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Burgundy 2022

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Burgundy 2022

After the myriad of issues with the 2021 vintage, 2022 represents a return to normality in Burgundy – not just in weather conditions but in the quantities produced and in the style of the wines. We met with happy growers who reported very few problems during the growing season. Heat and drought were concerns but rain fell at the right time, helping to produce well-balanced wines with great freshness and fine elegant tannins in the reds that will provide excellent drinking in the mid-term.



THE BIG PICTURE

Although 2022 has provided a welcome relief after the shortages of 2021, it is still just a return to a 'normal' quantity and average in terms of recent vintages rather than a bumper crop. There is still upward pressure on prices from ever increasing costs of production, as well as worldwide demand although this is tempered for some by gloomy economic forecasts. It is worth mentioning though that quality has never been higher, particularly in the lesserknown villages such as Auxey-Duresses and Marsannay, and with the parcels of Bourgogne Pinot Noir or Chardonnay from growers in well-known villages. Often these vineyards are very well situated close to very expensive names and excellent value can be found if you're prepared to take the path less trodden. This is particularly true in a vintage like 2022, where good ripeness and well-balanced wines were achieved throughout the region.

THE WINES

Balance, fruit and freshness are the keywords both for red and white wines. The Côte de Beaune whites have attractive floral aromas and white fruit flavours rather than yellow fruits. There is good freshness on the finish, but this is tartaric rather than malic acidity and so there is no harshness, and the wines will age well. Reds are similarly aromatic with red fruit flavours, fine, ripe tannins on the finish and again attractive freshness giving balance and vivacity to the wines. The Côte de Nuits wines have a slightly different feel, mainly as the harvest started a little later here. The wines are a touch fuller, both red and white, with some of the reds showing touches of black fruits too. Alcohol levels are generally in the 12.5%-13.5% region. Given that it was a fairly hot summer the fresh style might seem surprising, and growers offered various explanations, from the vines getting used to warmer conditions, harvesting dates being slightly earlier than usual,

the vine completely shutting down at times and rain falling at just the right time. Growers too are much more used to such conditions and cope better with them in both the vineyard and winery. Whatever the reasons, the results are delicious.

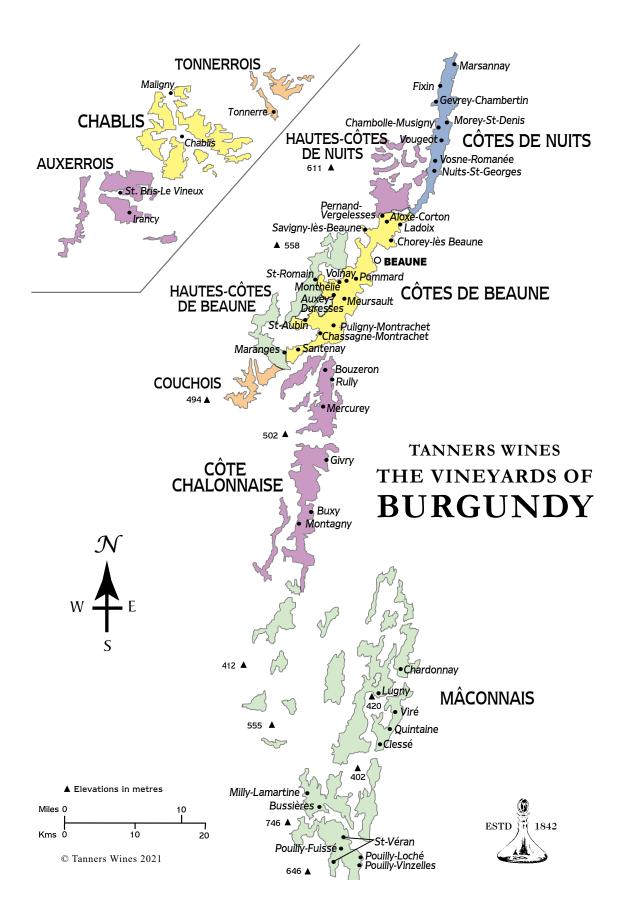
THE WEATHER

A season which growers described as '*parfait*' began with mild conditions and, in contrast with 2021, little frost. April and May were warm and dry leading to an early budburst and flowering taking place in near perfect conditions leading to the promise of an abundant harvest. June saw very warm conditions along with some much-needed rain and problems in the north, with some mudslides in Gevrey-Chambertin and in the south with hail around Chorey as in well as the southern part of the Mâconnais. From then on it was extremely hot until mid-August which helped avoid diseases such as mildew and oidium, making life easier for the growers. The dryness did cause the skins to thicken on

"quality has never been higher"

the grapes and led to the vines tending to close down, both of which reduced the potential yield and so made this an average vintage in terms of quantity rather than enormous. Right on cue some showers arrived on the Côte d'Or at the end of August to help complete the maturation process. Harvesting in the Côte de Beaune generally began at the end of August with the Côte de Nuits following on a few days later. Generally harvesting took place quickly in perfect conditions in about 10 days as sugar levels and therefore potential alcohol levels were increasing rapidly.

 Fortunately for wine lovers, the news from Burgundy this year is overwhelmingly positive. The quality of the 2022 vintage is very good, and the crop generally was abundant."
 Charles Curtis MW, *decanter.com*



BOURGOGNE WHITE CELLAR

A great way to explore the Côte de Beaune. These are all wines that will drink well on release, and for enjoying through to 2028 or so.

- Bourgogne Côte d'Or, Bachelet-Monnot
- Bourgogne Chardonnay, Clos de la Carbonade, Monopole, P & L Borgeot
- Bourgogne Chardonnay, Michel Prunier et Fille
- Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc, Rollin Père et Fils

24 bottles (6 of each) for £363, average bottle price en primeur £15.13

THE VILLAGE WHITE CELLAR

A snapshot of the quality to be found this vintage with offerings from across the region from Chablis in the north, through to Saint-Véran in the south. These are full of charm and show the forward nature of 2022 beautifully.

- Saint-Véran, Château Fuissé
- Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc, Domaine de Bellene
- Chablis, Samuel Billaud
- Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Rollin Père et Fils

24 bottles (6 of each) for £468, average bottle price en primeur \pm 19.50

BOURGOGNE RED CELLAR

An opportunity to sample a range of styles from a clutch of excellent producers and shows the value in the roads less travelled.

- Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Bachelet-Monnot
- Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Rouge, Rollin Père et Fils
- Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, Fontaine Saint Martin, Michel Gros
- Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune, Michel Prunier et Fille

24 bottles (6 of each) for £384, average bottle price en primeur $\pounds 16$

THE VILLAGE RED CELLAR

A closer look at the southern reaches of the Côte d'Or, highlighting the range of styles of the 2022 Pinot Noirs. This collection will provide good early drinking and some sound mid-term cellaring.

- Chorey-lès-Beaune, Pièce du Chapitre, Monopole, Tollot-Beaut
- Savigny-lès-Beaune, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine de Bellene
- Santenay, Vieilles Vignes, P & L Borgeot
- Rully, Les Chaponnières, P & M Jacqueson

24 bottles (6 of each) for £495, average bottle price en primeur £20.63



RED & WHITE 1ER CRU CELLAR

A collection of Tanners' favourite premier crus which won't break the bank and make you afraid of reaching for the corkscrew in a couple of years' time. These are all wines which will benefit sometime in the cellar before approaching but the nature of the vintage will make them appealing on release!

- Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er cru Sur le Sentier du Clou, Henri Prudhon
- Chablis I er cru Fourneaux, Samuel Billaud
- Auxey-Duresses I er cru Clos du Val, Michel Prunier et Fille
- Maranges I er cru Clos de la Boutière, Bachelet-Monnot

24 bottles (6 of each) for £675, average bottle price en primeur £28.13

THE RED GRAND CRU CASE

2022 is a fine vintage across the board but the grand cru reds show the greatest potential. These wines are seductive, expressive and will stand the test of time. A very desirable case that will make a wonderful addition to your cellar.

- Corton-Bressandes grand cru, Tollot-Beaut
- Bonnes Mares grand cru, Drouhin-Laroze
- Charmes-Chambertin grand cru, Odoul-Coquard
- Clos de Vougeot grand cru, Drouhin-Laroze

12 bottles (3 of each) for £1548, average bottle price en primeur £129

Château Fuissé

Pouilly-Fuissé

An hour down the motorway from Beaune took us to our last visit of the week with Philip Tuinder at Château Fuissé. Philip pointed out the differences in the weather in 2022, compared with the vineyards further north, as there was hail affecting St Véran in particular but less rain. Harvesting began on 25th August with very healthy grapes with the only problem being that they were slightly difficult to press. The resulting wines have wonderful fruit, but the pH is low to give good balance. Vintage comparison is more with 2020, a warmer vintage, than with the cooler vintages further north, the wines having similar fruit weight but with good balance. Quantities are average due to hail, replanting of the Brûlés vineyard and some legal problems due to the of the change in status of the Combettes vineyard which were resolved in time for the 2023 vintage.

