

Burgundy 2023
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Our personal selection from
the Burgundy 2023 vintage

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Vintage Report

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The latest 2023 vintage is a sacred beast for Burgundy lovers in that it promises breathtaking quality, and (whisper it) quantity.

Our view, after spending two weeks of extensive tasting in the region, is that it's one of the most pleasurable young vintages we've ever encountered. What's more, the wines are 'Burgundian' to their very bones. This was admittedly unexpected as the vintage was one of the warmest on record, and the highest yielding since 2018. So how did it happen?

The growing season & vintage

If we look at the season as a whole, it wasn't without a few bumps, but generally it was lacking in severe jeopardy. And crucially, the high temperature spikes were recorded outside of the peak summer growing season, in effect bookmarking the season.

Looking back to late 2022, autumn and winter saw unseasonably mild weather and the warmth continued into spring and summer. But significantly, throughout the season, there was less sunshine than in recent vintages and the vines were regularly replenished with rainfall. It was this well-punctuated rainfall allied to the lack of sunshine hours that has quite possibly helped impart vitality to the wines.

By high summer, the region was on the cusp of a significant sized crop, so quality-focused producers enacted one or more green harvests, with the aim of reducing yields to gold-standard 35-55 hl/ha levels.

As harvest beckoned, the Côte was bathed in sunshine, and late August into September saw temperatures enter heatwave territory. Picking dates became key, as did the time of day itself. Many growers sent their teams into the vineyards before the break of dawn to mitigate 40-degree temperatures! 2023 will go on record as one the shortest harvests ever seen, as it was imperative to pick before over-ripeness took hold, and the all-important acidity was lost. Most people we spoke to completed their entire picking schedule within 5-7 days.

Once this back-breaking work in the vineyards was complete, growers reported how delighted they were with both the quality and bounty of fruit. The main concern was of sunburned grapes, but with such a generous crop, growers could afford to select only the very best fruit.

Some notable producers, including Domaine Matrot, told us they lost 25% of fruit at the sorting table, and have actually ended up with 20% less volume than 2022. It's thanks to rigorous selection like this that 2023 is one of such outstanding potential.

"These are the sort of Pinots people will love to drink"

In warm and high-yielding vintages, the broad expectation is that Chardonnay is more comfortable than the notoriously delicate Pinot Noir. It's a mercurial grape, but that's why it transfixes wine lovers like no other. So, it may seem baffling that 2023 is as good as it is.

Firstly, there's no doubt that growers and even the vines have become more adept at dealing with the increased temperatures over the past decade. And as noted, the rigorous daily attention and decisions to lose fruit via green harvests are key to why we're tasting such great Pinot Noir. Finally, the late-season heat spike, whilst causing stress around picking strategies, did also increase concentration.

Trying to sum up these wines in a few lines is a fool's game but suffice to say, these are the sort of Pinots people will love to drink.

They are beautifully lifted, sumptuous and precise wines that, in the case of the upper appellations, will reward cellaring. And at all levels, there's an energy and successful imprint of the growing season.

I'd venture a comparison with 2022, and whilst the Côte de Nuits isn't quite as consistent, pockets of wines soar to higher peaks. Whereas the Côte de Beaune has delivered sensual, vivid and life-affirming reds, that in many cases will deliver excellent value in comparison to their more illustrious siblings slightly further north.

"The whites fuse chiselled structure with sumptuousness"

The whites brought a different set of challenges to the vigneron, notably managing acidities and keeping PH in check to ensure freshness. I'd say our growers have done a fabulous job.

The best wines manage to combine a cool, straight focus with a degree of sumptuousness and concentration. In some cases, nudging the likes of 2017 and 2022 in quality. We tasted an excellent spread of whites and you can be fully confident across the whole spectrum.

What I will say, is it's worth investigating traditionally cooler sites, notably the climats of Saint-Aubin, including an outstanding Murgers des Dents de Chiens from Chartron and the mineral-toned wines of Joseph Colin.

Finally, I must confess a particular penchant for Chablis. For me, nowhere in Burgundy offers such value, and 2023 is no exception. Notable highlights here include the monumentally excellent wines of Samuel Billaud, as well as the unparalleled collection of 1er and Grand Cru wines of William Fèvre. These are fully fleshed-out Chablis' that contain a juicy core of fruit, kept in check with genuine freshness.

"These are truly wines that have confounded our expectations"

So was it what we were expecting? No! The preconception was that the wines would be overly-ripe, lacking terroir transparency and maybe a bit 'wishy-washy'. But this couldn't be further from the truth! The reds are bright, high-toned, aromatically lifted, and backed up with plush concentration. Whereas the whites fuse chiselled structure with sumptuousness and conviviality. Across the red and white spectrum, there is a serene level of balance and harmony that points to magnificent potential.

These are truly wines that have confounded our expectations, and I strongly recommend.

