



# BURGUNDY 'EN PRIMEUR'

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# VINTAGE REPORT

2021 was a year to be forgotten by the vigneron of Europe. A warm March set the sap running early leaving precocious buds wide open to the dangers of April frosts. The northerly latitude of Burgundy never helps, but this year was especially difficult for the producers. Five days of frost caused destruction across the vineyards. Temperatures went down as far as -7C leaving few with any hope of salvaging the first budburst.

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With memories of the warm March seeming like a distant memory. Cold, wet, unseasonable conditions continued through to flowering and beyond. At Bouchard Père et Fils flowering arrived on 6th June in wet weather that encouraged the onset of Oidium among the vines. While we were enjoying a glorious warm period in June and July, France was set into a typical Irish summer. The wet Spring preceded a damp, cloudy summer with mildew enemy number 1 in the vineyards.

As September arrived 2021 looked set to be a vintage to forget. Rain brought ripening to a standstill, many grapes were measured at just 10.5% potential alcohol. Vignerons were stockpiling sugar ahead of what looked set to be many of the younger generation's first ever vintage with chaptalisation.

But the autumn solstice brought with it a change in the weather and 21st September saw a turn to more settled sunny conditions. Grapes gained valuable sugars and brisk ripening pulled them over the line. Chaptalisation was common in 2021, but not to the levels expected at the beginning of the month.



# FROM BEAUJOLAIS TO CHABLIS -AN INSIGHT INTO OUR TASTING TRIP.

'White Burgundy 2021 - go South!' Jancis Robinson MW  
 Tiny allocations, increasing prices and critic's headlines like the above have led us to introduce wines from further South to our 2021 campaign.

Our annual pilgrimage to taste the vintage in November was filled with trepidation. First off, we were (rightly) concerned about available quantities and pricing of this vintage. Fundamentally however we were worried about the wines themselves.  
 Thankfully this fear proved unfounded, with the whites showing exceptional terroir expression and the reds a perfumed fragrance and purity that we've missed in warmer years.

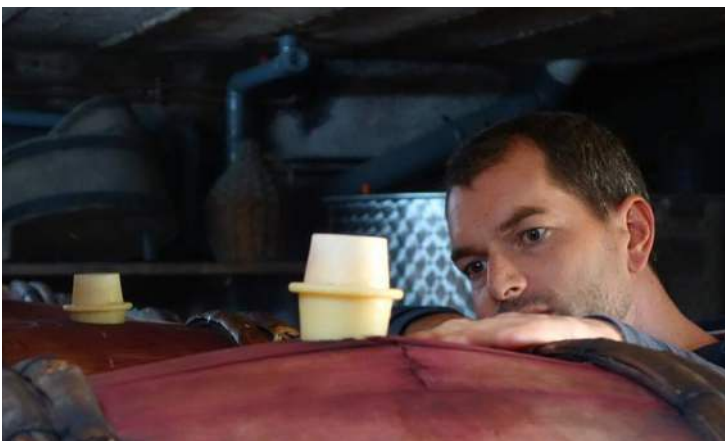
Our trip started in the South, heading north as the week progressed. Controversially we've included some cru Beaujolais and exquisite Spatburgunder from the Pfalz in this 'Burgundy' En Primeur Campaign.

## BEAUJOLAIS

We introduced the wines of Antoine Sunier to our portfolio last year. Many of you will not have even noticed. Gamay?  
 Didn't Philip the Bold banish it to Beaujolais?

Based in Regnie Antoine's vines are farmed organically. He uses a tiny amount of sulphur but retains finesse and elegance in his wines through careful handling and large format oak. Antoine lost 40% of his Morgon to the frost in 2021, spending the rest of the season protecting the vines from the ever present Mildew. The end result is a triumph to his work in the vineyard. Perhaps one of my tasting notes from his 2021 wines will help you sit up and notice these excellent wines:

**Regnie 2021-** Sweet red fruit notes on the nose. Herbal filigree tones drive the palate, lifted with a chalk texture. Elegant, violet notes drive a moorish finish. Gamay, but not as you know it.



Antoine • Sunier

DOMAINE ANTONIE SUNIER  
 RÉGNIÉ

Based in the Cru of Régnié, Antoine is one to watch in Beaujolais. Leaving behind a life in computers Antoine moved to Régnié, close to his brother Julien's winery and established his own domaine in 2014. On 5.5ha, 4.3 in Régnié, 1.2 in Morgon the land is worked sustainably, using cover crops including cereals and peas for biodiversity. The soils are diverse from deep granite in Régnié to old alluvial in Morgon. The wines are grown up and tense, their elegance belies the gamay of old, looking only towards a future of discovery. Stocks are strictly limited on these wines.

			Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
○ BIO CONV	NAT	Régnié, Domaine Antonie Sunier	2021	12	198.00
○ BIO CONV	NAT	Morgon, Domaine Antonie Sunier	2021	12	216.00
○ BIO CONV	NAT	Régnié 'Montmerond', Domaine Antonie Sunier	2021	12	234.00

## MÂCONNAIS

We were seriously impressed by the activities of our partners in the Mâconnais. They also saw reduced stocks, but the 2021s are wines to sit up and notice. New cellars at Maison Auvigue, experiments with barrels and the elevation of 'Les Crays' to 1er Cru status as 'Aux Vignerai's' is tipping the scales out of 'easy drinking' into more terroir driven recognition.

At Cave Talmard, Mallory and Benjamin have always represented great value. But progress with older vines and careful blending of different plots is driving the quality and recognition even further. 2021 is an exceptional year for them with more than a salty lick of minerality driving the finish across the palate. These wines are available throughout the year on our main list, they are worth seeking out.



## CÔTE CHALONNAISE

My French is always tested at Domaine Ragot, as Nicholas Ragot speaks fast and technically about his progress in the vineyard and cellar. What's exciting is the replanting programme that they are currently focussed on. A hilltop wooded area that in the past produced excellent grapes is being re-planted at 500m. This will bring their holdings from 9ha to 14ha under vine. Increasing costs of oak make the keener pricing of Givry harder to achieve.



- HVE3 Givry Blanc 'Champ Pourot', Domaine Ragot
- HVE3 Givry Rouge 'Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Ragot
- HVE3 Givry Rouge 'La Grande Berge', Domaine Ragot

Nicholas is working with amphora to add breadth without the toast to his wines. His 'Champs Pourot' Blanc showed elevated minerality, expression and poise, laying the foundations for our thinking that perhaps 2021 is working for the whites.



We're lucky to have a TINY allocation from friends of Nicholas, up the road in Rully. Domaine de la Folie has 'future proofed' North East facing vineyards making the 19s and 20s easy vintages. But Clemence feels that 'we lost typicity' in those years. 2021 brings them back to mineral, terroir led expressions in the wines. Across the hill in Bouzeron, Xavier brought in grapes from friends in Beaujolais in order to give him some wine to sell this year. The result - Terra Mater, a blend of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay on our main list is worth seeking out.

## DOMAINE RAGOT GIVRY

Nicholas Ragot has run his family Domaine of 9.5ha since 2008. The Domaine underwent a complete renovation in 2003 when Nicolas and his father Jean Paul upgraded the cellar.

Nicholas is heavily involved in sustainability, both on his estate and in the region of Givry. Work in the vineyards avoids the use of herbicides, beneficial crops act as a natural barrier against weeds and effective tool in water regulation to the vines. This approach is not limited to the vineyards; their cellar is 100% off grid.

Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
2021	6	120.00
2021	6	142.00
2021	6	160.00



Did we mention that 2021 has been good to the whites? Well the crystalline notes in the golden aligote grown on Les Clous and Les Courcelles are exceptional. The Southerly position and South East facing slope of 'Les Boeres' in Mercurey certainly helped his Pinot expression as well:

'Sweet floral notes on the nose, exotic almost. Blueberry and blackcurrant core with great tension and grip. Lifting mid palate. More savoury and integral. Sweet, almost chewy. Fragrant finish. Long.'

## DOMAINE DE LA FOLIE CÔTE CHALONNAISE



We met Clemence in 2020. She and her husband Baptiste Dubrulle are the fourth generation to make wines here. The style is relatively traditional, with a generous bouyancy about the wines. Open expressions, a welcome embrace! Their vineyards are 'future proofed' against climate change with east and north/east facing slopes. The couple embrace the terroir, focussed on expressions of site over ] influences from oak.

- Rully Blanc Clos 'La Folie', Domaine de la Folie
- Rully Blanc 1er Cru 'Clos du Chaigne', Domaine de la Folie
- Rully Rouge 'Clos de Bellecroix', Domaine de la Folie
- Rully Rouge 'Cuvée Marey', Domaine de la Folie

## LES CHAMPS DE THÉMIS BOUZERON



New on the Irish market, the Côte Chalonnaise selection from Xavier Moissenet of Les Champs de Thémis. Organically farmed with minimal sulphur usage, they offer great value and incredible depth from such young domaine. As with most of Burgundy today, allocations are small with this domaine.

Originally from Nuits-Saint-George, Xavier decided to move south to start his own project. He rents the land that is farmed organically in the vineyards around Bouzeron. Bouzeron in the Côte Chalonnaise is the only commune to grow 'golden' Aligote. All the vines are mature with some vines over 80 years old, the concentration and definition from the older vines gives huge complexity to the wines. What impressed Harriet about the wines, was the careful use of oak, elevating the fruit aromas and adding depth to the palate of each wine. Xavier works closely with the Chassin tonnellerie, ensuring that each plot has the perfect elevage.