Saint-Véran

DBW04822 6bts £90

6bts

6bts

£126

£252

DBW05222

DBW05422

Enticingly ripe nose with a very good density, notes of mineral pools and honey bring a lovely freshness. The palate is plump and rich with good energy and freshness. Good for the mid-term. 0-5 years.

Tête de Cuvée

Lovely definition to the bright, floral nose, with a mix of citrus and stones, a juicy intense peachy note and a little honey. Explosive attack, golden and rich, with appealing sweet touches and notes of apple. Very appealing. 0-7 years.

Le Clos I er cru, Monopole

Ripe and expressive floral aromas with some woody notes for interest. The intense fruit flavours are focused and defined with complex touches of orange and exotic fruits. It's full-bodied and very silky with lashings of sunny and exotic fruits. Superb. 3-9 years.

Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon

Milly-Lamartine

Pierre Deffrennes from the domaine was delighted at the quantity after the problems in 2021 but pointed out that it still wasn't as large as in 2018, 2019 or 2023. The weather patterns are different here to those of the Côte d'Or and they missed out on most of the beneficial rainfall. However, the quality was excellent with more ripeness than in 2021,

although quite a bit of sorting of the grapes was required. Harvest started on August 25th, early to protect the acidity in the grapes which had been preserved and concentrated as the vines shut down due to the dryness. Alcohols have come in about 12.5%. These are wonderful wines with intensity, richness and balance, poised and precise.

Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine	DBW04122	6bts		£93	
Pretty and precise, a cool and mineral-tinged fruity and floral nose.	DBW04122M	3mags		£99	
Super fresh attack, great poise and a concentrated and juicy core, show and a long, candied fruit finish. 0-5 years.	wing a little spice and	d plenty of ner	ve. Pleasing	gly tense	
Mâcon-Prissé	DBW23422	6bts		£93	
Wonderfully pure, fresh, ripe and silky on the nose. The palate is ripe with a notably juicy personality and a bright frame. Front-loaded, this f balanced throughout. 0-5 years.		· ·		-	
Mâcon-Chardonnay, Clos de la Crochette	DBW04422	6bts		£108	
A little tighter on the nose, which feels mellow and veiled with very	DBW04422M	3 mags		£114	
good freshness. Succulent with very good intensity and lift building in a stony mineral quality. Mineral-driven for sure, pretty serious, long and fine. 2-7 years.					
Mâcon-Uchizy, Les Maranches	DBW04322	6bts		£108	
Great purity and clarity, a pretty and lifted, notably floral and peach quality of fruit from the Muscat clone of Chardonnay. Shows some tension early on, good mineral bite and feels especially transparent. Terroir driven! 2-7 years.					
Viré-Clessé	DBW17822	6bts		£126	
Good density, a rounded feel with succulent sweet flowers giving	DBW17822M	3mags		£132	
a fresh and attractive welcome. Ample on the palate, with sweet pockets maintaining a prettiness and a certain delicacy. Fine grip, easy and balanced with great purity. 0-7 years.					
Saint-Véran	DBW23522	6bts		£117	
An attractive floral quality to the nose, juicy stone fruits and super purity. The palate feels a little more taut than the nose suggests but still succulent, with good energy and verve. Fresh, a lighter expression, silky in texture and very long. 0-7 years.					
Pouilly-Fuissé, En Chatenay	DBW23622	6bts		£180	
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Excellent concentration on the nose, showing an intense core of fresh pear and peach fruit, with a fine floral overlay. The palate has a layered quality of stone fruit and a great perfume, showing a lovely freshness and some tension. Bright, full of energy and a long, rich finish. 2-9 years.

Domaine Pierre et Marie Jacqueson

Rully

2-9 years.

We were met by Marie Jacqueson in the domaine's spacious winery, a far cry from tasting in the cramped cellars under the house as in days gone by. 'It's a very good vintage' says Marie adding that it's very elegant and pure with a lot of depth and energy. She describes the wines as having 'nervosité' at a level which surprised her, and which has developed in bottle. It was an easy vintage in the vineyard and has produced a

good quantity, a relief after they lost 75% of production in 2021 so there is better availability of their wines, even if the Grésigny is still being held back for longer ageing in barrel and won't be released until next year. Very attractive wines here with the whites having freshness and tension, the reds bright red fruits and soft tannins.

Bourgogne Aligoté DBW01122 6bts £75 All vinified in tank this year due to space issues, this is clean and delicate with great purity. The palate is silky and well-balanced, with a little chew, an impression of soft minerals and a lovely floral finish. 0-3 years. **Rully Blanc** DBW30222 6bts £114 Lovely richness to the nose with some new wood and bright lemon citrus, all very clean and softly floral. Weighty attack, good richness, with some mineral grip but a soft and chalky feel. 0-7 years. Rully Blanc I er cru La Pucelle DBW29222 6bts £138 Delicate vinous nose with lemon cordial and white flowers. Medium-bodied with some tension and that animated, speckled 'minerality'. This is a touch richer than the Vauvry, with plenty of concentration and finesse, very long and the intensity builds.

DBW29322 £138 Rully Blanc 1 er cru Vauvry 6bts Opulent, rich and pure nose with some honeyed touches. Savoury and sapid on the palate with some tension and mineral lift. This has very good intensity with a saline touch from the limestone soils. Finesses to a fine, long and lightly mealy finish with some nerve. 3-9 years.

Rully Rouge, Les Chaponnières Concentrated and plump nose of red summer fruits with some crunch ? ripe but cool. Good depth, open and chalky, with a supple mix of dark cherry fruits. Fragrant and easy. 0-5 years.

DBR01222

Rully I er cru Préaux Soft, ripe and easy aromas of pretty blue and black fruits, a coolness, and some softer red fruits too. Supple but plenty of underlying structure and very good intensity. Elegant with gorgeous creamy fruit, and very long. 2-9 years.

DBR25722 Mercurey I er cru Les Naugues 6bts £138 Charming nose of creamy raspberry with dark pockets and fresh white flowers. Medium-bodied with a plump core, juicy acidity, fresh summer fruits and brambles, and great perfume. Open and easy chalky grip, it undulates through to a long finish. 0-7 years.

Domaine Alain Gras

Saint-Romain

Another evening appointment, as is usual with Alain Gras, but this time in his new tasting room close to his cellars. After dealing with a group of private customers - he sells 80% of his production in France - he describes the vintage as 'magnifique' with 'freshness, elegance and balance'. 'Nature has given us good wines' he says, after the problems of the previous year and vintage comparisons are with 2019 and 2020. Weather conditions were good without an extended

'plateau of heat', and rain arrived at the right times. He started harvesting on 5th September and feels that ripeness in general is much better than in years gone by although this also means that you don't have to wait so long to drink the wines with 3-4 years being the ideal as opposed to 10 years as previously. This year he has bottled the white 'Sous Le Château' climat separately as it has such excellent depth and definition. These are all juicy, super-attractive wines.

Saint-Romain Blanc, Les Cing Climats

DBW06322 £141 6bts

Very good freshness, a silkiness too, ripe white fruits - seamless. Palate shows good intensity and concentration, silky and supple throughout, with a lovely fine, delicate minerality and good lift. Excellent wine. 0-5 years.

£114

6bts

DBR32322 6bts £138

Saint-Romain Blanc, Sous Le Château,	DBW31722	6bts		£165
Shows a little oak on the nose with very good concentration and flashe sweet frame and the whole is very juicy with good energy. Long and co	*			ss with a
Auxey-Duresses Blanc, Les Crais	DBW24222	6bts		£168
Good purity, super freshness and a touch of toasty oak. Very intense a palate, a creamy sweetness from both fruit and oak all the way through	5		a juicy, si	lky mid-
Saint-Romain Rouge	DBR02022	6bts	1	£141
Beautiful nose – lovely creamy and crunchy cherry fruits and yoghurt, volume, has some spice and it feels generous and supple with strawberr				nd good
Auxey-Duresses Rouge, Trés Vieilles Vignes	DBR29822	6bts	i i	£189

Beautiful nose of deep raspberry and blackberry fruits, mineral and super fresh, great purity and poise. Ripe but clearly defined and open with fragrant blue undertones. There is so much fruit!! Beautiful fine tannins, great finesse. Superb. 3-9 years.

Domaine Michel Prunier et Fille

Auxey-Duresses

Michel and daughter Estelle are delighted with the vintage, Estelle emphasised the supple, round fruit and good, balanced acidity. She compared the vintage to 2020 in terms of the fruit but different in terms of the freshness which overall made it more like 2019. For her, the quality and balance were due to the rain which came at just the right times so although it was hot, it differed in this respect from 2020 which had longer periods of extreme heat. The alcohol levels have come in at around 13% which is more their ideal and the tannins are soft. Harvesting began here on 30th August, early for them. The many Pruniers in Auxey are all related and get together sharing expertise as well as vineyard equipment. These are delicious wines which go under the radar - the village is next to Meursault and it's another example of a lesser-known village giving superb value for money.