Looking ahead to the 2024 vintage

I can't finish without mentioning 2024. Sadly, next year's vintage has been ravaged in places. With rainfall being so liberally spread across the year, mildew flourished to unsustainable levels. This has catastrophically affected organic growers, and especially the Côte de Nuits. Some producers we spoke to lost 80% and above of a normal crop. Supply WILL be dramatically affected, and allocations will be a feature across the board next year. So do factor this in when planning for your cellar.

To finish on a positive note, 2023 offers a unique opportunity for more people than normal to secure some of the planet's finest wines. Please make the most of it.

Daniel Curtis
UK Fine Wine Manager

Domaine Servin

Winemaking at this traditional Chablis property is shared by Australian-born and all-round great chap Mark Cameron (who exhibits an unparalleled energy and passion for the region), and his brother-in-law François Servin. As for the wines, they're utterly true to the appellation's mineral classicism. The 2023s are a great news story, and will offer lovely drinking even in their relative youth. Look forward to great precision and textbook Chablis tension.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Servin Chablis Vieilles Vignes Sélection Massale	**12**	**£180**

From 50+ year old vines in Les Pargues, a vineyard that sits between the 1ers Crus of Montmains and Vaillons. It was a 1er Cru itself prior to WW1 when it was sadly abandoned. Now lovingly restored, the quality is back on top form. Expect lots of concentration and mineral freshness.

Domaine Servin Chablis 1er Cru Les Forêts	**12**	**£225**

Mark describes this as more open and approachable than the other 1ers Crus and it's only made in small volumes (around 170 cases) . A lovely floral, juicy peach nose and a fine ozone-fresh finish.

Domaine Servin Chablis 1er Cru Vaucoupin	**12**	**£225**

From a tiny parcel of 50-year-old-vines on classic oyster-shell Kimmeridgian soil, this is strikingly mineral with crisp, fresh apricot and floral aromas. Very expressive with a lovely satiny texture.

Domaine Servin Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre	**12**	**£230**

If there were to be an 8th Grand Cru in Chablis, Montée de Tonnerre would be it. There's lots of conentration and latent power here with ripe stone fruits and searing minerality on the finish.

Domaine Servin Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons	**12**	**£230**

Vaillons is renonwed for being textbook Chablis in style, and there's lovely minerality and purity to this 1er Cru. Cool and precise with delicate floral notes and a bright, breezy freshness.

Domaine Servin Chablis Grand Cru Blanchots	**6**	**£240**

Domaine Servin Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses	**6**	**£240**

Samuel Billaud

Samuel Billaud is a benchmark in Chablis and a true tour de force. There's a concentration, verve and marine magic to his wines that few catch match. No wonder that in the seven years we've listed Samuel's wines, we've seen them soar from being relatively unknown to competing with the dual titans of the region – Raveneau & Dauvissat. His 2023s are well-toned, striking in their mineral depth and in our view, just as impressive as his universally adored 2022s.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Samuel Billaud Bourgogne d'Or Chardonnay	**6**	**£110**

50% of the grapes come from Chablis and the Côte d'Auxerre, with the remaining 50% from the Mâconnais. A lovely fresh, bright Chardonnay that combines the minerality and steely elegance typical of Samuel's Chablis' combined with the rounded, citrusy fruit of the Mâconnais.

Samuel Billaud Petit Chablis	**6**	**£115**

As you'd expect from Samuel, this is a Ferrari of a Petit Chablis. It's built on a foundation of 40+-year-old vines first planted by Samuel's grandfather and from a vineyard directly above the revered Grand Cru of Les Clos. The high proportion of Kimmeridgian soil (unusual for Petit Chablis) gives it that classic Chablis stony minerality. In previous years, we've had to sell this on allocation, such has been the demand. We've managed to get our hands on more this year, but it's still worth getting in early. A wine to stockpile, this will be delicious on release but will also offer 4+ years of cellaring.

Samuel Billaud Chablis Les Grands Terroirs	**6**	**£130**

This comes from three parcels of vines – Les Pargues towards the village of Préhy, Les Cartes between the 1ers Crus of Vaillons and Montmains where the vines are 60 years old, and Bas de Chapelots, just below the 1er Cru of Montée de Tonnerre. A real standout of the tasting, this may be a village Chablis but it has a level of precision and drive that would put most growers' 1er Crus to shame. Like the Petit Chablis, it offers incredible price versus quality.

Samuel Billaud Chablis 1er Cru Montmains	**6**	**£250**

Montmains is the furthest southwest of Chablis' 1er Cru sites and the deep, clay soil gives a generous style of Chablis that combines rich fruit with refreshing minerality. This was showing especially well on our visit, and as Neal Martin writes "*Definitely this is worth seeking out*".

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Samuel Billaud Chablis 1er Cru Fourneaux	**6**	**£255**

Les Fourneaux is perhaps one of the less well-known sites, but it's a superbly-placed 1er Cru, just next door to Mont de Milieu in the village of Fleys. Furthermore, it's south-facing so has a ripe, sunny disposition combined with a lot of white chalky soils. This gives the wines a succulent texture and a rich, generous finish whilst retaining the minerality of the very best 1ers Crus.

