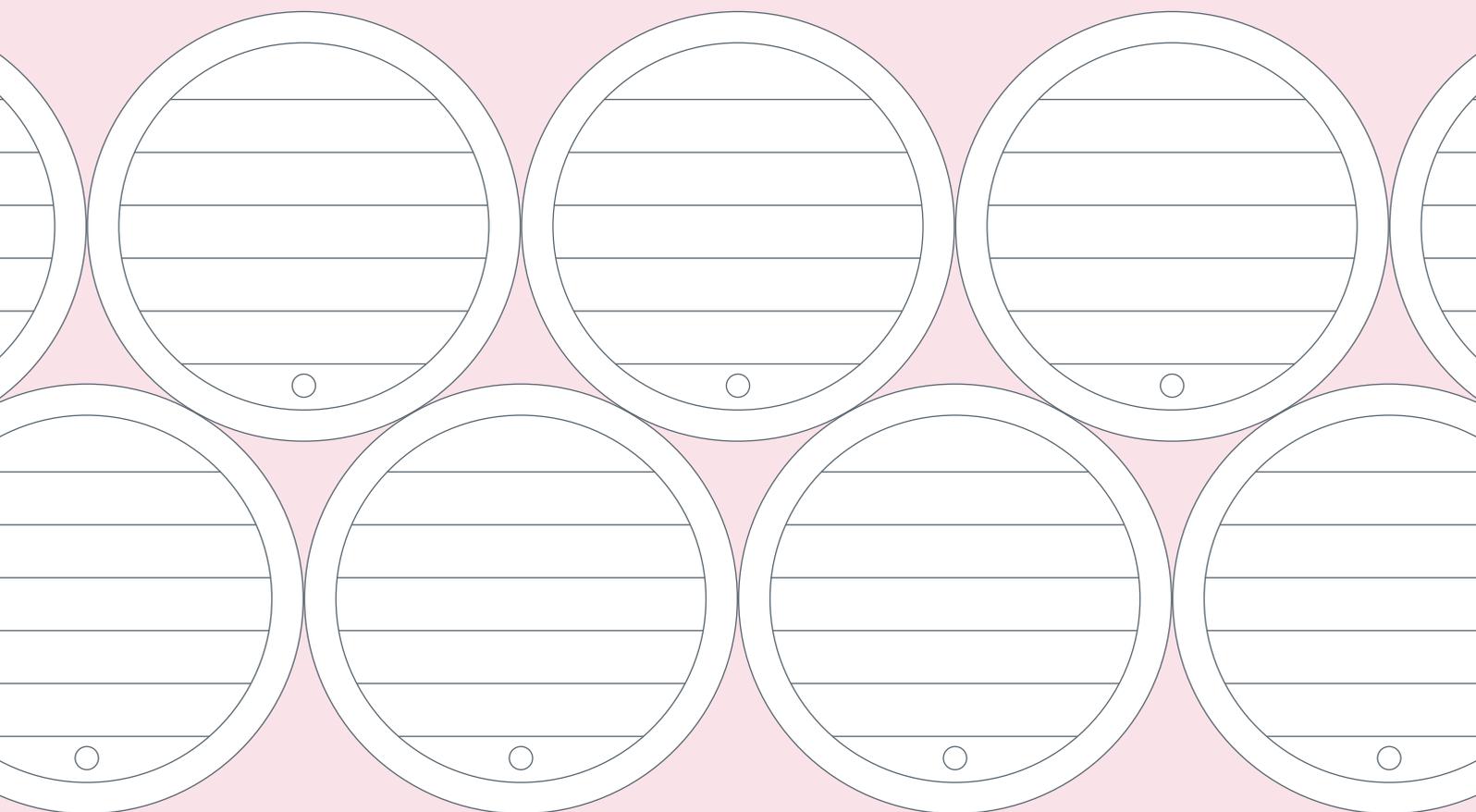


BURGUNDY 2017

en primeur





When we tasted the 2016's in December 2017 there was some cautious enthusiasm from producers, as to the potential of the 2017 vintage that had just been put into barrel. It was too early to know for sure but not only were there healthy yields but there was also a feeling that the quality of juice was also very interesting. On returning to Burgundy in November 2018 the caution had been replaced by a confidence that the wines produced are very good and that this was an exciting vintage to offer.