- BIO ORG Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise Blanc, Les Champs de Thémis
- BIO ORG Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise Rouge, Les Champs de Thémis
- BIO ORG Bouzeron 'Les Clos', Les Champs de Thémis *Golden Aligote*
- BIO ORG Bouzeron 'Les Corcelles', Les Champs de Thémis *Golden Aligote*
- BIO ORG Mercurey 'Les Bosebuts', Les Champs de Thémis
- BIO ORG Mercurey 'Les Bouères', Les Champs de Thémis
- BIO ORG Mercurey 'Les Bouères', Les Champs de Thémis (Magnum)



Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
2021	6	112.00
2021	6	147.00
2021	6	112.00
2021	6	132.00



Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
2021	6	92.00
2021	6	92.00
2021	6	95.00
2021	6	115.00
2021	6	110.00
2021	6	125.00
2021	6	277.00



## CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Our visit to Chorey Les Beaune and Nathalie at Domaine Tollot Beaut is always a highlight. It's safe to say that this little Domaine has excelled in 2021. The perfumed fragrance is on point this year. But an average loss of 40% means that they have very little wine to sell. The hill of Corton was badly hit by frost meaning that for the first time ever they have had to blend the two Grand Crus of Corton in order to fill the barrel.



## DOMAINE TOLLOT-BEAUT CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE

Tollot-Beaut is a most reliable source for a range of delicious consumer friendly wines that seem to get better as the years go by. The wines are beautifully open in style, with rich generous fruit flavours and judicious use of new oak. They have a certain poise, with great depth and elegance and consistently over-deliver for the price. The property was one of the very first to domaine bottle their wines in the early 1920's; today it is run by Nathalie Tollot and her extended family.

	Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
○ Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	135.00
○ Chorey Les Beaune 'La Pièce Du Chapitre', Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	175.00
○ Savigny 1er Cru, Champ Chevrey, Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	235.00
○ Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	254.00
○ Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru, 'Les Vercots', Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	335.00
○ Beaune Clos du Roi 1er Cru, Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	348.00
○ Corton Grand Cru, Domaine Tollot Beaut	2021	6	533.00

At Bouchard Père et Fils gaps were noticed in the tasting. Comprehensive sorting left yields even lower than expected. The reds sway towards fragrant perfumed expression. silky tannins and lifted aromatics. Fragile but not light. The direction this domaine is going in is exciting. Their focus entirely on their large holdings of Grand and Premier Cru. If I had to pick a favourite in the reds, the Corton did it for me. Frederic Weber found the management of the whites more complex. Frost affected skins were thicker and needed longer ripening, those unaffected have shown more terroir.

A balancing act in the winery to bring to barrel, tasting confirms this attention to detail was rewarded. The salty terroir definition and exceptional composure of the whites sees huge scores and effusive notes from us! Straight to the top - here is my note on the 2021

**Montrachet: .9ha East facing. Aromatic lemon tones on the nose. Broad mouth filling peach and lemon expression. High density with lifting grainy tones. Acid is integral, linear, leading the weight over the finish. Blossom tones at the end. VERY long.**



## DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE ET FILS CÔTE-D'OR



As the largest vineyard owners in Burgundy, with 130 hectares of vines (including 12ha Grand Cru and 75 ha of Premier Cru), Bouchard Père et Fils are in a strong position to maximise the quality of their wines.

In the vineyards the translation of terroir into glass is driven by a focus on biodiversity and soil health. This year we have focussed on the heart of their production, selecting wines from their vineyards that offer the best value in an increasingly speculative market.



			Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €		
	BIO		ORG	Beaune 'Clos Saint-Landry', Monopole, 1er Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	388.00
	BIO		ORG	Meursault 'Genevrières', 1er Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	536.00
	BIO		ORG	Corton Charlemagne, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	1123.00
	BIO		ORG	Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	2459.00
	BIO		ORG	Montrachet, Grand Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	4908.00
	BIO		ORG	Monthélie 'Les Duresse', 1er Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	197.00
	BIO		ORG	Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Lavières, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	226.00
	BIO		ORG	Beaune 'Les Teurons' 1er Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	283.00
	BIO		ORG	Beaune 'Clos de la Mousse', Monopole, 1er Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	388.00
	BIO		ORG	Volnay 1er Cru, 'Les Caillerets' Ancienne Cuvée Carnot, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	441.00

### GRAND CRU

	BIO		ORG	Le Corton Grand Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	714.00
	BIO		ORG	Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	1435.00
	BIO		ORG	Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	2415.00
	BIO		ORG	Chambertin-Clos de Bèze, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils	2021	6	2370.00

Jean-Baptiste at Domaine Michel Bouzereau gave me a glimpse of his reds this year. When you know someone to be a master of Meursault you don't expect to have to expand his title to Professor of Pinot. Supple, alert red fruit with saline notes.. excellence in Bourgogne and Pommard from this stable. For the whites, frost decimated Blagny this year, Grand Charrons was just 20% of the normal yield. The exhalted Bourgoge Côte d'or ordinarily 60% Meursault 40% Puligny fruit, is this year 75% Puligny. The expression is as excellent as ever.