Samuel Billaud Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons Vieilles Vignes	**6**	**£275**

From 60+-year-old vines and aged entirely in stainless steel, this is a supremely elegant and mineral-rich style yet but with no shortage of powerful, concentrated fruit behind. Long lees ageing lends a richness and breadth, without losing any of that fruit purity and freshness.

Samuel Billaud Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre	**6**	**£290**

Samuel's Montée de Tonnerre comes from three plots (two in Chapelot and one in the lieu-dit of Montée de Tonnerre itself). A small portion is fermented in barrel to lend a gentle creamy roundness to the pristine peach and citrus fruit alongside fine minerality.

Samuel Billaud Chablis Grand Cru Bougros	**6**	**£525**

So impressive are Samuel's 1ers Crus, that you wonder how his Grands Crus can top them. Then you taste them! Coming from a warmer vintage, it was interesting to see these wines never lurch into excess. The opposite, in fact. They straddle being pleasurable (in no way austere), whilst landing with pin-point precision. A glorious Grand Cru with incredible intensity and finesse.

Samuel Billaud Chablis Grand Cru Blanchots	**6**	**£595**

Looking at my tasting notes, three words feature again and again across the range – tension, concentration and sumptuousness. This wine featured all three. Lovely intensity and opulent, ripe, lemon-fresh fruit, underlined by a strident minerality. Very long finish. Only 1 1/2 barrels made.

Samuel Billaud Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir	**6**	**£595**

From two plots – one at the east of the Grand Cru that brings warmth and richness, and one at the west for minerality. Deliciously rich with a touch of sweet spice from the oak (100% in barrel) and ripe orchard fruit. Super freshness and pronounced minerality on the long finish.

Samuel Billaud Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses	**6**	**£595**

Les Preuses is one of the smallest Grands Crus, renowned for its combination of mineral freshness and incredible richness. That's certainly apparent here. Coming from a parcel of 60-year-old vines on old rootstocks, it's long and concentrated with vibrant mineral and fresh stone fruit.

Domaine des Malandes

Since 2017, Lyne Marchive has passed over the running of this long-standing favourite domaine to her children Richard (also of Domaine Richard Rottiers in Moulin-a-Vent – call for more information) and Amadine. Alongside them is winemaker Guénolé Breteaudeau, who took us through the 2023s. He described them as gourmand but fresh. They were almost sumptuous by Chablis standards but without losing classic focus and precision.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine des Malandes Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume	**6**	**£170**

A south-west site combined with 65-year-old vines, first planted by Lyne's father, help produce a ripe, plush style with generous peachy fruit. A third is fermented in large barrels for better oak integration and the minerality really shines through on the bright, energised finish.

Domaine des Malandes Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu	**6**	**£240**

Mont de Milieu is the domaine's smallest vineyard area and is often a real standout of the Malandes 1ers Crus. That was again the case this year. Delicately floral on the nose with lovely freshness and lots of ozone Chablis character. Rich yet restrained with great focus and length.

Domaine des Malandes Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir	**6**	**£315**

A cooler, north-west facing plot, this is very focused and precise with almost lip-smacking freshness, and lots of minerality. Deeply concentrated with beautiful richness, plenty of powerful crisp acidity to balance the ripe fruit and creamy oak, then a long, saline finale.

Domaine des Malandes Chablis Grand Cru Le Clos	**6**	**£335**

From a 60-year-old parcel right in the heart of the Grand Cru. Brooding and complex, it's layered with concentrated white peach fruit, floral notes and fine minerality. There's no shortage of power but the overall impression is one of elegance and precision with a super-long, citrus-laden finish.

Domaine William Fèvre

After a full day's tasting, we finished at arguably the benchmark producer of the region. Certainly the largest holder of Grands Crus in Chablis. We met with Estate Director Didier Séguier, who was very optimistic about the vintage, comparing the wines to 2006 and 2009. Interestingly, the picking date was earlier than others, which Didier thinks was important to help lock in the freshness of the vintage. A truly magnificent set of wines.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine William Fèvre Chablis	**6**	**£120**

The meticulous vineyard practices at Fèvre are incredible – very precise, labour-intensive, picking in tranches – and it really shows in this village-level-by-name-only Chablis. Pure and razor-edged.

Domaine William Fèvre Chablis 1er Cru Vaulorent	**6**	**£335**

Fèvre has the only plot in Vaulorent on the Grand Cru hillside, just above Les Preuses. That explains the Grand Cru structure here – immense power and energy yet super-precise. Age-worthy.

Domaine William Fèvre Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre	**6**	**£335**

The Montée de Tonnerre comes from three plots, including one planted in 1936 – the oldest in the Cru. Super-breezy and fresh with mouthwatering salinity, purity and a beautifully persistent finish.

Domaine William Fèvre Chablis Grand Cru Bougros	**6**	**£400**

Complete, fresh and mineral with juicy yellow fruits, good weight and subtle, building power.

Domaine William Fèvre Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses	**6**	**£520**

An expressive citrus and marine-like nose with bright, searing energy. Elegant, long and powerful.