The vintage nearly suffered a similar fate to 2016 with an early frost on April 28th. This year however there was some warning of the danger and with a combination of old-fashioned methods, burning of hay bales, alongside the more modern, flying helicopters over the vines, disaster was averted, and the grapes saved. From then on, the vintage was relatively uneventful, June was warm and sunny followed by a pleasant July and sunny August. There was relatively low rainfall and the cool nights in June retained freshness and acidity which is a welcome characteristic of the vintage. The harvest took place relatively early starting on the 26th August with a bounty of ripe, healthy grapes.

The first and most overwhelming impression of the vintage is how approachable and attractive the wines are at this early stage. The reds from Cote de Nuits tend to be characterised by a lovely pure, juicy fruit with fresh crisp acidity and fine silky tannins. Some may mistake this approachability as being a sign that the wines will not age but in our view, there is enough concentration of fruit and structure to ensure that these wines will repay those with patience. I found the wines difficult to resist with Cathiard and Coquard-Loison-Fleurot and Paul Pillot producing some remarkable wines across the board.

The whites are brilliant with some producers describing them as a hypothetical blend of the 2014 & 2016 vintage. In my view these do not quite hit the same level as the 2014's (the greatest vintage for white burgundy I have tasted) but they are not far away and unquestionably the best vintage since. The vintage suits 'our producers', there is a transparency to the wines which allows for real differentiation between vineyards, a hallmark of some of the best vintages. The wines are characterised by a purity and concentration of fruit alongside fresh acidity and again these wines were easy to taste and enjoy even at this early stage.

Tasting the 2017 vintage was a refreshing change; there were no tales of woe about capricious Mother nature, the wines were delicious and very easy to taste and there is a good quantity of wine available. Over the two visits in November and December 2018 we have been hugely impressed by both reds and white and believe that this vintage will give enormous pleasure to those who add some to their cellar.

Please find our offer and notes below, where relevant we have included notes from respected critics. Demand is at an all time high for these wines so in many cases wines will be oversubscribed, we will do our best to satisfy as many orders as we can and will favour those clients who buy broadly across the range.

Michael Stobbs Managing Director

Please Note Please note we represent these wines for the UK and Bermudian market only, we are unable to sell any of these wines for distribution outside these geographic locations. Wines purchased from this offer can only be delivered to a registered UK address or Bonded Warehouse. Preference for allocations will be given to those clients who store their wines with Latimer Reserve or Nexus Wine Collections. All prices are quoted in Bond and are subject to change. Normal en primeur terms apply, wine will be shipped in Spring 2020. Delivery/ IB transfer will be charged at cost. We have requested that all wines are packed in the stated case size however occasionally, due to the vagaries of the domaines, they may be packed in a different format. If this occurs wines will be re-packed into plain cartons of the correct size.

WHITES

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Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

Unit

Unit Price

Marc and Alex started picking on the 28th of August in order to retain the freshness and concentration of fruit. Their 2017's are some of the best that we tasted.

Bourgogne Blanc Lormaux

TBC

£TBC InBond

Beautiful Puligny style fruit on the nose. Green apple and lime fruit in the mouth enhanced by a touch of butter. Lovely, vibrant freshness.

Puligny Montrachet

TBC

£TBC InBond

Pure green apple fruit with a touch of lime zest and crispness with some spice. Lovely pure fruit here, broad and ripe with nice balance and freshness, good density.

Chassagne Montrachet

TBC

£TBC InBond

A little more mineral and smoky, all lime and spice with a floral note. A real vibrancy here with lots of lovely pure fruit very expressive.

Meursault 1er Cru Clos du Cromin

TBC

£TBC InBond

This is richer and more buttery. Lovely ripeness again, very expressive with lovely sherbet acidity. Excellent and long.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Referts

TBC

£TBC InBond

A real, crisp, green apple fruit character alongside lime and spice with a touch of cinnamon. This is very precise and linear with a real complexity and an excellent balance.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Folatieres

TBC

£TBC InBond

Amazing intensity of fruit with a precise mineral character with wonderful freshness and purity. There is a fantastic concentration and yet this retains a crispness and elegance. Superb wine.