Bourgogne Chardonnay	DBW00222	6bts	1 A	£78	
Attractive, fresh nose of apples and honey, succulent and silky. Palate shows good freshness and some bite on the entry, spicy/ sparkly acidity and tension. Super concentration and intensity, energy and drive. Long notes of apple. 0-5 years.					
Auxey-Duresses Blanc	DBW19922	6bts		£129	
Fresh and open, offers up notes of blossom and white flowers, apple an attack, then opens out with super acidity and mineral grip, all finely te				sity on the	
Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune	DBR01322	6bts		£84	
Fruity, juicy nose with good density and a ripe quality of red fruit. Medium weight, supple and soft, generous but shows some sap and it builds. Some light grip, good persistence. 0-5 years.					
Auxey-Duresses Ier cru	DBR02322	6bts	1 A	£141	
Good density and breadth, some game-like notes with fresh and	DBR02322M	3mags	l l	£154.50	
delicate fruit. Velvety attack, nice weight and rounded, supple with go notes. Attractive. 3-9 years.	ood energy and inter	nsity. Ripe plur	nmy frui	t and blue	
Auxey-Duresses 1er cru Clos du Val	DBR02422	6bts	1	£156	
Deep nose of crushed black raspberry, red fruits, <i>sous-bois</i> and super	DBR02422M	3mags	1 A	£169.50	
purity. Juicy and sweet framed attack, good volume and density, very fine, lithe and fragrant throughout. Supple and spicy tannins, a real finesse, fruity and easy with a long, charming finish. 3-9 years.					
Volnay Ier cru Les Caillerets	DBR26422	6bts	1	£246	

Really juicy nose of black cherry yoghurt, raspberry and cool dark fruits. Dark and dense, fresh and pure. A creamy, generous attack which is supple and very juicy with a silky, creamy finish. Really delicious, lots of appeal. 3-9 years.

Saint-Romain Blanc, Sous Le Château

Domaine Borgeot

Remigny

Laurent Borgeot was calm and happy when we visited – a good vintage in the cellar can really relax a vigneron! He described the quality as *'magnifique'* with the wines possessing balance, acidity and vivacity. Harvest began on the 29th of August, which used to be early but is now something they are getting used to. He likened the wines to those from 2010 in terms of their texture. Oak is generally

at 15-20%, slightly less than in 2021. The quantity was reasonable according to Laurent with some plots showing a reduction due to poor rootstocks used in the 1980s which are now having to be replaced. The wines showed lovely fruit with distinctive flavours of *Griottes* (Morello cherries) in the reds and plenty of pears in the whites, which will be bottled early to preserve the freshness

6bts

£81

DBW21422

Bourgogne Chardonnay, Clos de la Carbonade, Monopole

Cool and fresh white fruit aromas and flavours of creamy yellow fruits that blend with a touch of toasty new oak. Nicely proportioned, very good intensity and drive, very well-balanced. 0-3 years.

Rully Blanc, La Chaponnière	DBW25622	6bts	1	£114
White fruits, a little citrus and lovely floral quality that develops	some complex orange blossor	n in time	. The palate	shows a
lovely richness with some creaminess and a pleasing grip, with tang	y notes of quince, citrus, and	long meal	y flavours. 0)-5 years.
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Santenay Blanc, Clos de la Comme DessusDBW066226bts£141Silky white fruit aromas, integrated oak and an easy richness on the palate. This creeps up on you, with an undulating texture
and a stony minerality that builds in intensity, becoming rather animated and stimulating. 0-5 years.£141

Santenay vieilles vignes	DBR25022	6bts		£117
Compact, rich, pure nose, offering summer fruits, touches of blue and	black fruits and tea. St	imulating on	the attack	then an

easy, creamy, mid-palate over a firm core. This has a little grip and chew, a lovely mineral touch and a savoury thread. 0-7 years. Santenay ler cru Les Gravières DBR26022 6bts £141

Red and black cherry aromas with dark underlying fruits. Fine and creamy on the palate with a well-structured frame. Everything builds and this becomes ever more serious and muscular with a certain prettiness, real finesse and super length. 3-10 years.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

Dézize-lès-Maranges

Marc Bachelet had very current concerns when we visited, as four weeks of rain had made the ground soft, making it very difficult to get on to the vineyards to prune. Taking him back to the 2022 vintage, he emphasised the excellent balance in the wines, the result of rain at the right times during an otherwise dry August and summarised it as a 'top vintage' with comparisons to 2017 for the acidity and

Bourgogne Côte d'Or

Great aromatic intensity, waxy and oily fruits, and perfumed. Impressively layered and rich on the palate, full of energy and tension leading to a long and creamy finish. When we call this baby Puligny we mean it! 0-7 years.

Maranges Blanc 1 er cru La Fussière

Great mineral depth to the nose and expressive yellow fruits with some spice. Rich on the attack, very intense with super mineral expression and some tension. Creamy and mealy, neatly concentrated and a long, tasty finish. Marc commented "the vineyard produces wines of density with good freshness and elegance, they drink young but can age too". 0-7 years.

DBW18922

Puligny-Montrachet

Really attractive, vinous nose of mineral pools, fresh white and citrus fruits, a little spice and a hint of greenage. The palate shows great concentration and is neatly balanced, with a cool focus, a fine mineral thread and a mealy, bready back palate. Long and fine finish. 0-7 years.

DBW32022 6bts £153

6_{bts}

£288

it 'bouvability'. DBW19322 6bts £117

2020 for the fruit. They began harvesting on the 25th of

August, with the village wines beginning on the 29th, the

premier crus on the 30th and it was all finished in 7-8 days.

Marc is very happy with the pH and levels of tartaric acidity

which have enabled him to reduce the sulphur levels. The

wines all have great clarity and purity of fruit - Marc calls

Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Folatières	DBW20022	3bts		£318
Leads with a pretty nose of pressed flowers and citrus cordial, a m with good lift and tension, super concentration and flavours of spi and feels very fine and long. 3-10 years.				
Bâtard-Montrachet grand cru	DBW20122	lbt		SOLD OUT
Bourgogne Pinot Noir	DBR22422	6bts	1	£108
Some mulch ahead of an attractive mix of cherry fruit aromas, a lit freshness and some lift, showing a little grip on the palate with b the finish. 0-5 years.	•	• •	· ·	
Maranges I er cru Clos de la Boutière Good density on the nose, dark and almost jammy bramble fruits leads with a pleasing crunch, a touch of chocolate-covered fruit a creamy red fruits. Good drive and a long and fine finish. 2-9 year	nd a graphite edge. Quite fi			
Maranges I er cru Les Clos Roussots A new appellation for the domaine and a test where they have es they may expand on. Gorgeous, complex aromatics with lots of grippy with a stony, terroir-driven feel. Tense with fine tannins, lo serious quality. This will be fun to follow! 2-9 years.	fruit and great freshness. B	right and stir	mulating,	discreetly

Domaine Paul Pillot

Chassagne-Montrachet

Thierry Pillot describes the vintage as being very well balanced between richness and acidity though the freshness was unexpected because of the hot weather. He puts this down to the vine closing down because of the heat and so the acidity didn't drop. He also said the good level of tartaric acidity meant that the resulting wines are full of energy. Overall, it was a relatively easy growing season as they avoided frost and hail, so they ended up with reasonable quantities although they are looking to hold a bit back to replenish stocks. These wines have a real gentleness about them with lovely velvety texture, balance and good intensity. Alcohol levels are in the 12.5-13% range.

Bourgogne Aligoté	DBW26222	6bts	SOLD OUT
Saint-Aubin I er cru Les Charmois	DBW07322	6bts	SOLD OUT
Chassagne-Montrachet I er cru Clos Saint Jean Blanc	DBW11322	3bts	SOLD OUT
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru Les Caillerets	DBW11422	lbt	SOLD OUT



Views over Nuits-Saint-Georges from atop Domaine Henri Gouges

"Ladies and gentlemen, we have a fine and consistent Burgundy vintage on our hands! Very good wines and plenty of them, consistent in both colours and across the region."

> Jasper Morris, insideburgundy.com, December 2023

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Etienne Sauzet

Puligny-Montrachet

Tasting this year with Benoît Riffault was in their brandnew tasting room with sweeping views of the Puligny premier and grand crus, enabling Benoît to point out exactly where each wine comes from. He was extremely happy with the vintage, especially with the ripeness and the minerality together with aromatics. He was surprised by the freshness of the wines even though he picked a bit earlier in 2022 than usual. Temperature is only part of the story, and every year is different he says. Comparisons were with 2020, 2017 and 2014, the texture of 2020 but with more acidity so the freshness of 2017 and he thinks the wines have everything for a long life. Overall, the wines have wonderful balance and intensity with elegance, length and complexity. Unfortunately, there is no longer any Chevalier-Montrachet as the vines were rented.