Domaine William Fèvre Chablis 1er Cru Grand Cru Côte Bouguerots	**6**	**£640**

A steep, low-yielding vineyard within Bougros, this shone in 2023. Lots of depth and coiled power.

Domaine William Fèvre Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos	**6**	**£660**

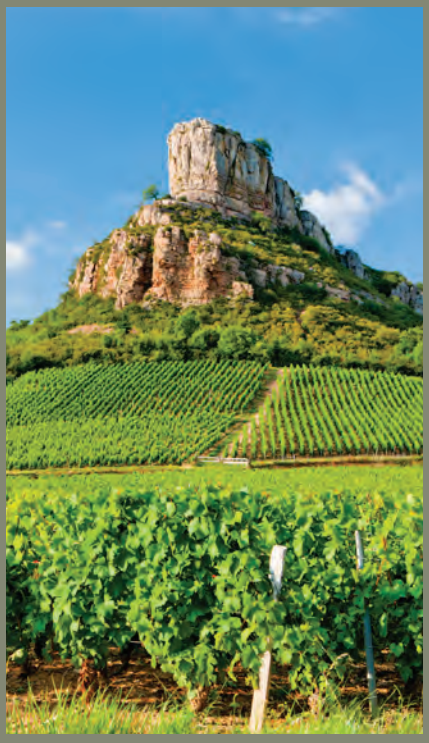
From old vines at the top of the slope, this is big, brooding but refined and seriously long.

La Soufrandière

This is our second year of offering wines from La Soufrandière (aka the Bret Brothers), which has become one of the cult names of the Mâconnais.

It was Grandfather Bret who bought the handsome house that gives this domaine its name in 1947. And crucially, he also purchased four hectares of vines entirely in the appellation of Pouilly-Vinzelles. But it wasn't until 2000, when Jean-Philippe and Jean-Guillaume (the Bret Brothers) withdrew from the local co-operative, that La Soufrandière was established. They haven't looked back since.

Today it's recognised as a source of some of the finest wines the Mâconnais has to offer. These are wines of beautiful precision and, like Saumaize-Michelin, offer exceptional price versus quality.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
La Soufrandière (Bret Brothers) Mâcon-Vinzelles Le Clos de Grand-Père	**12**	**£252**

Le Clos de Grand-Père comes from one of the Brets' oldest vineyards, originally acquired by their grandfather, with vines between 40-115 years old. It's a tiny, walled one-hectare plot on deep limestone soils in the village of Vinzelles and right next to the Pouilly-Vinzelles hillside. As is the case for all the Brets' wines, everything is handpicked and the vines have been farmed biodynamically since the brothers took over in 2000. There's lovely depth of soft, creamy fruit and a refreshing, mineral-edged finish. A superb buy and an ideal choice for early drinking.

La Soufrandière (Bret Brothers) Pouilly-Vinzelles Les Quarts	**6**	**£231**

Les Quarts is undoubtedly the best climat in Pouilly-Vinzelles and these vines sit at the highest, stoniest spot of the slope. The Bret brothers only use grapes from their older vines (50-80 years old) for this special cuvée, while fruit from the younger vines goes into their 'standard' Pouilly-Vinzelles.

Domaine Saumaize-Michelin

Having previously tasted samples from this biodynamic producer, we jumped at the opportunity to visit them high up in their beautiful Vergisson winery this year. We're not the only ones to have been impressed. Neal Martin, Allen Meadows and William Kelley have all been singing the praises of this truly boutique property.

We were hosted by Christine Saumaize and husband Roger, who have recently handed the day-to-day running of the estate to their children Vivien and Lisa. Vivien has been making the wines since 2018 and continues the meticulous approach of his father, whilst introducing some small but significant new ideas and techniques, such as the fermentation of a small part of the crop in 56-litre glass globes.

These are wines that genuinely give those of the Côte d'Or a run for their money, and even at the top-end of the spectrum offer brilliant value for money.

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Saumaize-Michelin Saint-Véran Les Crèches	**12**	**£210**

From two plots on chalky soils, covering just over one hectare in total, right at the foot of the Roche de Vergisson. Impressive focus, drive and energy with a very deep mineral flavour. There's really great intensity and concentration here for the price, and a powerful finish. Excellent value.

Domaine Saumaize-Michelin Pouilly-Fuissé Aux Charmes	**6**	**£140**

This is one of our hottest tips in the entire offer. There were no 1ers Crus in Pouilly-Fuissé until 2020 and prior to that, Aux Charmes was always considered one of the finest sites in the region. But whilst the region's growers wanted it as a 1er Cru, it was thrown out by the board on the grounds the soil wasn't Jurassic. Crazily, it's actually Triassic but that doesn't count! Hence Aux Charmes is cheaper than the 1ers Crus and in our view, an absolute steal. A lovely deep, rich nose with peachy flint, honey and flowers. Deliciously polished with a luxurious texture and a very long, saline finish.

Domaine Saumaize-Michelin Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru Sur la Roche	**6**	**£190**

From a 1.5 hectare, south-facing plot right in front of the winery and one of the estate's oldest vineyards. There's great concentration and weight yet it's also terrifically bright and energised with juicy citrus and stone fruit. Beautiful flow and harmony on the palate, with a persistent, long finish.