Domaine Buisson-Charles

Unit

Unit Price

It's always interesting talking with Patrick Essa, he has strong views and is never afraid to follow his own path. The 2017's were a great success with the 1er cru being some of the best wines we have tasted from this estate.

Meursault Vieilles Vignes

6

£215 InBond

There is concentrated green apple and lime fruit on the nose. Excellent intensity of pure, fresh fruit with an attractive backbone of acidity.

Meursault 'vigne de 1945'

6

£240 InBond

Only produced in exceptional vintages. This is extremely pure, with crisp precise fruit and no new oak. Lovely fresh green apple fruit and mouth-watering saline finish.

Meursault Les Tesson

6

£300 InBond

Again, there is real precision in the citrus lemon fruit which is balanced by a very attractive chalky minerality and floral notes. Lovely acidity good balance.

Meursault 1er Cru les Cras

6

£375 InBond

This was the first vineyard to be harvested. This is very mineral on the nose quite coiled and tight with a pure and intense lemon character and touch of perfume. There is great concentration on the palate with a lovely seam of fresh acidity.

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes

6

£375 InBond

This is slightly finer and more elegant with floral perfumed notes and an excellent purity of fruit. There is an excellent concentration and depth.

Meursault 1er Cru Boucheres

6

£375 InBond

Green apple a touch of liquorice alongside some lovely mineral notes. Great concentration of fruit with a lovely ripeness of fruit and fresh sherbet character. Elegant and yet powerful.

Meursault 1er Cru Goutte dor

6

£375 InBond

This wine is characterised by an intense stony minerality. There is a real zip and vibrancy in the mouth along with an excellent concentration and density of fruit. This is an excellent Goutte dor.



Joseph Drouhin

Unit

Unit Price

Drouhin have had great success in 2017, while the range is extensive there are some real gems to be had. NB notes and scores from Julia Hardin (jancisrobinson.com) or Stephen Tanzer (vinous.com).

Meursault

6

£165 InBond

Mealy citrus aroma. More creamy than the Montagny, more generous in the mouth. Lots of clementine and apricot fruit, classic Meursault. Intense for a village wine and should age well. 16.5+

Meursault 1er Cru Perrieres

6

£360 InBond

Fragrant but very primary scents of pineapple, fresh yellow fruits and crushed stone, plus a note of hazelnut. Plush and velvety in the mouth, but with lovely lift to its yellow fruit and spice flavors. Finishes rich, broad, long and classically dry but not at all heavy, with slowly building mineral and spice notes. Already hints at the suavity of this great premier cru. 90-92 Stephen Tanzer

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Embazees

6

£360 InBond

Cedary citrus aroma. Tight and cedary on the palate, too. There's a lot of power here. Spicy, dense. Just fresh enough but amazing length. Just slightly harsh but it may become less so. 16.5

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Blanc

6

£480 InBond

Subtle but already complex aroma: creamy, mealy, pure-fruited. Rich but with a fine dusty restraint. Deep and spicy on the palate, fills the mouth with pure citrus fruit and goes on for ever with a lovely depth of texture from the lees. 18.5

Corton Charlemagne

6

£635 InBond

Less dramatic initially than the Clos des Mouches but you can sense the power. Creamy on the nose in its rich leesy character but in a very positive way – richness not loss of precision. Stunning. Power and depth with really chiselled citrus fruit. Even with all this power it is still elegant. Endless. 18.5

Montrachet Grand Cru Marquis de Laguiche

6

£2400 InBond

Smells tighter and a little more dusty than the Corton-Charlemagne. Richer fruit flavour on the palate compared with the Marquis de Laguiche Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot, citrus veering to apricot. Creamy, deep, powerful and endlessly long. 18.5



Marc Morey

Unit

Unit Price

As always it was a pleasure to taste with Sabine Moillard. The wines were classically made and utterly delicious in 2017.