Bourgogne Chardonnay La Tufera An attractive nose full of white flowers and fruit, decent weight and d the palate. This has plenty of weight for a Bourgogne Blanc with a lo		1	
Puligny-Montrachet	DBW10922	6bts	SOLD OUT
Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Les Referts	DBW12522	3bts	SOLD OUT
Puligny-Montrachet I er cru Les Perrières	DBW12422	3bts	SOLD OUT
Puligny-Montrachet I er cru La Truffière	DBW16222	3bts	SOLD OUT
Puligny-Montrachet Ier cru Les Combettes,	DBW24322	3bts	SOLD OUT
Puligny-Montrachet Ier cru Champ Canet	DBW12822	3bts	SOLD OUT
Bâtard-Montrachet grand cru	DBW13322	lbt	SOLD OUT
Le Montrachet grand cru	DBW13522	lbt	SOLD OUT

Domaine Leflaive

Puligny-Montrachet

There is a very smart new chai at Domaine Leflaive which enables them to ferment more parcels separately meaning they can deal with more grapes, more quickly at harvest. It's enabled them to bring even more precision to their winemaking. They are delighted at how the wines have turned out after a summer which saw several heat spikes and a worrying lack of water at times. However good periods of rain in June and then before the harvest in August enabled the vines to adapt and cope. Harvest began on August 25th and the resulting wines have wonderful elegance and purity with great minerality.

Puligny-Montrachet	DBW11222	6bts	SOLD OUT
Puligny-Montrachet I er cru Les Pucelles	DBW12222	lbt	SOLD OUT

Domaine Henri Prudhon et Fils

Saint-Aubin

Philippe and Vincent Prudhon were two more happy vignerons after a relatively straightforward growing season without any problems of disease. Quantities are back to a normal level, so the individual vineyard whites are available again this year as opposed to the blend of last year. Comparisons were with 2010, 2012 and 2017 and, although it compares with 2020 in terms of ripeness, there is more freshness and minerality in evidence. Philippe said that this meant that the terroir and individual character of the vineyards shows through which you can lose if you have too much ripeness. They were surprised by the freshness that came through in the wines and think that this was possibly as a result of the vines shutting down due to the heat, so everything paused, including the acidity. Harvesting began on 28th August. These are another really good range of wines from a so-called lesser village, but one whose vines adjoin those of Puligny and Chassagne.

Saint-Aubin Blanc I er cru En Remilly	DBW06222	6bts		£144	
A ripe, rounded, and fresh nose with good concentration of apple, citrus fruit and hints of the more exotic. Full-bodied and silky, opening out with honeyed touches and a lovely salinity. Very long and fine. 3-12 years.					
Saint-Aubin Blanc I er cru Sur le Sentier du Clou	DBW24022	6bts	i i	£144	
Pure and taut nose, with some rich, golden touches, a little vapour and new wood. Creamy depth with a silky texture, ripe yellow fruits and honey flavours. Very good intensity and concentration, some tension and a long silky, saline finish. 2-9 years.					
Bourgogne Rouge	DBR32622	6bts	i i	£60	
Perfumed red-centric nose with blue notes and a little crunch. Lifted, supple palate with a sappy frame and some tension with a fine mineral grip. Fresh and smooth red fruit flavours, showing a little stem. Medium-bodied, juicy and moreish. 0-5 years.					
Saint-Aubin 1er cru Les Frionnes	DBR01922	6bts	i i	£120	
Medium weight, broad and savoury with a speckled minerality, and fine apple-skin like tannins. Energetic with savoury					
flourishes, lean red fruit, <i>sous bois</i> and game. Lots of grip, will want some time to ease off and relax. 3-9 years.					

Domaine Buisson-Charles

Meursault

Patrick Essa is passionate on the subject of his grapes. He started picking about a week later than many growers in the Côte de Beaune, saying that you have to 'take a risk to get perfection'. It also takes a lot of hard work and two sorting tables in the vineyard to achieve this although in general the grapes in 2022 were in excellent condition resulting in a very good harvest for quantity and quality. He wasn't surprised

Bourgogne Chardonnay, Hautes-Coutures

Very attractive ripe nose, some oily richness and good volume with plenty of freshness, showing a touch of flint. The mouth shows a sweet edge and super acidity giving a certain poise. Creamy core with plenty of base, animated and energetic and flavours of white fruit and rich lime citrus. Ample and very Meursault, long and finely textured with apple fruits and flowers on the long, nutty and mealy finish. 0-7 years.

DBW09022 Meursault vieilles vignes 6bts £300 Generous and golden nose, showing ripe fruit, some honey and buttery notes in a mellow style. Bright on the palate with a lively frame, excellent intensity and some bite. Finely textured, really quite deft and vinous, there is great weight and oomph but it remains so well balanced. Flavourful, with complex flavour and texture. Superb. 2-9 years.

Meursault Les Tessons 1 er cru

Lovely freshness on the nose, showing warmer orange-like citrus and notes of ginger. Ripe with that 2022 finesse and poise, notes of pressed flowers, creamed nut and soft red fruits. Good freshness and lift. Brilliant acidity and some tension on the palate, showing a little viscosity and an undulating feel – nicely balanced with good richness and mineral depth. 2-9 years.

Meursault Les Cras Ier cru DBW24622 3bts £270 Les Cras has the same chalky soils as Corton, and Buisson-Charles is one of just three growers here. An immediate sense of tension on the nose, very fresh and direct, with notes of pressed white flowers and delicate oily citrus. Powerful and rich, almost creamy but very bright and tense with some lemon citrus, taut mineral bite, warming gingery note and long flavours of meal, toast and honey. 5-15 years

Meursault Les Charmes Ier cru

A creamy nose, floral and gently spicy but understated. The palate follows suit and feels fairly compact and really quite seamless though there is a sense of firm minerality. There is a lot here and it drinks beautifully, but it whispers not shouts, hence the scant tasting note! 3-15 years.

Meursault Goutte d'Or Ier cru

A pure nose, some tropical hints of pineapple with more ginger and soft spices with a chalky, stony mineral feel. Rich attack with sparkling acidity, very good clarity and a tonic-like edge. Great mineral grip, the palate grows in weight to a ripe fruit character and a pleasing salinity. 5-15 years.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Hautes-Coutures

From two low-yielding plots, one in Meursault in front of Volnay and one in Puligny near Chassagne. A lovely complex nose offering some mulch and Pinot leaf, then a flourish of fine red fruits, notes of the forest floor and a little wood. Medium-bodied with excellent purity and a little spicy stem, with juicy red fruits that bleed into something darker. Supple, tasty and mineral with a long, fresh finish. Very complete. 0-7 years.

Beaune 1er cru Les Teurons

Les Teurons is an especially ripe south-east facing and stony site with some deposits of clay which help combat the warmer vintages like 2022. Great aromatic intensity, rich in sweet raspberry and pressed rose, a certain plumpness. The palate shows a cool structure and great mineral intensity, overlaid with wonderfully concentrated red fruits, a touch of plum and spice, finishing long, clean and precise. 3-9 years.

Volnay-Santenots I er cru

Gorgeous nose! Lots of fresh raspberry fruit and a great floral perfume, some spice and leaf, a little crunch – all very flattering. Sweet attack then a delicate and fine tension, with a perfumed leafy frame. This is super fine and feels grand, beautifully knit with lovely acidity and a long finish with a moreish, savoury vein. Serious but delicious! 2-9 years.

DBR32522

DBW09222 3bts £243

by the style of the wines and aims for good acidity and low

pH every year by keeping yields down, as this enables him

to use less sulphur. Vintage comparison was with 2002 in

terms of alcohol levels (just over 13%), total acidity and

pH. His 2022 wines have wonderful richness with salinity, ripeness and elegance. Patrick's a big whisky fan and ends by

6bts

£153

saying that 'wine is cerebral - like a Campbeltown'

DBW29422

DBW24722 3bts £270

DBW18822 3bts

DBR32422 6bts

£153

£270

£270

DBR33222 £270 6bts

3bts

Domaine Henri Germain et Fils

Meursault

At the domaine we tasted with Lucie Germain, who has been working with her father for five years now. She was very happy with the vintage describing it as juicy with well-balanced tannins. Harvesting started early and was more or less finished by the end of August, so the alcohol came in at reasonable levels. The work in the vineyard was straightforward with little sorting needed and the wines have all the trademark freshness of the vintage. All the reds are 100% destemmed to emphasise the juicy fruit. The whites are all taut with great purity and freshness. Production is back to normal levels so there will be more of the whites in particular to go round. The Savigny is their second year of production.