## DOMAINE MICHEL BOUZEREAU ET FILS CÔTE-D'OR




Jean-Baptiste Bouzereau took over from his father Michel eleven years ago. Their philosophy is simple with vines cultivated without any chemical fertilizers. The estate comprises 12 hectares predominantly in Meursault and Puligny Montrachet. The style focusses on purity, with great elegance.

			Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €	
			Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Michel Bouzereau et Fils	2021	6	154.00
			Meursault 'Les Grands Charron', Domaine Michel Bouzereau et Fils	2021	6	354.00
			Meursault 1er Cru 'Les Charmes Dessus', Domaine Michel Bouzereau et Fils	2021	6	654.00
			Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir, Domaine Michel Bouzereau et Fils	2021	6	155.00
			Pommard 'Les Cras', Domaine Michel Bouzereau et Fils	2021	6	300.00

We were scheduled to taste the elegant Pommard of Comte Armand, but sadly a family emergency changed those plans. To be honest, this year, the allocations are so tiny that if you blink you may miss them. Exceptional wines with polish and distinction.

## DOMAINE COMTE ARMAND POMMARD

A 9ha domaine Comte Armand produces the esteemed monopoly Clos des Epeneaux, along with a range of wines from plots located in Volnay and Auxey-Duresses. The Clos des Epeneaux is a magnificent parcel of five hectares acquired by Nicolas Marey at the end of the 18th century. The vineyards are certified organic and cultivated biodynamically. Since Paul Zinetti took over the winemaking in 2014 the wines have evolved further. In the words of Jasper Morris MW they have taken on a more 'enhanced, refined and pure style.' All grapes are de-stemmed with a longer time resting on the skins than many. Paul said from the outset that he wanted to make a less tannic wine in the Clos, and one which is more about aromatic length.

		Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
 <b>ORG</b>	Bourgogne Aligoté, Comte Armand	2021	6	124.00
 <b>ORG</b>	Pommard 1er Cru 'Clos des Epeneaux', Comte Armand	2021	6	796.00
 <b>ORG</b>	Volnay, Comte Armand	2021	6	280.00



**\*Domaine Hubert Lamy and Domaine Jacques Carillon have not yet released allocations and prices. We will be offering these wines later in the year.**

## CÔTE DE NUITS

Production at Domaine Michel Magnien was down 50% in 2021. Morey-Saint-Denis was badly affected. This reduction in yield certainly didn't affect the quality though. The 'Saint Luisants' was literally singing out of the glass.

Frederic's experiments with clay pots, amphora and larger barrels continue to drive results. His focus at the moment is fine tuning Sulphur additions believing that they 'dry out the fruit'. Despite the reduction in production the Climat d'Or from Morey Saint Denis (a blend of all the premier crus) was a favourite of mine:








'Warm lightly spiced notes on the nose. Floral tones lifted by the filigree structure. Terroir driven mineral core. Dense on the finish, darker. Very long.'



## DOMAINE MICHEL MAGNIEN MOREY SAINT-DENIS



Certified biodynamic in 2015 Domaine Michel Magnien (18ha) is run by forward thinking 5th generation winemaker Frédéric Magnien. In 2015 Frédéric ceased using new French oak barrels, replacing them with 160 litre terracotta amphora. The amphora brings a freshness and life to the wines that the oak cannot provide. All of the wines below are aged in amphora.

		Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
 <b>BIO</b>	Côtes de Nuits Villages, Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	172.00
 <b>BIO</b>	Morey-Saint-Denis 'Monts Luisants', Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	260.00
 <b>BIO</b>	Gevrey Chambertin 'Les Seuvrées Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	300.00
 <b>BIO</b>	Chambolle-Musigny 'Les Argillières', Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	340.00
 <b>BIO</b>	Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru 'Climats d'Or', Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	340.00
 <b>BIO</b>	Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru 'Les Chaffots', Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	372.00
 <b>BIO</b>	Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Michel Magnien	2021	6	981.00





At Domaine Seguin Gerard's son Jerome is now running the family business. There are some small changes reflecting this. These include an earlier bottling, enabled by the precocity of the completion of MLF. Jerome's focus is on the fruit aromatics, the expression of the vineyard and the preservation of its purity. The 21s from this domaine are a lesson in florals and fragrance. Harvested a full three weeks later than the warmer 2020 vintage.

## DOMAINE GÉRARD SEGUIN GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN



DOMAINE  
GÉRARD SEGUIN  
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN  
BOURGOGNE

This estate dates back to the 1800's, it was Alexis Seguin who was one of the pioneers of grafting American rootstocks following the Phylloxera crisis of the 1880's. Gerard now manages the estate with his son Jerome, they have gradually been adding new parcels of vines over the years and have built up an estate of 6.25 hectares primarily in Gevrey-Chambertin. The vineyards are run sustainably with most of the cellar work, especially the bottling, performed in conjunction with the Biodynamic calendar.

	Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
○ Fixin 'La Place', Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	183.00
○ Marsannay 'En Batayard', Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	171.00
○ Gevrey-Chambertin 'La Justice', Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	230.00
○ Gevrey-Chambertin 'Terroir du domaine', Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	230.00
○ Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	262.00
○ Chambolle Musigny, Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	276.00
○ Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Craipillot', Domaine Gérard Seguin	2021	6	318.00

A new domaine to our Côte de Nuits offering is Domaine Truchetet, run by the 6th generation of the Truchetet family, husband and wife Morgan and Julie, along with Morgan's sister Pauline. They took over the domaine in 2019 and have been working tirelessly since then. With over 20 different cuvées, organic conversion in progress and careful realignment of 60 to 100 old vines, you'll be pleased to hear that their work has paid off. We're super excited by the wines. Fresh faces, fresh wines. The classics are there in spades but their offering is lifted with an accidental and alluring Pinot Blanc (from a shortage of Aligote in the Grandfather's era) and the best Coteaux Bourguignon (Pinot Noir x Gamay) that we've ever tasted. If you were to describe their style it's aromatic, lifted and elegant with a strong focus on freshness.

## DOMAINE TRUCHETET NUITS-ST-GEORGE

DOMAINE TRUCHETET

An exciting domaine nestled into the hamlet of Premeaux-Prissey in Nuits Saint Georges. Husband and wife Morgan and Julie Truchetet, along with Morgan's sister Pauline took over the reins of their family domaine in 2019. The energy of this 6th generation of Truchetets is palpable. They do much of the work themselves, focussed very much on the soil and natural balance in the vineyard. The 6.5 ha of vines are in organic conversion and yield excellent wines that show great elegance and precision. They also make wines under their negociant label Morgan Truchetet, with grapes that they control from harvest date onwards and vinify to their exceptional standards.



	Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
○ BIO Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Truchetet	2018	6	133.00
○ BIO Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc 'La Montagne', Domaine Truchetet	2021	6	221.00
○ BIO Côteaux Bourguignons 'Cuvée Hugo', Domaine Truchetet	2021	6	133.00
○ BIO Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes 'Les Chaillots', Domaine Truchetet	2021	6	193.00
○ BIO Bourgogne Haute Cotes de Nuits Rouge 'La Montagne', Domaine Truchetet	2021	6	227.00
○ BIO Côte de Nuits Villages, Domaine Truchetet	2021	6	276.00
○ BIO Nuits Saint Georges 'Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Truchetet	2021	6	499.00

### MORGAN TRUCHETET

○ BIO Morey Saint Denis Morgan Truchetet	2021	6	355.00
○ BIO Gevrey Chambertin Morgan Truchetet	2021	6	420.00
○ BIO Chambolle Musigny Morgan Truchetet	2021	6	522.00
○ BIO Pommard 1er Cru 'Les Bertins' Morgan Truchetet	2021	6	522.00



## CHABLIS

Normally the tales of frost don't start recurring till we reach Chablis. Obviously with the blanket effect of 2021 frost Chablis was not unscathed. Didier Seguin at Domaine William Fèvre has managed to capture 'a classic expression of Chablis' despite working with just one third of normal production and botrytis pressure throughout the season. Ordinarily we struggle to take notes on the new vintages of Chablis. Not this year. I think this note on the Grand Cru Bougros should help persuade you that 2021 is a year to invest in the top crus of Chablis:



**Bougros 2021** 'A linear lemon expression on the nose. Deep, curving, beautiful acid, not aggressive. Poised mid palate

## DOMAINE WILLIAM FÈVRE CÔTE-D'OR



With their focus remaining faithful to the purity of terroir, work in the vineyards remains at the forefront of workings at William Fèvre. Two-thirds of the domaine's vineyard have been organic since 2006, with biodynamic practices in use since 2010.

	Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis 1er Cru 'Montée de Tonnerre' Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	327.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis 1er Cru, 'Montmains', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	239.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis 1er Cru, 'Vaillons', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	239.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis 1er Cru, 'Beuroy', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	229.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis 1er Cru, 'Vaulorent,' Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	317.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis Grand Cru, 'Bougros', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	382.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis Grand Cru, Bougros 'Côte Bouguerots' Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	549.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis Grand Cru, 'Les Preuses', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	494.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis Grand Cru, 'Valmur', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	475.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis Grand Cru, 'Vaudesir', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	475.00
○ HVE3 <b>ORG</b> Chablis Grand Cru, 'Les Clos', Domaine William Fèvre	2021	6	623.00

Guillaume Michel has invested in electric wires to help save the buds in his Montee de Tonnerre vineyards. Having lost 80% in Petit Chablis and 65% average across his domaine wines at Louis Michel are going to be few and far between this year. A huge pity as this is the best vintage I've ever tasted from here. Guillaume only uses stainless steel in his ageing, driving a purity in his wines. This year the terroir expression is scratching at the surface. If you were to pick three, the Grenouilles, Montee de Tonnerre and Butteaux showed tremendous depth and brilliance.



