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2018 Prieur Brunet Santenay Maladiere Burgundy, France

The most recent addition to the Louis Jadot stable, the original Prieur family estate was established in 1804 in the heart of Santenay by brothers Claude and Jean with the vineyards of the Brunet family in Meursault were combined to make Domaine Prieur-Brunet in 1955 when their descendant Guy Prieur married Elizabeth Brunet.

In the far southern end of the Côte de Beaune, Santenay forms a little notch that juts into the otherwise straight border with Côte Chalonnaise.

La Maladière is a Premier Cru vineyard at the heart of the Santenay appellation in the southern Côte de Beaune. It is located immediately north of Santenay village and shares a similar aspect with its eastern neighbor on the same slope: Beaurepaire. La Maladière is planted mainly to Pinot Noir (with a little Chardonnay), making richly-flavored, muscular red wines.

The vineyard covers 13 hectares (32 acres) on the steep, south-facing slope of the Côte d'Or that rises above the streets and houses of Santenay itself. It is one of only 11 Premier Cru vineyards associated with the Santenay appellation. La Maladière has limestone soils, made up of pebbles over a Bajocian marl. As Santenay lies on a part of the Côte d'Or that curves around to the west, the steep vineyard faces toward the south rather than the south-east (as much as the rest of Burgundy).

Sunlight is abundant here, giving the grapes plenty of time to ripen and develop a rich flavor. This, combined with the mineral quality of the soil, tends to give a concentrated, if somewhat tannic, wine.

La Maladière's curious name comes from the ruins of a medieval hospital nearby – a "maladière" comes from a similar root to the English word malady.

Santenay red wines show the true essence of red Burgundy at good price points and without demanding a lot of cellar time. Enticing aromas of rose-petal, violet, red fruits, and licorice lead to sturdiness on the palate. With soils rich in oolitic limestone and marl, this is the home of well-constructed, hearty Pinot noir and represents a fantastic region to explore if you are just beginning your understanding of red Burgundy.

Notes from www.wine.com

"Exhibiting attractive aromas of cherries, raspberries, spices and orange rind, the 2018 Santenay 1er Cru Maladière (Domaine Prieur-Brunet) is medium to full-bodied, layered and complete, with succulent acids and a deep core of fruit. Frédéric Barnier notes that this parcel is planted with quite high-quality vine material."
Wine Advocate 92 points.



Reg **\$54.99/btl**

Member discount on additional btls **\$49.49/btl**

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2018 Crossbarn Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma, California

The first-hand experience of growing up on a farm made Paul Hobbs notice the influence of terroir on the character of fruit when his father had him taste apples of the same variety grown in different orchards several miles apart from one another.

The diversity of flavors and textures made an impression on him and would later influence his approach to winemaking.

After launching his namesake winery in 1991, Paul Hobbs established Crossbarn in 2000 to honor his family's farming heritage and values of farming sustainably. What began as just one small lot of Cabernet Sauvignon from the inaugural vintage gradually evolved to introduce Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Sonoma County stretches from the Pacific Coast in the west to the Mayacamas Mountains in the east and is home to almost 60,000 acres of vineyards. Within the borders are 18 AVAs, each with its own distinctive characteristics.

They source from select vineyard sites in the Alexander Valley and Moon Mountain districts for the Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon. In each of these sub-appellations, plentiful sunshine and well-drained soils produce elegant and intensely structured wines.

Sourced from carefully selected vineyards throughout the region, this garnet-hued cabernet greets with aromas of redcurrant, black olive tapenade, and hints of wet stone. Juicy red fruits burst on the palate with a youthful intensity, with balanced acidity, fine-grained tannins, and a lengthy finish.

Notes from www.crossbarn.com

"Aromas of blackberries, conifer, walnuts and dried flowers follow through to a full body with firm, silky tannins and a beautiful finish. It's linear and fine. Juicy. A new addition of Alexander Valley and Moon Mountain give this some beauty. Drink or hold." **James Suckling 93 points.**

"Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County leaps from the glass with notes of Morello cherries, black raspberries, redcurrant jelly and fresh blackberries plus hints of bay leaves, fallen leaves and damp soil. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers crunchy red and black fruits with a lively backbone and approachable, grainy texture, finishing with a compelling herbal lift. The vintage was sourced 50% from Sonoma's Moon Mountain AVA and 50% from a Paul Hobbs estate vineyard in Alexander Valley." **Wine Advocate 90 points.**



Reg: **\$44.99/btl**

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