6bts

£282

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Blanc

DBW24122 6bts £123 Delicate, cool and fresh on the nose with notes of apple and white flowers. Lovely fruit on the palate, lots of apple, and some tension too. Bright and taut, long and fine. 0-5 years.

Meursault	DBW08722	6bts		SOLD OUT
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru Morgeot, Les Fairendes	DBW11622	6bts		SOLD OUT
Meursault Charmes I er cru	DBW09922	6bts		SOLD OUT
Meursault Perrières Ter cru	DBW21122	6bts		SOLD OUT
Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge	DBR02122	6bts	1	£171

A juicy nose packed full of fresh raspberry and cherry fruit with very good lift and a note of white flowers. The palate is succulent, sweet and juicy on the attack, with very ripe red and blue fruits. 2-7 years.

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er cru Aux Gravains	DBR33122	6bts	1 A	£282
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Dense black cherry and red fruits with plenty of power on the nose. The palate opens up to bring pure red fruits with great depth and complexity. 5-9 years.

Beaune I er cru Bressandes

An appealing perfume of lovely black fruits, violets and a touch of cream to make it feel silky. Succulent attack, creamy dark fruit and a cool focus. Very good intensity, some breadth but tense too. Energetic and long. 3-9 years.

DBR03822



Maison & Domaine Roche de Bellene

Beaune

The bundle of energy that is Nicolas Potel arrived for our tasting having been to look over vineyards at Saint-Pourçain in the Auvergne. Given the price of vineyards in the well-known villages it makes sense to look at areas like this and the Hautes-Côtes. Further developments hopefully will include a new winery, cellar door and restaurant on the northern outskirts of Beaune. But back to the matter in hand – the wines have 'energy' says Nicolas. He describes

it as a simple vintage with nice growing season, easy to pick and easy to vinify. He was surprised by the level of freshness in the wines but delighted as they have turned out to be soft, silky and will be approachable young. Alcohol levels are around 13.5%, lower than in 2023. Harvesting began on 28th August on the Côte de Beaune and 3rd September in the Côte de Nuits. A wonderful collection of wines with drive, balance and length.

Tanners Red Burgundy, Bourgogne Pinot Noir (Maison) Another great Tanners Red Burgundy from Nicolas Potel. This is pre chew but also a softness. Silky, soft spice and a medium body. It is e				£69 nd some
Coteaux Bourguignons Blanc, L'Eclos des Abeilles (Domaine) Elegant, clean and fresh with a delightful floral character, some decer at a sensible price. 0-5 years.	DBW31822 nt weight and fine well-ba	6bts lanced acidity	7. A well-ma	£81 ade wine
Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc (Domaine) Dense and compact nose showing fresh white and hints of yellow attractive juiciness and a sweet edge. Texturally fine, some tension an	e		the palate,	£114 with an
Meursault Les Charmes Ier cru (Maison) Open expressive nose with a lifted floral perfume, hints of toast, gi mineral, with good intensity and layered creamy flavours. Superb! 3		3bts nergy on the	palate, eleş	£255 gant and
Puligny-Montrachet 1 er cru Les Folatières (Maison) Creamy nose sweetly perfumed and very pretty with bright, juicy fr silky and broad throughout with an animated creamy quality. Super		3bts hite fruits on	the attack	£285 and it is
Bâtard-Montrachet grand cru (Maison) Notes of Sugar Puffs and honey with great energy and super purity. exotic flourishes, a saline note too with some spice. Very precise, int				£341 nd some
Savigny-lès-Beaune vieilles vignes (Domaine) Open and creamy with a broad, bright nose of crushed summer fru nicely textured and fine, with a long juicy and fruity finish. 0-7 year	•	6bts 18 attack, pler	nty of struc	£114 ture but
Côte de Nuits Villages, vieilles vignes (Domaine) Naturally a little darker than the Savigny vv, with an attractive dark f with a concentrated core of dark fruit, showing some crunch and a l	-			£114 ne palate
Volnay vieilles vignes (Maison) Attractive nose of creamy dark and fresh red fruits, white flowers and and compact undulating feel. Good intensity and energy, plenty of s	1			£162 entrated
Nuits-Saint-Georges, Vieilles Vignes (Domaine) A good mix of red and black fruit character with a savoury (and me of spice and toast amongst some broad, rich, chocolaty fruit and a g				
Beaune Ier cru, Hommage à Françoise Potel (Domaine) Expressive aromas of blue, black and red fruits with great intensity a great lift and a bright freshness. Real elegance and easy, finely textur		6bts sive palate, a	sweet silkin	£225 ness with
Charmes-Chambertin grand cru (Maison) This is voluminous with some density and freshness. Spicy with gene Fresh, long and fruity. 5-15 years.	DBR25222 rous red fruits on a cream	lbt y palate with	bright, cha	£189 lky grip.

Gevrey-Chambertin ler cru Combe aux Moines (Maison)DBR338226bts£480A very attractive nose showing some new oak, lots of sweet berries and baking spices with excellent lift and purity. Full and
elegant with a silky texture, pure dark fruits, some crunchy black cherry. Great flavour and energy, and serious length. 5-15

Clos de Vougeot grand cru (Maison) DBR24022 Ibt £189 Focused nose, lovely fruit - ripe but balanced, a touch of graphite and a lovely flow. Full, open and textured with excellent drive, building in a measured manner. Lots of power, tannin and extract, mineral then a creamy length. Super. 8-25 years.

Domaine Chanson

Beaune

years.

Vincent Avenel describes 2022 as 'a great vintage'. The heat only 50% new oak was used. This was a great range of wines during the summer did cause some problems with lack of with the reds showing excellent fruit, balanced with hints of water but the vineyards stayed healthy, and the August rains spice. The core of the Domaine is the wonderful holdings came at just the right time. Harvesting began on August around Beaune, and it was difficult to pick out just a few to 30th and little sorting was needed due to the quality of the represent this. The whites showed great balance and aromas grapes. They destemmed 50%, in their view this gave the with good texture and length. Both can be enjoyed young correct balance for the structure of their wines. Generally, and have all the components to age well. DBW25922 £159 Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc I er cru Hauts-Marconnets 6hts Delicate, dark flowers and honey fragrance. Silky but tight on the palate, this is concentrated with some chew. Persistently fragrant character, long, but still tight. 3-7 years. Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 1er cru Les Caradeux DBW28822 £186 6bts Reticent nose which is clean and pure with a touch of honey. There is a creamy thread on the palate which is cool and poised with a softness and some oak at the core. Bright, clean and long. 2-7 years. Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc Ier cru Les Chenevottes DBW28922 £345 6bts Undulating nose, silky and ripe and juicy. Ripe apples and fruit blossom, honey, mineral pools - all very clean and pure. Broad and tense attack, animated and very juicy with super white peach lift and almost lean in parts. 2-7 years. Beaune Blanc I er cru Clos des Mouches DBW26022 6bts £381 An understated, almost oxidative, appealing, nutty note to the nose. This is poised with succulent, perfumed elements. Layered and compact, it is rich, tangy, toasty and mealy. Lots of flavour and good purity, long and comfy. 2-7 years. Pernand-Vergelesses 1er cru Les Vergelesses DBR32022 £180 6bts Gorgeous nose and good focus, with a pure deep dark cherry note and pressed white flowers. Silky, fresh and lifted with a touch of coffee too. More of the same on the palate makes for an appealing glassful. 3-9 years. Beaune 1 er cru Clos des Fèves, Monopole DBR03722 6bts £381

Understated nose with fine concentration and notes of pressed dark flowers and fine cherry fruits. Good concentration with a very fine succulent, nicely weighted attack. An enticing savoury vein with succulent fruit, juicy and elegant. 5-15 years.

Domaine Tollot-Beaut

Chorey-lès-Beaune

Nathalie Tollot described 2022 as a 'vintage which will age perfectly' but one that can also be drunk young and where 'the character of each appellation is there'. But it wasn't entirely straightforward for her as the June heatwave also saw two brief but destructive hailstorms in Chorey which affected production of the Bourgogne Rouge and Blanc. The rainfall in August came just at the right time and harvest began on August 25th, a date unheard of 20 years ago, as the sugar levels were starting to increase rapidly. She pointed out that you can start harvesting at a potential of 13% but that can be 14.5% at the end of the harvest 10 days later. She was surprised at the resulting style due to the good acidity levels and felt that the vines had concentrated the acidity. The wines all showed lovely rich red fruits with ripe tannins and bright flavours.