Bourgogne Blanc

12

£150 InBond

Quite mineral with a crisp apple note and an almost candied toffee apple character. Excellent concentration on the palate with fresh crisp fruit and lovely balance. Very good.

St Aubin 1er cru Charmois

12

£300 InBond

Lovely concentrated fruit ripe and open. A bit more acidity and backbone here lime and lemon fruit, a touch of minerality. Lovely mouthfeel great balance and ripeness. Delicious.

Chassagne Montrachet

12

£370 InBond

A touch of floral perfume with white peach fruit and a touch of spice. Really good concentration here butter and toast all balanced with fresh acidity. Excellent stuff.

Puligny Montrachet

6

£205 InBond

Much more Puligny, green apple and lime, a touch of gariguet strawberries which I often get on this wine. Concentrated fruit with nice balancing acidity. Great freshness lovely sherbet acidity very good.

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Vergers

6

£260 InBond

This again has lots of mineral stoniness on the nose, not giving much away. Lots of tension in the mouth good acidity, lemon peel and stones - good but difficult to read at the moment.

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Virondot

6

£350 InBond

Lovely nose reel fresh lemons and sherbet alongside stones and some perfumed floral notes. Real energy here, lemon fruit candied with butter and a touch of spice. This is special stuff very complex amazing balance. Superb.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Pucelles

6

£350 InBond

Ripe lemon, lime and green apple fruit on the nose with a super intensity and balance. This is very plush with lots of ripe fruit and a rich mineral character. Great balance and lovely vibrant acidity.



Paul Pillot

Unit

Unit Price

Thierry Pillot has made some of the best whites that we have tasted from this estate. The 2017's rank up there with his 2014's. This year we are also delighted to be able to offer some of Thierry's négociant wines as well (identified with an * next to the name).

Bourgogne Blanc

6

£95 InBond

Very precise and super pure. Lovely freshness and balance, lime fruit very fresh. Well above the level of most Bourgogne.

Chassagne Montrachet

6

£195 InBond

Ripe and broad with very expressive green apple and peach fruit with a lovely breadth and weight. This has a creaminess and excellent balance, very good.

Puligny Montrachet les Enseignerres, Thierry Pillot*

6

£205 InBond

Classic Puligny Nose with lovely pure fruit on the nose and a touch of perfume. This has a lovely lush mouthfeel with great vibrancy. Delicious.

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Champ Gain

6

£285 InBond

There are some tropical note here with a touch of apricot a nuttiness. The fruit is perfectly ripe with a lovely density, minerality and smokiness. Excellent.

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Clos St Jean

6

£285 InBond

This is more precise and linear with a fresh lime acidity and taught minerality. The fruit is extremely pure, and this is a lovely expression of the vineyard, really excellent this year!

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets

3

£200 InBond

Quite tight with precise, delicious, green crunchy fruit. Beautiful intensity and balance with excellent pure fruit, lime and apple this is very fresh with a complex minerality and extremely long, excellent.

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Grande Ruchottes

3

£200 InBond

More open and expressive with a spicy warmth to the nose a touch of brown butter. There is real density and extract with superb balance and lovely minerality.

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Grande Montagne

3

£200 InBond

This is tighter and very mineral with lime fruit and a certain floral, perfumed character. In the mouth this has an intense mineral backbone, very precise and concentrated lime fruit. This is very serious and absolutely delicious.



Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru La Romanee

3

£250 InBond

A perfumed and beautifully elegant wine with amazing density of fruit and yet remaining ethereal and almost weightless. Really super with so much energy, amazing wine super mineral very concentrated. Just fantastic stuff. Thierry mentioned that over the last 10 years this has consistently been his best wine and has only been beaten once by the Grande Montagne.

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Thierry Pillot*

6

£600 InBond

Apricot fruit on the nose with a nuttiness. Rich fruit with excellent balance and lovely freshness.

Batard Montrachet Grand Cru, Thierry Pillot*

6

£1250 InBond

As always Thierry's Batard is beautifully balanced with a profound and complex nose of ripe apple fruit and stony minerality. This is complex and mouth filling with a purity to the fruit and great density and vibrancy. Superb.