Domaine Saumaize-Michelin Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru Vers Cras	**6**	**£195**

This tiny 0.25 hectare plot is made up of ancient white limestone and lots of little stones, giving this a distinct mineral and saline focus. Powerfully precise with deep concentration, ripe citrus fruit, and a touch of sea-spray and spice on the truly ravishing, long finale.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot

Bachelet-Monnot is already firmly established as one of the elite producers of white Burgundy. And now the reds are catching up fast – stunning value and worthy of your attention. As for those whites, they're equally taut and generous. Marc said when he saw the quality of the lees after pressing, he knew the quality could not fail to be great. Even the junior wines show excellent precision, with impressive length and focus as you move up the range.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Bourgogne Blanc	**12**	**£245**

This has become a bit of a cult favourite. It may be be a Bourgogne Blanc but the fruit comes from Chassagne- and Puligny-Montrachet, so there's no surprise it punches above its weight. Impressively complex, fresh and long with mouthfilling white pear fruit and great finesse.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Maranges 1er Cru La Fussière Blanc	**12**	**£320**

From three plots which enjoy warmth during the day but are cold at night. So you get lovely ripe fruit but you also lock in freshness. Lively and vibrant with mouthwatering purity of fruit, floral notes and ripe lemon acidity. Quite rich and creamy but with great tension and energy too. Maranges has always flown under the radar, hence the appealing price. Like the red, this is a smart buy.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Chassagne-Montrachet	**6**	**£275**

From 7-8 plots in Chassagne, some adjacent to 1ers Crus and this is certainly edging into that territory. Lots of Chassagne intensity and structure balanced by great freshness and elegance.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Puligny-Montrachet	**6**	**£295**

The Bachelet brothers are best known for their Pulignys, and once again this comes highly recommended. A really classy wine with lovely focus and energy. Mineral and satin-sleek with good weight of fruit and lovely length, it's the perfect balance of richness, freshness and precision.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Meursault Clos du Cromin	**6**	**£295**

Clos du Cromin lies to the north-east of the village of Meursault, on the border of Volnay. The vines were planted by the brothers' great-grandfather, with some of them up to 93 years old! As you'd expect, there's incedible concentration and muscular power here. Lovely sweet citrus fruit is layered with floral hints of honeysuckle, and a fresh, mineral-long finish.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Bourgogne Rouge	**12**	**£215**

From three plots – one in Hautes-Côtes de Beaune (around 80 years old), one in Maranges, and one in Puligny. Great concentration with impressive depth of forest fruit, floral notes and a silky texture.

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot Maranges 1er Cru La Fussière Rouge	**12**	**£295**

30% whole cluster fermentation used for the freshness of fruit. Very pretty with delicate berries and a fine texture. These reds represent some of the best quality versus price in the offer.

Domaine Alain Chavy

The Chavy family are one of the oldest names in Puligny, and the domaine was split between two brothers in 2003. Alain's share is a mere 7 hectares but it includes some of the finest 1er Cru sites in the appellation, including an achingly rare parcel of Les Clavoillons (a virtual monopole with the rest owned by Leflaive). These days it's run by Alain, Corinne and son Corentin. These are crisp, mineral wines that have wonderful purity of fruit and age magnificently.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Alain Chavy Bourgogne Blanc	**12**	**£170**

From vineyards close to Puligny-Montrachet, there's definitely a Puligny feel to this well-priced Bourgogne Blanc. Rich and fresh with good depth of fruit behind the creamy new oak nose. Great focus with pretty, floral notes and a delicate minerality on the crisp finish.

Domaine Alain Chavy Puligny-Montrachet	**6**	**£250**

There's excellent intensity of ripe fruit on this Puligny combined with Chavy's hallmark purity, elegance and precision. A very focused, chiselled profile with stunning freshness, classic Puligny chalky minerality and lip-smacking citrus acidity. As with all Chavy's wines, good value for money.

Domaine Alain Chavy Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Clavoillons	**6**	**£385**

Fresh and focused with mineral precision and pretty Chardonnay fruit. It's balanced and restrained with mouthwatering purity yet immense underlying power. This will keep for 10-15 years.

Domaine Alain Chavy Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières	**6**	**£395**

Incredible concentration of fruit with peaches, apricot and spice balanced by a long mineral edge.

Domaine Alex Moreau

Formerly Domaine Bernard Moreau, Alex has been bottling the wines under his own name since the estate was split with his brother in 2021. As ever, these were absolute top-drawer wines that genuinely rank among some of the finest white Burgundy you'll come across. The 2023s at this stage were part in tank and the 1ers and Grands Crus predominantly still in barrel. This was a highly accomplished lineup with a wonderful ying and yang of richness and racy energy throughout. Even at the Bourgogne Blanc level, there was serious precision and refinement. Highly recommended.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Alex Moreau Bourgogne Blanc	**12**	**£276**

Alex's 'entry-level' (and there's nothing entry-level about it!) Bourgogne carries the signature finesse of the estate with lovely freshness and energy. Aged in old oak barrels previously used for his Chassagne-Montrachet, there's good balance between ripe orchard fruit and background spicy oak.