	Chorey-lès-Beaune, Pièce du Chapitre, Monopole	DBR05122	6bts		£150		
Deep red fruits, pressed flowers, a touch of game and great freshness. The palate shows richness with some new wood leaning into elderberry, black raspberry and plum. Excellent freshness and a light chalky grip works with the fine tannins. 0-7 years.							
	Beaune, Les Blanches Fleurs	DBR03922	6bts	1 A	£198		
A small cuvée from the north side of Corton. Attractive, neatly defined red and black fruits, a touch of cream and spice too. Pretty and expressive with a juicy and ample, sweet-framed palate. Silky smooth, lovely finesse and great length. 2-9 years.							
	Aloxe-Corton Ler cru Les Fournières	DBR05922	6bts		£276		

Broad and full with a sense of silk and cream and rich raspberry fruit. The palate shows freshness, a lovely sweetness and tannins that really build with lots of grip and mineral intensity. A concentrated tension suggests this will need time. 8-15+ years.

DBR06222

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Corton-	Bressandes	grand	cru

6 bts Expressive, generous nose showing a mix of red and blue fruits with DBR06222M 3mags £468 a great floral quality. Full and silky it shows a mineral richness with cool touches and bright acidity. This is lively and very long with a beautiful red fruit perfume. 5-15+ years.

Domaine Rollin Père et Fils

Pernand-Vergelesses

Simon Rollin was just pleased he had some wine to sell after the problems of 2021. He says they were lucky though with the rain arriving before the harvest, enabling them to make fresh, balanced reds and whites. They started some harvesting on 27th August, but the main part was from 1st September. The resulting wines he described as 'pleasant to drink young but would also age well.' Vintage comparisons are with 2019 for the acidity, the whites especially being better balanced than the 2020s although still lacking a bit of quantity. The reds showed really juicy, supple cherry fruit from 100% destemmed grapes and with easy tannins on the finish. This is a very consistent estate making pure and elegant wines with good fruit.

£456

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc DBW07422 6bts £87 Warm and waxy nose of white and yellow fruits, all with an attractive ripeness. Warm, ripe, silky and soft attack, showing good weight and some honey notes too. A soft, creamy, ripe style that is easy to enjoy. 0-5 years. DBW07722 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 6bts £138 A ripe and generous feel to the nose, which is rounded with a touch of honey, some mineral notes and lots of yellow fruits. Very good freshness on the palate, more white fruit character with good energy and lift. Ripe and juicy with an easy, full, texture and sparkling acidity. 2-7 years. DBW08122 £285 Corton-Charlemagne grand cru 3bts Bright, alluring nose with notes of pear and sweet apple blossom, very pretty. Creamy palate with very good intensity and concentration, tantalising energy and drive. It begins full but finesses to a long and mealy, supple and silky, tempting finish. Very long. 5-15 years. Pernand-Vergelesses Rouge DBR25922 6bts £126

Immediately open with a plump core of plums and fine crunchy red fruits that show a little spice. Medium-bodied, plump, round and juicy. Builds in intensity and shows some fine ripe grip. Juicy stuff. 3-9 years.

£228

Pernand-Vergelesses Rouge 1er cru Fichots

Mix of fragrant cherry fruit with good lift and purity. Red and darker fruits, dark flowers, white flowers and a little oak. Good concentration and expression with creamy pockets of sweetness and red fruits that builds with intensity, grip and nerve, whilst the tannins remain supple. 3-9 years.

Pernand-Vergelesses I er cru IIe des Vergelesses Rouge

Very attractive, pretty, dense nose, quite creamy with dark red fruit focus, some blue fruits and darker floral-tinged fruits. Super acidity and brightness, that sparkling quality and great mineral intensity throughout. Fruity, juicy, fresh, a little finer and longer than Fichots. Stimulating, long and tasty. 3-9 years.







DBR05822 6bts £186

6bts

DBR27822

Domaine Henri Gouges

Nuits-Saint-Georges

Gouges now have a brand-new spacious tasting room – quite a theme in Burgundy this year with barrel tastings becoming fewer – and make good use of it by holding 'walk round' tastings. Grégory and Antoine are on hand though to discuss the wines. They are delighted with the 2022 vintage, more and more happy with it as time goes on. The quantity is not hugely up on 2021 at 28hl/ha, due mainly to hail, but they say it is more concentrated and a more "normal" vintage these days due to global warming. It is still more typical than the very hot 2020 vintage. Harvesting began here on 3rd September and has given balanced, juicy and concentrated wines with ripe tannins from their old vine vineyards run on organic methods.

Nuits-Saint-Georges

DBR16622 6bts £246

Good volume and intensity on the nose, lots of red fruits with a chalky frame and a touch of oak. It's generous, juicy and supple, with a spicy red fruit character and a creamy mix of blue, black and red fruits. Has a real ease about it. 2-9 years.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru Clos des Porrets St-Georges	DBR19922	6bts		£300
Super definition of blue and black fruits along with sweet soft red fruits a	nd excellent freshness	. A beautiful	svelte mo	outhfeel
which is elegant and stimulating with gorgeous creamy fruit. Very fine and	d elegant but certainly	accessible. 3-	12 years.	

Nuits-Saint-Georges Ier cru Les ChaignotsDBR314226bts£342Distinctive smoky and charcuterie aromas with black fruit and a touch of oak. It's full bodied with a sweet edge and a creamy-
velvety texture. The super fine tannins build, along with a mineral intensity. Rich, elegant and lifted. Super. 3-12 years.£342

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru Les Saint Georges	DBR22322	lbt		£340
Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru Les Vaucrains	DBR06922	3bts		SOLD OUT
Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru Les Pruliers	DBR16722	3bts	i.	SOLD OUT

Super precision and great depth, showing some new wood with creamy dark and red fruits. Open on the palate, with elegance and a creamy, svelte attack. Deft and elegant, pretty, with a savoury thread. Superb balance. 5-15+ years.

Domaine Michel Gros

Vosne-Romanée

Pierre Gros is another modest and understated grower. He describes 2022 as a vintage of excellent quality and quantity. It was dry and sunny he said, with there was sufficient rainfall in June, but there were no maladies or rot. The balance turned out to be excellent, much better than he thought it might when the harvest started on 3rd September, with alcohols

about 13% and good acidities throughout. He compared the vintage with 2018 and 2019 but with better ripeness of fruit. He's managed to increase the quantity of Richebourg but the heart of the domaine is still the monopole Clos des Réas. The wines were showing lovely red and black fruits with silky tannins and the trademark hints of smoky oak.

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, Fontaine Saint Martin Enticing perfume of rich dark fruits with good concentration too. The a fragrant, spicy and very intense with plenty of oomph. Finessing to a sil	, , ,	•	•			
Nuits-Saint-Georges, Les Chailots From a tiny 0.2 ha plot of very old vines. This has a lovely nose with som is a sweet edge in the mouth and it has a smooth, supple quality, very ju			ery attracti	£216 ve. There		
Gevrey-Chambertin, La PlatièreDBR313226bts£237The creamy nose draws you through a mix of red and dark fruits and floral aromas too, with very good freshness and a fine dark thread. There's a sweetly fruited frame, with a supple, creamy, spicy and stimulating medium body. Very attractive. 3-9 years.						
Vosne-RomanéeDBR080226bts£345Expressive, rich raspberry fruit fragrances with some black pepper and spice. More red fruits through to the palate which shows a juicy, silky purity with very good energy. 3-9 years.6bts6bts6bts						
Chambolle-Musigny	DBR09322	6bts	i i	£345		
Fresh, inviting aromas that are still tightly wound with an almost seamless feel. It is ample and juicy, rounded and svelte with creamy fruit flavours and grip that builds. Very appealing. 3-9 years.						
Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Aux Brulées	DBR22922	3bts	i.	SOLD OUT		
Vosne-Romanée Ier cru Clos des RéasDBR082223bts£262.50A bright, open, fresh and lifted nose right from the off. With dark fruit notes too. Texturally juicy and perfumed with great purity and bags of elegance. A long, tense and driven finish. From a 2 ha site purchased in 1860! 5-15+ years.£262.50						
Clos de Vougeot grand cru	DBR09122	lbt		£160		
Smoky, roasted coffee aromas with a complex, floral quality, distinctive and punctuated with super lift. It's full and expressive						

Smoky, roasted coffee aromas with a complex, floral quality, distinctive and punctuated with super lift. It's full and expressive with great drive and a silky, ample feel to it. 5-15+ years.



Méo-Camuzet

Vosne-Romanée

For the third year in a row we tasted with Nacha González. She was delighted with the quality and quantity in 2022, although the latter was offset slightly by the loss of some rented vineyards. New additions are coming on stream for the 2023 vintage so there will be more availability then. Harvesting began at the end of August with the white and has led to wines with attractive, ripe fruit and good freshness.

The Pinots have very good maturity and balance as a result of the warm summer with rain in July and August - this was the big difference with 2020 as the rain came at better times just as the vines were becoming stressed. The resulting wines have less alcohol than in 2020 and 2023 coupled with fine fruit and silky, ripe tannins.