Patrick Piuze

Unit

Unit Price

We are very lucky to have found Patrick when we did as there is no question that he will be one of the superstars of Chablis very soon. Although he does not own any vineyards he has long term relationships and contracts with his growers which enables him to dictate how the vines are looked after and when the grapes are harvested. The 2017's is a very successful vintage for Patrick with lovely transparency allowing each vineyard to show its character. NB notes and scores from William Kelley, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate #238.

Chablis Terroir de Chablis

12

£190 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Terroir de Chablis is superb, unfurling in the glass with notes of oystershell, lemon oil and dried white flowers, framed by light reduction. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, satiny and complete, with bright but ripe acids and a long, mouthwatering finish. It's derived from two parcels, both north-facing, near Montmains. 91 points.

Chablis Terroir de Chichee

12

£190 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Terroir de Chichée is one of the highlights of Piuze's AOC bottlings, offering up classy aromas of citrus zest, white flowers and pastry cream. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, pure and elegantly glossy, with wonderful focus and structural tension, built around tangy acids. 90+ points.

Chablis Terroir de Courgis

12

£190 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Terroir de Courgis is superb, offering up aromas of crisp peach, green apple, ripe lemon and oystershell. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, deep and concentrated, with a glossy attack, a dense, tight-knit core and a long, tangy and saline finish. Give this a couple of years in the cellar, then follow it for a decade. 91 points.

Chablis Terroir du Fontenay

12

£190 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Coteau de Fontenay is one of the most tensile, stony wines in Piuze's range of Chablis AOC bottlings, offering up aromas of lemon oil, oystershell and struck flint. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, chalky and tensile, with racy acids and lovely purity. It's a quintessentially Chablisien wine from a steep, windswept site. 89+ points.

Chablis Vallee Sebillon

12

£190 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Vallée Sebillon is lovely, bursting with aromas of peach, green apple, grapefruit and iodine. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, glossy and textural, with a deep core of fruit and tangy balancing acids. It's just as bright as the Terroir de la Chapelle cuvée, but it's a touch more fleshy. This bottling derives from the left bank of the Serein in the commune of Beines. 89 points.

Chablis 1er Cru Butteaux

12

£400 InBond

Notes of lemon oil, grapefruit, crisp green apple and iodine introduce the 2017 Chablis 1er Cru Butteaux, a deep, medium to full-bodied wine with an elegantly glossy attack, a firm core and a pure, chalky finish. The amplitude of which the site is capable is effortlessly controlled. 92-94 points.



Chablis 1er Cru Forets

12

£380 InBond

The 2017 Chablis 1er Cru Les Forêts is also very promising, offering up notes of crisp peach, iodine, green apple and beeswax. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated, with a lovely sense of completeness and harmony, concluding with a saline finish. 92-94 points.

Chablis 1er Cru Montee de Tonnerre

12

£480 InBond

Aromas of fresh peach, white flowers, apple and honeycomb introduce the 2017 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, a supple, satiny textured and medium to full-bodied wine with an ample core of fruit and succulent acids. Right now, it feels quite open-knit and approachable, though Piuze notes it has only just emerged from a very reductive phase. 90-93 points.

Chablis Grand Cru Blanchots

6

£275 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Grand Cru Blanchots is quite exotic and gourmand, wafting from the glass with notes of orange blossom, peaches and honeycomb. On the palate, it's full-bodied, rich and textural, with lovely salinity and succulent acids. 91-93 points.

Chablis Grand Cru Bougros

6

£500 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Grand Cru Bougros exhibits notes of lemon oil, confit citrus, iodine and anise, framed by light reduction. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, glossy and textural, retaining plenty of cut and tension despite its gourmand profile; it's a bit firmer and more structured than the expansive Blanchot. 92-94 points.

