." Drink 2026-2034+.

## **Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£885 IB (6x75cl)

Situated directly south of 'Chambertin' and above 'Mayozères ou Charmes' Grands Crus, 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. 40-50% new oak.

"Intense aromas of black cherry, blackberry and bramble fruit with toasted oak spice. Bold, concentrated and complex on the palate with a multi-layered core of further dark black fruits and well-integrated mocha spice; this is extremely refined and balanced with superb fruit purity and complexity. Excellent. Bravo, David." Drink 2030-2038+.

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## **Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£885 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 on a limestone base covered with a shallow pebble-topsoil (0.5m).

"Profound nose of black cherry and black plum fused with toasted cedar and charcoal spice. Powerful and muscular with ripe, fine tannins and great vibrancy and juiciness on the mid-palate, feeding into a core of dark black compote-esque fruits intertwined with black pepper and liquorice spice. Impressive." Drink 2030-2040+.

#### **Chambertin Grand Cru 2020**

SOLD

£1450 IB (6x75cl)

Situated in between the Grands Crus of 'Latricières' and 'Clos de Bèze'. A 1.60-hectare plot on a gentle, east-facing slope south of the village on a bed of hard limestone topped with clay.

"Deep, dark and brooding aromas of black cherry, black plum and blackcurrant with undertones of mocha spice. Compelling and concentrated with great structure and poise thanks to firm, yet ripe and forward tannins that wrap around a vibrant core of further dark black fruits and nutmeg spice. So elegant, focused and pure." Drink 2030-2042+.

## A.F. GROS





Domaine A.F. Gros was created by Anne-Françoise Gros, alongside her husband François Parent, in Pommard in 1988. The Domaine is now run by their children, Caroline, and Mathias, who create elegant and refined wines from 10-hectares of vines throughout Vosne-Romanée (including Richebourg and Echézeaux Grand Cru), Chambolle-Musigny as well as Moulin-À-Vent, in Beaujolais.

We are once again extremely happy we have been able to obtain a small allocation of their highly regarded wines. Caroline Parent-Gros confirmed that despite producing a third less than the yearly average "2020 is an excellent vintage that has produced wines with great concentration, complexity and ageing potential."

## **Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc 2020**

£130 IB (6x75cl)

A small parcel from Chevrey (west of Comblanchien and the main Côte des Nuits strip). 50% new oak.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

## Moulin-à-Vent 'En Mortperay' 2020 (Beaujolais)

£120 IB (6x75cl)

A 3.8-hectare plot where vines have an average age of 30 to 35-years-old.

Unfortunately, we were not able to taste. Once critic scores and tasting notes have been released, we will update this on our website.

#### **Gevrey-Chambertin 2020**

**LOW STOCK** 

£285 IB (6x75cl)

A select 1.5-hectare plot that belongs to a famous friend... a sworn secret never to be revealed!

"Dense, compact and complex nose of red and black cherry with delicate, savoury undertones. Impressive concentration on the palate with ripe, yet firm tannins though balanced by great vibrancy and drive thanks to purity of further black cherry and black plum with integrated smoky, toasted oak spice." Drink 2025-2030.

#### **Chambolle-Musigny 2020**

LOW STOCK £340 IB (6x75cl)

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

"Attractive aromas of black cherry, black plum and blackberry with a dusting of mocha spice. Commanding and complex with great structure and balance from the ripe, round tannins and forward, pure core of bramble and black fruits with a savoury-infused finish. Textbook Chambolle-Musigny." Drink 2024-2030.

#### Vosne-Romanée 'Les Chalandins' 2020

**SOLD** 

£340 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'.

"Sultry and seductive nose of blackcurrant, cassis and blackberry fused with whiffs of smoky, toasted oak. Rich, round and robust yet great vibrancy and juiciness on the mid-palate thanks to the silky tannins and pure, forward dark black fruit epicentre. There is a lot of focus and tension throughout, which culminates in a phenomenal finish. Bravo, Mathias!" Drink 2026-2032+.

#### Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Réas' 2020

**SOLD** 

£340 IB (6x75cl)

The plot is located on the Nuits-Saint-Georges and Vosne-Romanée border and is flanked by the Premier Cru 'Clos des Réas' to the north, as well as 'Les Jacquines' and 'Au-dessus de la Rivière' vineyards to the south.

"Intense and forward bouquet of ripe bramble and hedgerow fruit intertwined with savoury, cedar spice. Powerful and muscular on the palate with firm, rounded tannins that wrap around a core of blackberry and blackcurrant coulis with excellent vibrancy and uplift creating precision and drive on the prolonged finish." Drink 2026-2032+.

## Vosne-Romanée 'Maizières' 2020

**SOLD** 

£340 IB (6x75cl)

The parcels skirt the Vosne-Romanée and Flagey-Echézeaux border and is enclosed by the vineyards of 'Vigneux' and 'Les Chalandins' as well as Premier Cru 'Les Suchots'. Vines were replanted in 2016, so this is the first vintage back in production.

"Charming and aromatic nose of tayberry, red and black cherry with hints of sous bois and delicate mocha spice. Bright, vibrant, and well-structured with a generous and juicy texture supported by ripe, silky tannins and a luscious core of further red currants and berries and underlying toasted oak spice. This is softer, more elegant and brighter in comparison to 'Les Chalandins' or 'Aux Réas'." Drink 2025-2030+.

## **Echézeaux Grand Cru 2020**

SOLD

£750 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.

"Hedonistic aromas of both red and black berry as well as cherry with gentle and finely tuned toasted oak spice. Plenty of power, structure, and tension with wonderful elegance from the firm, yet ripe and round tannins and excellent purity and depth of fruit. So graceful." Drink 2030-2040+.

## **Richebourg Grand Cru 2020**

**SOLD** 

£1650 IB (3x75cl)

Neighbouring the Grands Crus of 'La Romanée', 'La Romanée-Conti' and 'Romanée-Saint-Vivant'. Richebourg has a combined total of 8-hectares, of which A.F. Gros own 0.59ha, and therefore makes them the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest occupant after Domaine de la Romanée-Conti.

"Compelling nose of red and black cherry, blackberry and mulberry with alluring smoky, ever so slightly gamey undertones. Big, bold and powerful yet this is so captivating on the palate thanks to its luscious texture and ripe, resolved tannins that envelop a further core of dark black fruit and mocha spice." Drink 2030-2040+.