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc, Clos Philibert

DBW05822 £204 6bts Attractive nose showing a little pineapple, citrus and white fruits with a matchstick quality and a little new wood too. Juicy on the palate, supple with a delicate chalky/speckled quality and a crisp finish. An easier going style than past vintages! 0-5 years.

Nuits-Saint-Georges	DBR07322	6bts	1	SOLD OUT
Vosne-Romanée	DBR08322	6bts	1	SOLD OUT
Nuits-Saint-Georges Ier cru Aux Boudots	DBR07822	3bts	1	SOLD OUT
Vosne-Romanée I er cru Les Chaumes	DBR21022	3bts	1	SOLD OUT
Clos de Vougeot, grand cru	DBR09222	lbt	1	SOLD OUT
Vosne-Romanée 1 er cru Aux Brulées	DBR19622	lbt	1	SOLD OUT
Corton Les Perrières grand cru	DBR24122	lbt	1	SOLD OUT



Domaine Ghislaine Barthod

Chambolle-Musigny

An early morning visit to Ghislaine Barthod and Louis Boillot, once we had negotiated the roadworks which seemed designed to stop anyone getting through the village of Chambolle. 'I like the balance of this vintage, it's seductive' Ghislaine said. She compared it to 2020 for the fruit although the skins were not as thick as in 2020, giving better balance in terms of a juice to skins ratio. The rain helped this, coming at just the right time as the vines were getting stressed. Further comparisons were with 2017 although with more concentration, and with 2012. She was surprised at the level of freshness in the wines and also the final alcohol degrees, which ended up in the region of 12.5%, having at one stage thought they might reach 2020 levels. As always, this was a delightful range with lovely texture, fruit, elegance and length.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir	DBR15722	6bts	1	£156
Classic purity and clarity, sense of breadth, precise red fruits and great lift.	. Lovely sweetness or	1 the attack,	delicately	poised
with a nice concentration and excellent definition. Red fruits, some leaf and	d crunch with super l	balance. 0-5	years.	

Chambolle-Musigny	DBR09722	6bts		SOLD OUT
Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru Aux Beaux Bruns	DBR10022	6bts		SOLD OUT
Chambolle-Musigny Ier cru Combottes	DBR10122	6bts	l.	SOLD OUT

Domaine G Roumier

Chambolle-Musigny

We were greeted by Alexis Aubin, Christophe Roumier's nephew, who started working at the estate in 2020. He described the vintage as 'refreshing and balanced' and compared it with 2017 saying that was a vintage that was hot as well with some rainfall, whereas 2020 was hotter and drier than both. In terms of work in the vineyard, everything was easy 'like a breeze' and quantities were up on the very limited 2021, back to a usual level. Harvesting began at the beginning of September, with 40% of whole bunches being used for Chambolle and 50% for the Morey. New wood ranges from 10% to 30%. These are wonderful wines, seamless, silky and elegant with wonderful depth of juicy red fruit.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir	DBR00422	6bts		SOLD OUT
Chambolle-Musigny	DBR09622	6bts	i.	SOLD OUT
Morey-Saint-Denis I er cru Clos de la Bussière	DBR10522	6bts	i.	SOLD OUT
Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru Les Amoureuses	DBR09822	6bts	i.	SOLD OUT
Bonnes Mares grand cru	DBR17722	6bts	i.	SOLD OUT

Domaine Louis Boillot et Fils

Chambolle-Musigny

Louis Boillot was another very happy grower, 'fruit, acidity, alcohol, balance, everything was perfect' he said, adding 'it's very classical, very Burgundian'. Again, he reported a straightforward vintage with reasonable quantities although the heat and dryness did lead to some stressed vines in Gevrey. This led to some thicker skins and some powerful wines although the tannins are always silky and sweet. It's

Volnay, Les Grand Poisots

Generous, fresh nose with beautiful, dense fruit. Sweet-edged, silky attack, building in intensity with mineral depth and grip. It is fresh and animated with fine tannins and feels classical with a long creamy, cherry-tinged finish. 3-9 years.

Gevrey-Chambertin

A real blend of red fruit highlights, richer fruit, a little stone and earth aromas all mingle together. It feels spicy and perfumed with a really lovely purity. There is super freshness and lift on the palate and stimulating acidity gives great drive, with lots of fine grip. Attractive savoury red fruits, long and fragrant, juicy, stimulating and very long. 3-9 years.

Chambolle-Musigny	DBR22222	6bts		£276
Showing intensity and depth, quite dark fruited for the vintage but with a more elegant floral note too. It has good weight and				
poise, with appealing ripe fruit style and great balance on the long finis	sh. 3-9 years.			
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Volnay 1er cru Les Angles	DBR28022	6bts		£291
Volnay Ier cru Les Angles More compact than the Poisots, a touch darker too with attractive sw			∎ erry yoghı	2271

stimulating. 3-9 years.

Gevrey-Chambertin Ier cru Les Champonnets

a good mixture of styles tasting with Louis, moving from the Côte de Beaune to Gevrey, then Nuits-St-Georges -'elegant for a Nuits' he says with quiet satisfaction, and then to Moulin à Vent and a truly exceptional vintage here with very concentrated wines with great richness and depth. We will be offering these later in 2024.

6bts

6bts

6bts

£204

£240

SOLD OUT

DBR20022

DBR18022

DBR20222

Domaine Odoul-Coquard

Morey-Saint-Denis

Sebastien Odoul is always cheerful but was particularly happy this year describing the vintage as 'very good quality, very good quantity' with wines that are 'very fruity, very fresh, easy to drink'. Vintage comparisons were with 2012 and 2017 producing very typical Pinot Noirs. Indeed, the only thing that still seemed to irk him was France landing in the tougher pool in the Rugby World Cup. We couldn't understand the issue! Generally, the conditions were straightforward, but he didn't de-leaf this year to help protect the grapes from the sun. Even so the berries were small, so it wasn't a huge harvest. Harvesting took place quickly as every five days the grapes stayed on the vine leads to an extra degree alcohol in the finished wine and, in contrast to his wines of a few years ago, he is now producing much fresher, lower alcohol wines, a style he describes as 'Atlantic Pinot'. There are lovely red and black fruit flavours in his wines with soft, ripe tannins.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or, Pinot Noir From two parcels of old vines in Gevrey and Vosne, offering a pleasing attractive raspberry notes. Rich and weighty with very good clarity and a				
Morey-Saint-Denis, Les Crais Gillon	DBR29322	6bts		SOLD OUT
Chambolle-Musigny Darker fruits with a herby quality, a little toast and a hint of espresso, b structure and a mix of cassis and black raspberry fruit flavours. Nicely ba			nd juicy v	£308 with a fine
Chambolle-Musigny I er cru Les Sentiers An irresistible micro-cuvée of just one barrel! Shows red summer fruits a with some spice. The palate is ripe but savoury and vinous, with a little ch 3-12 years.	•			
Gevrey-Chambertin ler cru Aux Combottes A whiff of roasted coffee, great depth and concentration, offering fresh spice. Creamy in parts with great elegance, very fine tannins and great min		-		
Charmes-Chambertin grand cru Rich, open and inviting. A sense of scale with elegance and charming. At silky, with bright acidity, fine tannins and plenty of savoury mineral grip. Clos de Vougeot grand cru	•	3bts lue fruits, thi 3bts	s is full-b	£330 oodied and
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Domaine Drouhin-Laroze

Gevrey-Chambertin

With the rain pouring down, we tasted in the comfortable new tasting room looking out on the vines. Caroline Drouhin described the vintage as very well balanced and generally easy. Rain in June and August came at the right time and helped the pH level and therefore the balance. There was little grape selection required although green harvesting was carried out on two occasions. She compared it 2020 for the fruit but with more freshness and precision - 'there is more energy in 2022, the wines are approachable now and also will age' adding 'you can feel the ripeness but along with balance and energy'. Alcohol levels are in the 12.5-13.5% range and although there is up to 80% new oak on the grands crus it's all medium or low toast so everything is very well balanced and elegant. These are exceptional wines, in the very first rank.

Bourgogne Chardonnay	DBW22022	6bts	1 A.	£108
Snazzy bright citrus and white fruit aromas with a touch of flint, a little pineapple and some new oak. Sweet-edged attack, ripe				
but fresh, with a lightly creamy texture, a juiciness and a little mineral	bite. Serious length for	the level. 0-5	5 years.	

Bourgogne Pinot Noir

DBR21922 6bts £108

6bts

£218

DBR28622

Super aromas of blackberry and black cherry jam with a pure, fresh floral quality. Rich attack and a gorgeous intensity, this is juicy, supple and plump, with bright acidity and supple tannins. 0-7 years.