## DOMAINE LOUIS MICHEL & FILS CHABLIS

A family of winemakers since the 19th century the Michel family vineyards are planted on the first slopes to be farmed by Cistercian monks during the 11th century. The 25 hectares encapsulate 3 Grand Crus and 7 Premier Crus as well as Chablis and Petit Chablis terroir. Guillaume Michel runs the domaine, now 80% of the vines are farmed organically, he is strictly sustainable in the vineyards with the highest level of HVE certification.



### LOUIS MICHEL & FILS

- HVE3 Chablis 1er Cru, 'Montmain', Domaine Louis Michel & Fils
- HVE3 Chablis 1er Cru, 'Butteaux', Domaine Louis Michel & Fils
- HVE3 Chablis 1er Cru, 'Forêts', Domaine Louis Michel & Fils
- HVE3 Chablis 1er Cru, 'Montée de Tonnerre,' Domaine Louis Michel & Fils
- HVE3 Chablis Grand Cru, 'Vaudésir,' Domaine Louis Michel & Fils
- HVE3 Chablis Grand Cru, 'Grenouilles', Domaine Louis Michel & Fils
- HVE3 Chablis Grand Cru, 'Les Clos', Domaine Louis Michel & Fils

Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
2021	6	156.00
2021	6	162.00
2021	6	162.00
2021	6	184.00
2021	6	345.00
2021	6	363.00
2021	6	363.00

Unlike Guillaume, Isabelle Raveneau uses older, larger oak barrels to elevate the wines at her family domaine, François Raveneau. These sought after wines are a lesson in site expression. There's something mystical about their expression. The domaine release their wines a year behind the others. This year we have allocations of the 2020 vintage to offer. The opposite to 2021 in terms of weather and yields. Exotic tones crept into my notes alongside that famous allure, combining perfume and terroir expression lining the palate on these wines. We have very small quantities on these wines. They are strictly on allocation.

If you'd like to receive an allocation please contact me directly on [htindal@tindalwine.com](mailto:htindal@tindalwine.com).



## DOMAINE FRANÇOIS RAVENEAU CHABLIS

In 1948 François Raveneau consolidated his vineyard holdings with his wife's (who was a Dauvissat) family parcels and started to build on the tiny plots. Today the 10ha domaine is run by his sons Bernard and Jean-Marie as well as his grand-daughter Isabella. Most of the plots are under a hectare, only Montée de Tonnerre and Butteaux are larger. Activities in the vineyard are traditional, with heavy pruning in the winter to reduce yields. A high proportion of old vines explains some of the concentration in the bottle. In the winery it is the small 7 to 8 year old feuilletes that explain some of the creamy depth of these tremendous wines. The tiny quantities from this small, domaine mean that the wines are sold on strict allocation.



- Petit Chablis, Domaine François Raveneau
- Petit Chablis, Magnum Domaine François Raveneau
- Chablis 1er Cru, 'Forêts', Domaine François Raveneau
- Chablis 1er Cru 'Butteaux', Domaine François Raveneau
- Chablis 1er Cru 'Montmains', Domaine François Raveneau
- Chablis 1er Cru 'Montée de Tonnerre', Domaine François Raveneau
- Chablis Grand Cru 'Valmur', Domaine François Raveneau
- Chablis Grand Cru 'Les Clos', Domaine François Raveneau

Vintage	Case Size	Under Bond Case Price €
2020	6	POA
2020	3	POA
2020	6	POA
2020	6	POA
2020	6	POA
2020	6	POA
2020	6	POA
2020	6	POA

## ROAMING PINOT - THE PFALZ, GERMANY

Steffen Christmann is a leading producer within the VDP in Germany. His dry Rieslings, produced using Burgundian methods (older larger oak barrels, lees ageing) in the winery are acknowledged to be amongst the most elegant Riesling expressions in the World.

Steffen's daughter Sophie, perhaps having recognised her father's total domination in this field has sought to perfect their Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) offering. Since returning to the winery in 2017 the Spätburgunder production has almost doubled, as has their reputation for the quality that the family are producing here. Farming biodynamically since 2002 the plantings are focussed on the incredible tertiary limestone base, similar to that of Burgundy.



## WEINGUT A CHRISTMANN PFLAZ

*A. Christmann*  
WEINGUT SEIT 1798

An estate known for biodynamically produced elegant, ageworthy Rieslings. This small estate in the Pfalz is a jewel in the crown of German wine. Steffen Christmann is a respected and talented winemaker in the VDP, the Christmann Rieslings command a loyal following. Steffen's daughter, Sophie came back from her studies in 2017 and focussed her energies on the estate's Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) production, which has doubled under her watch. Their vineyard soils are unique to the area, they comprise heavy tertiary limestone, similar to Burgundy. The reflection of this in the wine is extraordinary. Chambolle, Volnay... tasted blind, these wines would trump many of their French counterparts.