Chablis Grand Cru les Clos

6

£760 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos was reserved and reductive when I tasted it—the least extroverted of all the wines in Piuze's cellar, as is often the case with Les Clos. Notes of lemon oil, crisp peach and iodine mingling with smoky, leesy nuances introduce a full-bodied, deep and promising wine that is less monolithic than the Valmur but no less powerful. It's really too early to get a clear read on this, but its potential, at least, is clear. 93-95 points.

Chablis Grand Cru Preuses

6

£760 InBond

The 2017 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses is likely the greatest wine in Piuze's collection, wafting from the glass with notes of citrus oil, mandarin, dried white flowers and oystershell. On the palate, it's full-bodied, deep and complete, with a satiny attack, superb concentration, tangy acids and a long, saline finish. While it's quite structurally suave right now, I suspect it will tighten up by the time it's bottled. 94-96 points.

REDS

Cote de Nuits



Domaine Sylvain Cathiard

Unit

Unit Price

Sebastian Cathiard is building on this Domaine's exalted reputation by fashioning even purer and more exquisite wines each year. As always our allocation of these wines is tiny and so please contact us if you would like to be considered for some bottles.

Vosne Romanee

3

£170 InBond

There is the trademark purity but this is a bit denser and darker fruit. Cristal clear and very precise with a lovely back bone, beautiful freshness and ethereal structure. A real elegance again.

Chambolle Musigny Clos de l'orme

3

£180 InBond

A little closed and tight, still very feminine with a great purity but sill retaining a lovely structure. Excellent.

Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Thorey

3

£295 InBond

Very precise, pure black and red fruit, lovely density and freshness. There is touch of spice on the palate with gobs of juicy fruit, very easy, open, opulent and attractive. Delicious.

Nuits St George 1er Cru Murgers

3

£330 InBond

The fruit here is more hedgerow and bramble again this is very pure and precise with great freshness. So pure and fresh very elegant with a touch of cream. Brown sugar. Beautiful purity and length.

Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Reignots

3

£425 InBond

A little more austere and reserved today. There is some flashiness to the polished fruit. Nice concentration really good acidity but not singing as it no doubt will, a touch of spice on the finish.

Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Orveaux

3

£425 InBond

Beautifully elegant nose, really pure and precise fruit and a crystalline character. Really pure, juicy, raspberry fruit, excellent concentration just awesome stuff pure, elegant wow what a great wine.

Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Malconsorts

1

£250 InBond

Super fine with amazingly pure loganberry fruit and delicious minerality. Just super elegant on the palate, great fruit real mineral stoniness. Very precise refined and a lovely clarity, super fine tannins. Just delicious.

Romanee St vivant Grand Cru

1

£680 InBond

Very complex and serious, ripe pure fruit red and black with a touch of spice. Great energy and zip, lots of brown sugar. Very fine structure with silky tannins. Amazing power in a silk glove, just superb stuff.



Coquard-Loison-Fleurot

Unit

Unit Price

Thomas was very content with the quality of the Domaines 2017's and was delighted with the quantity that they have produced. The wines continue to delight, each year we taste here.

Bourgogne Rouge

12

£180 InBond

Very pure pinot fruit, ripe, clean and with a touch of minerality. Lovely pure fruit in the mouth with fresh acidity. Red fruit touch of currant. Lovely.

Chambolle Musigny

6

£225 InBond

Very pretty red raspberry fruit, pure with a touch blueberry. This is very elegant with an attractive concentration of fruit, fine tannins, silky. Very attractive and open.

Morey St Denis

6

£225 InBond

More redcurrant fruit than the Chambolle and slightly more high tone. There is more obvious structure with a touch more rusticity. Still very pure fruit. Excellent.

Gevrey Chambertin

6

£225 InBond

The fruit here is plummy with a touch of leather and spice. Pure ripe fruit on the palate lovely energy very crisp and fresh.

Vosne Romanee

6

£250 InBond

Very linear and precise fruit here red and black fruit compote. Fresh acidity and very elegant pure forest fruit. A bit of mineral structure, very fine tannins good concentration of fruit. Pure and delicious.

Vosne Romanee 1er Cru

6

£420 InBond

Only 2.5 barrels made of a blend of Echezeaux and 1er Beaumont. Really beautiful nose, raspberries, cocoa and stones. So pure and refined on the palate, very elegant lovely minerality. Superb wine.