Domaine Alex Moreau Chassagne-Montrachet	**6**	**£345**

The Moreau family has built its reputation on its Chassagne-Montrachet and this is Alex's biggest cuvée – the wine he hangs his hat on. Impressive complexity and depth with well-pitched opulence and freshness. Layers of citrus fruit, honey and a touch of brown sugar with a fine, minerally finish. The quality here genuinely rivals some growers' 1er Crus at a village-level price.

Domaine Alex Moreau Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Chenovottes	**6**	**£600**

This is from 60+-year-old vines and the intensity is already apparent on the nose. Powerful yet very focused and tensile with a succulent core of ripe fruit underpinned by mineral and savoury notes. Very expressive with a long, expansive mineral and saline finish.

Domaine Alex Moreau Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Caillerets	**6**	**£780**

Caillerets is often considered the finest 1er Cru in Chassagne-Montrachet, renowned for its stony soils. Alex's 2023 showed incredible intensity and concentration with lovely peachy fruit, floral tones and a hint of oatmeal. It's beautifully defined and precise with great mineral energy. Very limited availability as it's only made in tiny quantities.

Domaine Antoine Jobard

5th generation Antoine Jobard took over from his father François on his retirement twelve years ago, and we've been working with him ever since. Always one of our favourite visits in Meursault, Antoine was on fine form, even though the builders were about to move in to construct a new winery in his relatively bijou property! As for the wines, the 2023s are textbook Jobard, showing significant tension, allied to classic Meursault generosity.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Antoine Jobard Bourgogne Blanc	**6**	**£165**

From five different plots, totalling just one hectare, to the north of Meursault. A very expressive nose with ripe peachy fruit, oatmeal and hints of white flowers. Quite delicate on the palate but with good complexity for a Bourgogne Blanc and a long, crisp finish.

Domaine Antoine Jobard Meursault	**6**	**£390**

From seven plots in Meursault, including his prized 'En la Barre' which until 2020 was bottled separately. He now includes it in his village Meursault as he thinks it gives better balance and certainly this wine was showing a great combination of richness and freshness. Warm, spicy peach fruit with hints of honey and white flowers and a very long, saline finish.

Domaine Antoine Jobard Puligny-Montrachet Le Trézin	**6**	**£390**

Le Trézin is a bit of a hidden gem – the highest vineyard in Puligny, it's at the top of the slope and bordered by 1ers Crus La Garenne and Sous Le Puits. Cool and restrained, there's lovely freshness and energy to Antoine's Puligny with lots of wet stone, minerals and plenty of weight behind.

Domaine Antoine Jobard Meursault 1er Cru Blagny	**6**	**£720**

Blagny is high up on the slope and the wines always have a freshness more akin to Puligny. This is very fresh, open and expressive with an attractive nose of nectarines, peaches and hints of ginger and spice. A rich and creamy mouthfeel with warm stone fruit balanced by ripe lemon acidity.

Domaine Antoine Jobard Meursault 1er Cru Poruzots	**6**	**£720**

This was the most steely and taut of Antoine's 1ers Crus with ripe citrus fruit balanced by ravishing acidity and laser-sharp precision. A very inviting nose with ripe, sweet fruit, then a full and expansive palate. Fresh, linear and mineral with a very long finish. Only 10 barrels made.

Domaine Jean Chartron

It's always an absolute pleasure to visit our very old friend Jean-Michel Chartron. We've worked with the Chartrons for decades, which gives us access to one of the most enviable global allocations. This relationship has paid dividends in recent years as the reputation of this historic Puligny name has soared, with Neal Martin favourably comparing the wines to the likes of Comtes-Lafon and Leflaive. 2023 saw a generous crop, and the wines themselves were a treat, showing generosity, a chiselled structure, and a strong mineral core. Jean-Michel said his biggest challenge this year was ensuring freshness in the warmer vintage conditions. Judging by our tasting, he's absolutely nailed it!



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Jean Chartron Bourgogne Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes	**12**	**£190**

The quality of an elite producer should always be apparent in the junior wines. And that's absolutely the case with Jean-Michel's smart Bourgogne Blanc. The majority of the fruit comes from his Clos de la Combe vineyard opposite the family's cellars in Puligny. Picked early to retain freshness and aged on its lees for 8 months, it's super-fresh and tingling with ripe lemon acidity.

Domaine Jean Chartron Rully Montmorin	**12**	**£225**

From a single 3 hectare plot in Rully, barrel-fermented (10% new) and lees aged, there's a touch more richness to this than the Bourgogne Blanc. Delightful aromas of ripe stone fruit, particularly white peach, with a creaminess and lemon butter character on the palate that builds to a strong finish. Delicious drinking at a keen price, this is a no-brainer purchase!