### AUS DEN LAGEN

○ BIO Aus den Lagen Spätburgunder, Weingut A Christmann *Spätburgunder* 2020 6 140.00

### VDP. ERSTE LAGE

○ BIO Gimmeldinger Biengarten, Weingut A Christmann *Spätburgunder* 2020 6 280.00

○ BIO Gimmeldinger Biengarten, Weingut A Christmann *Spätburgunder (Magnum)* 2020 6 580.00

○ BIO Gimmeldiner Schlüssel, Weingut A Christmann *Spätburgunder* 2020 6 197.00

### VDP. GROSSE LAGE

○ BIO Idig Königsbach Spätburgunder VDP. Große Lage, Weingut A Christmann *Pinot Noir* 2020 6 451.00

\* Buying Spatburgunder may be seem like a risky strategy if you aren't familiar with the producer. Rest assured however that these wines are spellbinding. The Pinot Noir clones were planted by Sophie's great Uncle in the 70s, before the high yielding clones arrived . The estate works hard on their masal (field) selection to ensure continued quality. The Pfalz sees just 450-500mm of rain annually, this is half that of Burgundy, so the choice of clone is fundamental to the success of these wines. We are offering the latest release from Christmann the 2020 vintage. Warmer and drier than 2019, yields were also small and quality is outstanding. Here are two of my tasting notes to give you an idea:

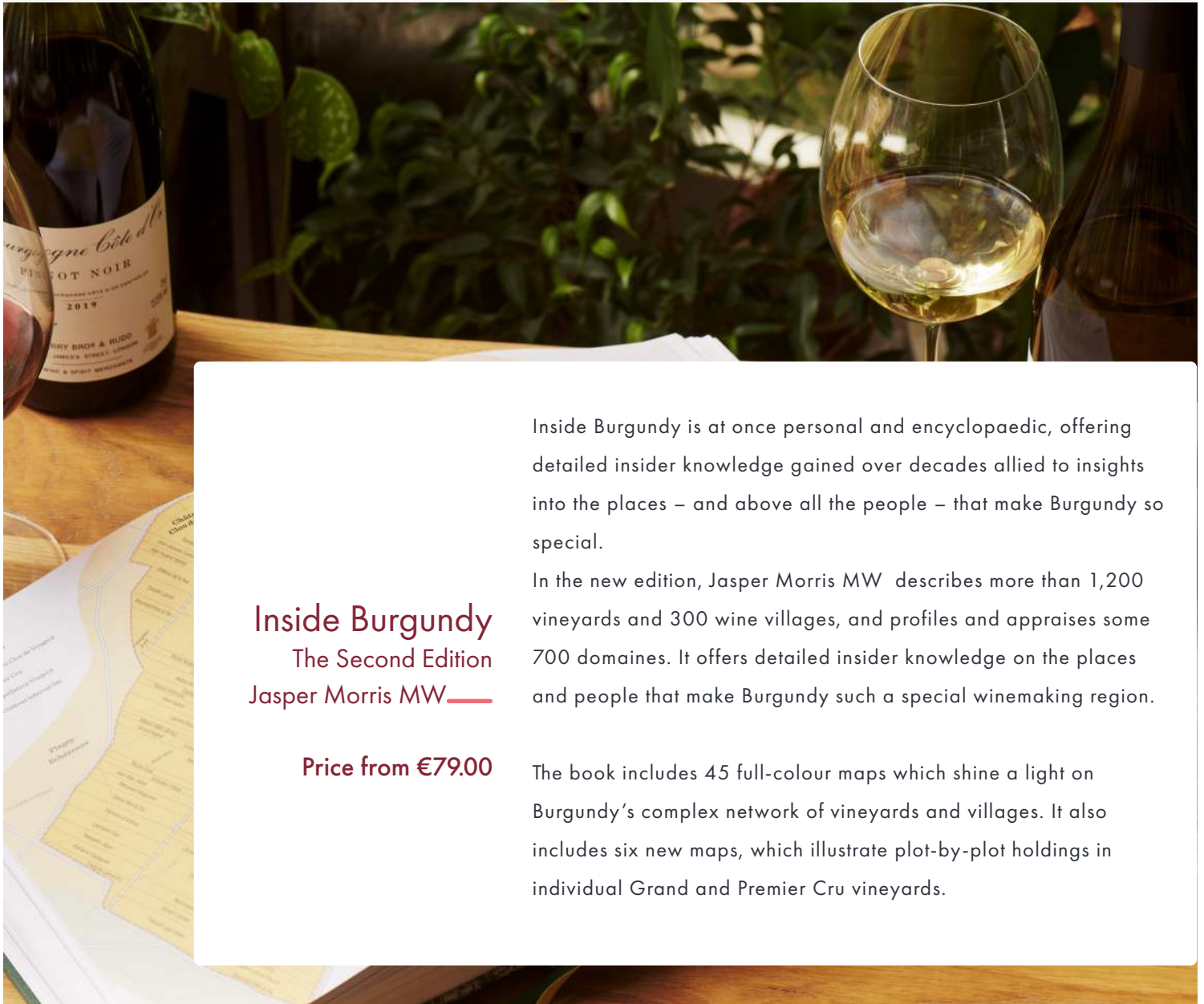
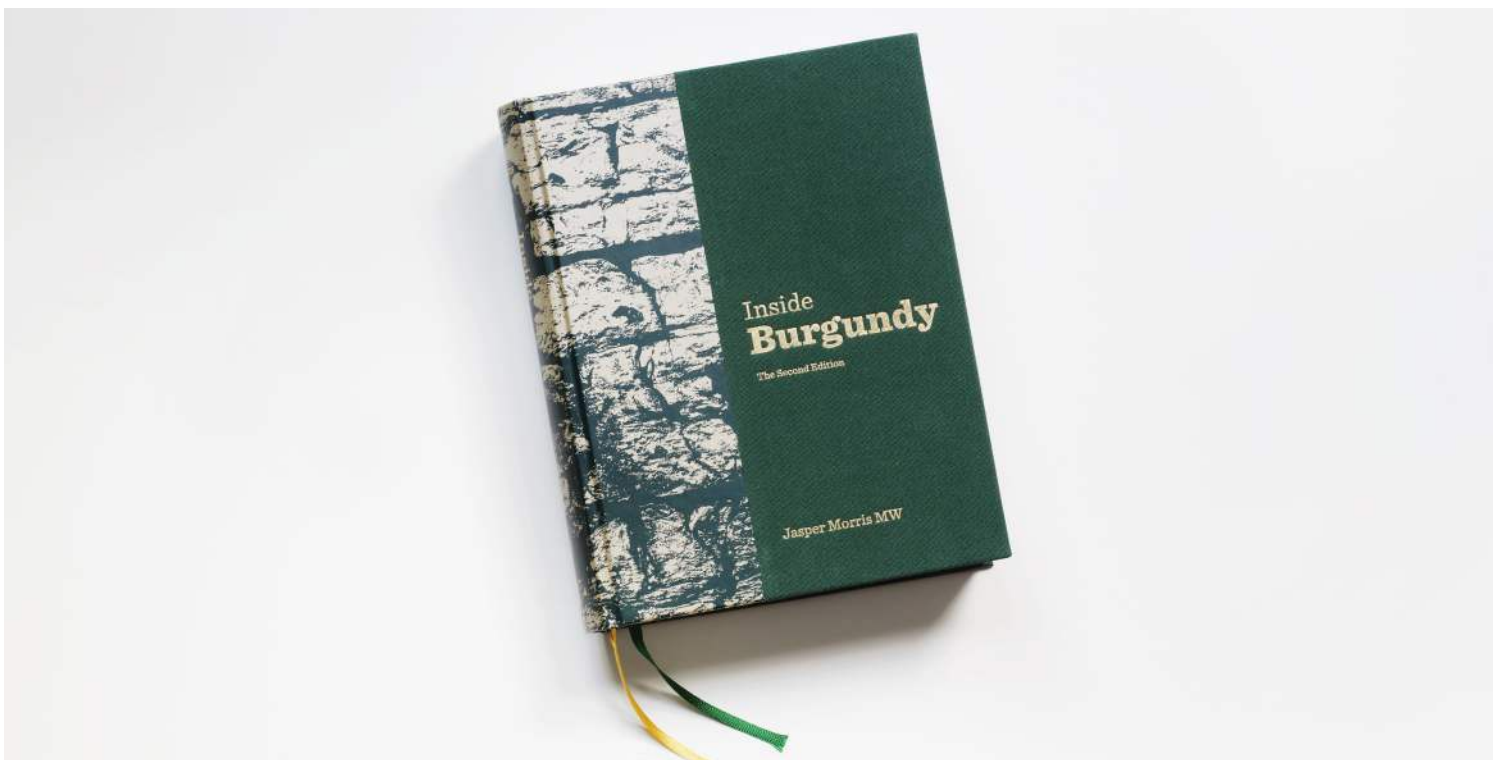
**Gimmeldinger Biengarten – Limestone soil, amazing perfume 'chambolle'esque'. Silky tannins, toasty tones with forest floor notes. Ethereal on the finish. Delicious.**

**Idig – Grown on tertiary limestone with loam clay and limestone soils. More savoury expression, blueberry notes on the nose, brooding. The palate lends forest floor, savoury expressions over a tight redcurrant core. Floral notes drift through lifting the finish. Complex, constantly evolving.**

The various crus of the VDP are based around the Burgundian model. Aus den Lagen literally means 'out of the crus' and is a more generic expression. The grapes are fermented with between 20-40% whole bunches depending on the vintage. Then aged in between 15-20% new oak with a very light toast. Creamy with forest floor tones and a glimpse of violet the structure and elegance is resounding. When you look at the prices (and rest assured the wines don't disappoint), you may find yourself entering a whole new world of discovery. These wines are 100% stamped with my approval. Similar to Burgundy, they are already on allocation, so don't delay!

**Harriet Tindal MW**





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