Gevrey-Chambertin, En Champs

Very pretty nose with a focused dark floral perfume, blue-black fruits and a little spice. Really neatly defined and poised. Rich attack, the tannins arrive early, and they build! Intense acidity, very fine but clearly a more structured wine with some chew and a savoury finish. 2-9 years.

Gevrey-Chambertin, Dix Climats	DBR11022	6bts		£252
Fresh, fragrant, stony and precise. Offering an attractive mix of red and d	ark fruits and floral	intensity. Ric	h and focu	ised with
pretty, cherry fruits, good energy and a silky texture. A savoury note and	a crisp finish round	things off nic	ely. 3-12 y	vears.

Chapelle-Chambertin grand cru	DBR18722	3bts		SOLD OUT
Clos de Vougeot grand cru	DBR26522	3bts		£465
Dense and broad aromas of pressed flowers and sumptuous cooked fruits.	Ripe but some rest	raint and go	ood lift,	with some

'animale' notes adding complexity and seriousness. Full-bodied with good energy and fine tannins that show just a little chew. Great fruit, a silkiness with good volume and a combination of dark fruits and red cherry highlights. Wonderfully balanced, seamless, serious structure. Impressive. 8-15+ years.

Bonnes Mares grand cru	DBR10222	lbt		£175
Dark, plump and compact, ripe, spicy and stony. It's fresh with lovely	ripe red fruits and wh	ite flowers.	Creamy an	d dense,
lovely acidity and a stony mineral core. Some muscle but very elegant w	with it, layers of fruit, s	lightly more	e savoury a	s you go
on, showing degrees of precision. Black cherry fruits, all feels very find	e and beautifully balan	ced with su	per length.	Stylish!
8-15+ years.				

Chambertin-Clos de Bèze grand cru	DBR13322	lbt	1	SOLD OUT

Domaine René Bouvier

Gevrey-Chambertin

A late appointment with Bernard Bouvier in his large and modern cellars. He declared himself very happy with 2022, a 'very nice vintage'. He's not a man given to hyperbole. The rain in August, he said, was particularly good and helped produce the silky tannins, balance, fruit and freshness you can find in the wines. Harvesting began on 5th September resulting in a classic vintage, very complete and balanced. Vintage comparisons are with 2012 and 2009. In 2019 he took over his brother's vines in the northern Côte de Nuits and he is a long-standing president of the Marsannay appellation which is where the estate was originally founded in 1910. Although the wines from Gevrey are top-notch, it's the Marsannays in particular that impressed us with their purity, elegance and balance. Côte de Nuits quality at a good price, says Bernard.

Bourgogne Blanc	DBW32122	6bts	1 A	£III
Aromas of fresh ripe lemon citrus and some leesy richness, the palate creamy touches, good density and plenty of oomph. Good flavour, limestone soils in Marsannay. 0-5 years.	, 0			0
Marsannay Le Finage	DBR33322	6bts	1 A	£153
'Le Finage' translates as 'territory' and is a blend of Marsannay terroirs. Cool and fresh dark fruits aromas with a little crunch and some attractive new wood. A creamy, generous palate, that is silky smooth, offering a mix of black cherry, dark fruits and raspberry highlights. Plenty of structure and mineral bite, but supple and long. 2-7 years.				
Fixin, Crais de Chene	DBR06822	6bts		SOLD OUT
Gevrey-Chambertin	DBR11522	6bts	1 A	£273

£273 A rounded, easy and fragrant nose of blue-black fruits with some energetic red highlights. Velvety with a touch of salinity on the palate, this is structured and supple with very good depth and a long juicy finish. 2-9 years.

Gevrey-Chambertin, Racines du Temps, très vieilles vignes	DBR11622	3bts	SOLD OUT
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Samuel Billaud

Chablis

New to our range this year are the wonderful wines from Samuel Billaud. This estate is now recognised as being in the very top rank in Chablis, with enthusiastic reviews from Neal Martin and Julia Harding MW amongst others. From an old wine growing family in Chablis, Samuel set up by himself in 2010 and now owns four hectares and buys fruit from another 16 ha of carefully selected vineyards owned

Chablis

Such an appealing nose! It is focused and tense but ample too with notes of apple and pear fruit and a persistent cool, mineral feel. The palate has a concentrated attack and an immediate crisp freshness, showing a little mid-palate texture over a core of wet stones and salinity. We're delighted with the new addition to the list. 0-5 years.

Chablis 1er cru Fourneaux

Super freshness with fragrant white fruit, citrus and oyster shell aromas over small gravels. The palate shows an amazing intensity from the off, matched by great richness and a framework of bracing acidity. Tense but nicely balanced, with a lovely, perfumed quality and tangy, moreish salinity. Powerful, characterful and texturally very fine. 2-9 years.

Chablis I er cru Montée de Tonnerre

A smoky, spicy nose with delicate mineral notes. The palate feels a touch creamier than the Fourneaux but remains delicate and poised. There is super intensity, it is ripe yet taut with an almost soapy fragrant character, a tonic dryness, and finely mineral vs huge concentration. 2-9 years.

Chablis grand cru Bougros

Complex nose which is taut and youthful, with orchard fruits coming through. This is notably fuller than the premier cru wines, weightier and broader with super intensity. Cool and tantalising with a speckled mineral frame, a little tonic and salinity. This undulates, it's layered and shows moreish definition. 5-15 years.

Nerve Billard

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DBW31322 6bts £237

6bts

£126

by friends and family. His wines see little oak but do see extended lees ageing. Their hallmarks are precision and

finesse. He reports that 2022 saw no problem of disease and

was easier than 2021 with just a small amount of stress from

the dryness. Harvest began on August 25th and vintage comparisons, as with many, are with 2020 and 2017. The

resulting wines are pure, taut and elegant.

DBW31222

DBW31422 6bts £273

DBW31522 3bts £270

Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils

Chablis

Fabien Moreau was pleased with the 2022s after the tough 2021 vintage where yields dipped to just 10hl/ha in parts! 2022 was warm and dry but they did see a little frost that affected as much as 25% of the buds, thankfully the second generation performed well. Rainfall in the second half of

June helped to stave off stress and there was some evening rain after harvest began giving decent yields and a juicier quality to the fruit with less severe acidity than in 2021. A characteristic of 2022 in Burgundy is the balance of the wines, and this is also true here.

Chablis Ier cruVaillon ◀ If there are any concerns of atypical Chablis, then the 2022 Vaillon wi rock pools and sea spray on the nose, and a slightly easier palate that I and will drink well on the younger side. 2-9 years.						
Chablis grand cru Valmur DBW261226bts£396A deeply impressive effort showing excellent concentration and intensity. Saline-tinged white fruits, greengage and hints of perfumed sweeter stone fruits, stony minerals and a certain oak-derived nuttiness. This too is very well balanced, generous in scale and tempting in texture, very long. 5-15 years.6bts£396						
Chablis grand cru Vaudésir DBW204226bts£396Lovely definition with a sense of purity and delicacy, offering notes of pressed white flowers, white fruit and rock pools. The palate shows great freshness, a certain lean quality and great tension, with juicy green fruits and a tangy crisp finish. 3-15 years.						
Chablis grand cru Les Clos DBW205226bts£396Lovely expression and perhaps a little more floral than the Valmur, offering super energy and drive, and a tantalising saline mineral tang. Full bodied, long and silky, this will be tempting soon after release, but is full of promise. 5-15 years.£396						
Chablis grand cru Blanchot IDBW274226bts£396Very limited production of just one and a half barrels. Shows some pretty fruit blossom and a little spice and some attractively integrated oak. Grand but not heavy with good breadth and a sense of that 2022 balance, showing a lifted freshness that leads to a mouthwatering finish. Should drink very well young. 3-15 years.						

Chablis grand cru Clos des Hospices dans Les Clos Clos DBW20622 3bts £258 Great fruit density but more tightly wound than the regular Les Clos and showing a little more wood too. The palate boasts

Great fruit density but more tightly wound than the regular Les Clos and showing a little more wood too. The palate boasts classic oyster shell notes, wet stone and palpable salinity, with some gorgeous fruit beneath. Tremendously full-flavoured and seriously long with it. 5-15 years.

Vincent Dauvissat

Chablis

Widely acknowledge as one of the top addresses in Chablis, Domaine Vincent Dauvissat needs no introduction. His wines are in exceptionally high demand and are only

available on allocation. If you are interested in taking some, please speak to a member of the Fine Wine Team.

Chablis	DBW20222	6bts	SOLD C)UT
Chablis I er cru Séchet	DBW02822	6bts	SOLD C	OUT
Chablis Ter cru Vaillons	DBW03022	6bts	SOLD C	UT
Chablis I er cru Forest	DBW02922	6bts	SOLD C	JUT
Chablis grand cru Les Preuses	DBW03322 DBW03322M	6bts 3mags	SOLD C	
Chablis grand cru Les Clos	DBW03422 DBW03422M	6bts 3mags	SOLD C	

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