Domaine Jean Chartron Savigny-lès-Beaune Théologique, Nourrisant et Morbifùge	**6**	**£160**

Fresh and floral with honeysuckle, lemon and a touch of oatmeal. The creamy oak is already well integrated and, with its crisp mineral acidity, the overall impression is one of delicacy and finesse.

Domaine Jean Chartron Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Perrières	**6**	**£270**

This parcel was planted in the early 1990s and has been a part of the domaine since 2008. Powerful yet fresh with mouthfilling ripe, juicy white peach fruit and a focused, mineral finish.

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Jean Chartron Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Murgers des Dents de Chien	**6**	**£270**

Considered Saint-Aubin's finest 1er Cru, this vineyard overlooks the Grands Crus of Montrachet and Chevalier-Montrachet. There's serious grip and tension with a crystalline purity to the fresh, vibrant fruit. Well integrated creamy oak just adds to the sense of refinement and despite the incredible concentration, it feels very tender and delicate. On stunning form, this is a must buy!

Domaine Jean Chartron Chassagne-Montrachet	**6**	**£270**

In Jean-Michel's words, this is 'a very Puligny Chassagne'. Meaning, a tensile, razor-sharp style of Chassagne, with just a smidgen of the more extroverted Chassagne character. The 2023 contains around 50% 1er Cru Les Caillerets from the domaine, making this an especially appealing proposition. Lots of precision, driving focus, and potent mineral depth.

Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet	**6**	**£285**

Jean-Michel makes his village Puligny in a delicate and understated style, and quite frankly, few come better. It's slender and poised with the classic hazelnut notes of Puligny complementing blossom and ripe orchard fruit. Brimming with energy, it finishes with arrow-like precision.

Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières	**6**	**£450**

As is often typical with Charton's Folatières, this was wonderfully pronounced, and showed great drive. It's known for being a vineyard that produces big, rich and spicy wines and this conformed to type. Spicy, toasty and full-bodied, with a sense of savouriness that makes it utterly mouthwatering.

Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos du Cailleret Monopole	**6**	**£495**

Whilst Pucelle is opulent, Caillerets is almost diamond-cut in its precision. This shows great tension and razor-edged, with an intense mineral core. Super-fresh with an immense long length.

Domaine Jean Chartron Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos de la Pucelle Monopole	**6**	**£495**

A walled Clos within the larger Pucelle vineyard. A wine of mass, density and power that with cellaring will show incredible finesse. The finish is astonishingly long and almost shimmers.

Domaine Jean Chartron Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	**6**	**£1075**

Muscular but very elegant. Citrus, fine wet stones. Outstanding taut balance, tension and energy.

Domaine Jean Chartron Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru	**6**	**£1800**

Rich, refined and super-long with real freshness at its core, this is a study in controlled power.

Domaine Pernot-Belicard

Philippe Pernot was full of enthusiasm on our visit in autumn and understandably so. For a start, he's due to acquire some enviable vineyard parcels over the next 2-3 vintages, (including some prized Grands Crus), courtesy of his father at Domaine Paul Pernod. Furthermore, his 2023s were tasting brilliantly with a wonderful combination of energy, freshness and poise. There is no doubt in our minds that this is a property to watch.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Pernot-Belicard Bourgogne Chardonnay	**6**	**£102**

This demonstrates what great value there is to be found at the entry-level from super-talented producers. Half fermented in barrel, half in stainless steel and aged on its lees for 11 months, it's crunchy and refreshing with fresh green apples and citrus on the nose. Weighty and creamy on the palate, Philippe has every right to be happy with this vintage's Bourgogne Chardonnay.

Domaine Pernot-Belicard Meursault Vieilles Vignes	**6**	**£270**

From two plots – a parcel of 50-year-old vines bordering Puligny and a plot of 80-year-old vines next to Meursault's prized La Goutte d'Or 1er Cru. Complex and restrained with lovely purity and layered with yellow fruit, floral notes, subtle minerality and hints of spice. A very elegant Meursault.

Domaine Pernot-Belicard Puligny-Montrachet Composition Parcellaire	**6**	**£288**

Comprised of eight plots between 30-70 years old and covering 1.5 hectares in total. One on the limit with Chassagne, one bordering Meursault and six in the village of Puligny itself. Fresh and well-sculpted with crystalline purity, great concentration and a long, rich, mineral-tinged finish.

Domaine Pernot-Belicard Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Perrières	**6**	**£450**

Philippe's finest Puligny 1er Cru comes from a 0.55 hectare-plot of 65+-year-old-vines. Perrières, as its name suggests, is known for its stony soils and there's a distinct flinty stone minerality to this very fresh, sleek Puligny. Fine-boned with vibrant fresh-lemon fruit and great focus and drive.

Domaine Pernot-Belicard Meursault 1er Cru Perrières	**6**	**£678**

Perrières is known as Meursault's Grand Cru by winemakers in Meursault and Philippe's plot is right on the border with Puligny 1er Cru Champ Canet. Open and expressive with generous ripe lemon and orchard fruit, hints of butterscotch and a long, very elegant, mineral finish.