Clos Vougeot Grand Cru

6

£595 InBond

Bramble fruit, again this is very pure, dense and lovely fruit. This has great depth, grand cru quality, a real elegance to the fruit, transparent and crystalline. Just lovely an excellent Clos Vougeot.

Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

6

£595 InBond

This is a little more closed with a real stony minerality on the nose along with some perfumed character. Lovely pure defined fruit, raspberry and loganberry, lots of mineral complexity here, a touch of caramel.



Echezeaux Grand Cru	6	£625 InBond
<p>Very pretty on the nose with some powdery, perfumed character alongside the forest fruits. This is super precise with lovely fruit and great balance. Very long, very serious and very lovely.</p>		
Clos de la Roche Grand Cru	6	£595 InBond
<p>Ultra-pure bramble fruit, a touch of underbrush and spice. This is decadent stuff very lovely glyceryl character and a sweet lushness to the fruit. Very fine but with lots of depth and a lovely minerality to the long finish.</p>		
Clos St Denis Grand Cru	3	£390 InBond
<p>Exceptionally beautiful and elegant nose of such pure red fruit and dark mineral notes. This is serious stuff, but super refined and elegant lovely fine structure hidden behind lashings of ripe juicy fruit, very complex. Just lovely.</p>		
Grand Echezeaux Grand Cru	3	£500 InBond
<p>Much darker fruit but again super pure fruit very enticing. There is such energy here wonderful fruit again structure hidden by oodles of fruit. A bit of spice on the finish. Really excellent, if only there was more!</p>		



Joseph Drouhin

Unit

Unit Price

Chambolle Muisgny

6

£270 InBond

Prettily fragrant with dark-red fruit and a gentle, attractive dustiness. Scented on the palate too even though it is all tied up in the structure at the moment. Needs time to open up but it has real elegance and impressive length and there's pretty fruit tucked in at the core. 17

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru

6

£360 InBond

Peppery and lightly stemmy in its fresh dark-red-fruit aroma. Delicate tannins, such finesse and harmony already. Refined and long. Supple but all in proportion. Moreish, full of fruit but delicate at the same time. 17

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Clos Prieur

6

£475 InBond

Scented again like so many of these Drouhin 2017s, scented with dark-red fruit and a stemmy freshness. Peppery, firm, spicy and generous even in its elegant framework. Long and satisfying and fresh. 17+

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

6

£985 InBond

Mid to deep crimson. Very pretty red fruits on the nose, almost floral. Juicy, fresh, with dry tannic finesse on the palate. Long and tight, not typically Vougeot? Though I guess Vougeot can be extremely varied. 17

Muisgny Grand Cru

6

£2600 InBond

A gorgeous mid-point between aromatic and withheld. On the palate this is generous, packed with lovely spiced red and dark-red fruit but all firm and chewy at the moment. Not notably fresh but the freshness is in balance with all the other components. Deep and embryonic with amazing length. 19+

Chambertin Clos de Beze Grand Cru

6

£1800 InBond

Mid crimson. So pretty: red fruits, a stemmy freshness that is leafy but in a lovely way, not at all underripe. Fabulous depth and length but with an elegant shape, not exactly slim but perfectly proportioned, like the body of a yoga expert, sinewy and strong but not lean. Savoury with a marked oak flavour on the finish at the moment and a long peppery aftertaste. 18.5

REDS

Cote de Beaune



Bachelet Monnot	Unit	Unit Price
Bourgogne Rouge <p>There is red currant fruit on the nose with a crunchy freshness and good purity. Very pure fruit a touch of spice.</p>	TBC	£TBC InBond
Marranges 1er Cru la Fussiere <p>More raspberry fruit with a real minerality this is very pure and elegant. Lovely ripe broad fruit very complex and long with some cocoa and minerality. Very good.</p>	TBC	£TBC InBond
Marranges 1er Cru la Boutiere <p>Slightly less open. Lovely pure fruit and a bigger structure. The fruit here is darker with fresh crisp acidity there is a touch of earthiness, but this remains elegant and fresh.</p>	TBC	£TBC InBond
Santenay les Charmes <p>Ripe, red raspberry fruit with a lovely crisp acidity. Very pure and precise lovely freshness. Delicious.</p>	TBC	£TBC InBond
Santenay les Parrons <p>Slightly darker and tighter fruit a touch of citrus fruit on the nose. Good purity, freshness and acidity. Nice cocoa character.</p>	TBC	£TBC InBond



Comte Armand

Unit

Unit Price

A 9 hectare Domaine with 5 hectares devoted to the flagship wine and monopole; Premier Cru Clos des Epeneaux. Now made by the talented Paul Zinetti who took over in 2014, the wines have become more open and aromatic while still showcasing the fabulous terroir. These are some of the best red wines to be found south of Beaune.

Auxey Duresses Rouge 1er Cru

6

£160 InBond

The 2017 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru, a blend of two vineyards and, unlike 2015 and 2016, completely de-stemmed, has a deeper, slightly blacker nose than the Village Cru, certainly displaying more mineralité at this primordial stage. The well-defined palate is taut and linear, displaying impressive backbone considering the appellation in question. This is a great Auxey-Duresses, full of tension and vigor, offering lovely blackberry, black olive and saline notes toward the finish. Don't overlook this gem from Comte Armand. 90-92 points.

Volnay

6

£195 InBond

The 2017 Volnay Village comes from two parcels: 40% from Les Famines, where old vines are located, and 60% from Grand Champs. It offers bright red cherries and raspberry preserve on the nose, which is just a bit too showy compared to the more controlled pair from Auxey-Duresses. The medium-bodied palate is a little savory in style, offering fleshy red fruit, grainy tannin and a conservative finish. 85-87 points.

Volnay 1er Cru Frémiets

6

£350 InBond

The 2017 Volnay Les Frémiets 1er Cru comes from a single parcel including a plot of 92-year-old vines that was on the cusp of being pulled up after the 2016 frost. It has a lovely, expressive, transparent bouquet of brambly red fruit, sous-bois and rose petal scents. The elegant, pure palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin and raspberry and red plum notes, the 8% whole bunches lending a little je ne sais quoi toward the precise finish. Beautiful. 91-93 points.

Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux

6

£595 InBond

The 2017 Pommard Clos des Epeneaux 1er Cru was tasted from different sectors of the vineyard. The first sample, tasted directly from tank, comes from two parcels, one at the bottom part of the clos populated by 45- to 65-year-old vines on clay-rich soils, and another located in a plot of 35- to 38-year-old vines. This has a precise, focused bouquet of black cherries, bilberry, a touch of oyster shell and just a hint of blue fruit. The 30% new oak is neatly integrated. The medium-bodied palate shows supple tannins laced with a fine bead of acidity. It exerts a gentle grip and feels quite saline toward the finish. A second sample from limestone soils demonstrates a little more amplitude and a higher percentage of red fruit, not to mention a silkier finish, while a third sample from 86- to 98-year-old vines provides the floral scents and the persistency, perhaps the intellect, of what will be the final blend. This does not possess quite the persistency of the greatest Clos des Epeneaux that I have encountered, yet it is undoubtedly a beautifully made wine. 93-95 points.



Paul Pillot

Unit

Unit Price

Thierry Pillot not only makes sensational whites, he is equally passionate about his reds. There is always a joke about how in the UK we don't like red Chassagne's, if that is the case, I suggest that Thierry's wines could convert you.

Bourgogne Rouge

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£90 InBond

There is lovely pure pinot fruit here which has a real crunchiness and clarity. This is very fresh and delicious, exactly what I look for in a Bourgogne Rouge.

Chassagne Rouge

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£135 InBond

This has the characteristic pinot fruit but has a layer of spice and a touch of minerality added to the mix. This really is excellent this year and great value.

Chassagne 1er Cru Clos St Jean

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£210 InBond

The fruit here is a little denser and the more concentrated. Still juicy and attractive with a bit more structure this will need a little more time to come around. Delicious and excellent value.