Domaine Philippe Colin

Philippe was away in South Africa, where he owns an estate, so we tasted with his assistant, Matisse. As ever, this was a most comprehensive tasting of predominantly Chassagne and Saint-Aubin climats. The 2023s were showing great terroir delineation, and at their peaks were breathtaking, including a Chevalier-Montrachet-bordering Saint-Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly that makes you wonder why Saint-Aubin has ever flown under anyone's radar.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Philippe Colin Bourgogne Chardonnay	**6**	**£96**

This is another Bourgogne Blanc that punches above its weight. It comes from four plots, three in Chassagne, and one in Meursault. An inviting floral and sweet citrus fruit nose with lovely vibrancy and freshness on the palate. All underpinned by a fine minerality and crisp lemon acidity.

Domaine Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet	**6**	**£288**

A ripe and expressive Chassagne with a fragrant nose of peaches and cream. Concentrated rich fruit is balanced by lovely freshness and tension with pronounced minerality and vibrant acidity.

Domaine Philippe Colin Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Combes	**6**	**£300**

Les Combes is on the edge of Saint-Aubin, bordering the Chassagne Chenevottes 1er Cru. It's a cooler site (particularly beneficial in the warmer 2023 vintage) and that comes through in the chiselled fresh minerality of this fine 1er Cru. Intense and long with a burst of concentrated fruit and that mineral finesse coming through on the impressively long finish.

Domaine Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chaumées Clos St-Abdon	**6**	**£396**
Domaine Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Chenevottes	**6**	**£396**
Domaine Philippe Colin Saint-Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly	**6**	**£450**
Domaine Philippe Colin Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru	**3**	**£1200**

Domaine Joseph Colin

Joseph left his heralded family estate, Domaine Marc Colin, in 2016 and 2023 was the 7th vintage produced under his own name. In this time, his wines have become some of the most sought-after in our range. The domaine specialises in Chassagne-Montrachet and Saint-Aubin, featuring 21 appellations, including a wealth of 1ers Crus.

This year, we were blown away by the quality of the wines. These are among the most pure, fine, and terroir-transparent whites in the Côte de Beaune, and all are highly recommended. But please be quick, as there is never enough to meet demand.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Joseph Colin Saint-Aubin Compendium	**6**	**TBC**
Domaine Joseph Colin Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Les Champlots	**6**	**TBC**
Domaine Joseph Colin Saint-Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly	**6**	**TBC**
Domaine Joseph Colin Chassagne-Montrachet	**6**	**TBC**
Domaine Joseph Colin Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Vide Bourse	**6**	**TBC**
Domaine Joseph Colin Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru	**3**	**TBC**

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Joseph Colin Chassagne-Montrachet	**6**	**TBC**

Domaine Matrot

We had a super visit to Matrot, tasting a wide spectrum of beautifully sculpted, focused whites. While the reds ranged from a crunchy but supple Bourgogne to an opulent and sensual Meursault 1er Cru Blagny. Interestingly, the domaine shedded 25% of their crop at the sorting table in 2023, and in turn actually produced 20% less wine overall than in 2022. Judging by the tasting, it certainly paid off.

As we noted last year, Matrot is one of the most exciting producers in all of Burgundy. This is a name that should be on all shopping lists, whether you're looking for reds or whites. Elsa and Adèle Matrot have really hit it out of the park (again) this year.



WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Matrot Bourgogne Chardonnay	**6**	**£100**

10% of the blend comes from Chablis, from a grower they've worked with for 12 years, and the rest from their own domaine vineyards in the Côte d'Or, including Meursault. It gives it real zip and zest, and there's a lovely ying and yang of crispness and creaminess. Very elegant and utterly delicious.

Domaine Matrot Meursault	**6**	**£255**

Comprised of 12 parcels, each picked and vinified separately and blended after elévage. They use no new oak (on this or any of the 1ers Crus), only aged in 1-5 year old barrels, to give a very fresh, restrained, almost slender style of Meursault. Mineral-driven with a crisp citrus and saline bite.

Domaine Matrot Meursault 1er Cru Charmes	**6**	**£450**

A beautifully balanced Meursault with lovely weight and richness combined with great mineral energy and freshness. Full-bodied with a medley of white fruit, pears and grapefruit, all underpinned by a refreshing salinity, culminating in an extremely long, racy, citrus finish.

Domaine Matrot Meursault 1er Cru Blagny	**6**	**£450**

Being a stony, higher altitude site, wines from Blagny tend to have a cool mineral expression. And this year, the Matrot sisters picked earlier than normal to ensure the domaine's signature freshness. The result is a wine with a gorgeous pristine minerality at its core, an amazing intensity of ripe white stone fruit and a hint of orange pith and white flowers on the elegant finish.

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Matrot Meursault 1er Cru Perrières	**6**	**£595**

Considered the Grand Cru of Meursault, Perrières sits on a former quarry and the deep limestone soils gives the wines an incredibly limestone salinity. Powerful, fresh and sculpted with unbelievable tension and intensity, and so very, very long. This is still a baby but already amazing.

REDS		
Domaine Matrot Bourgogne Pinot Noir	**6**	**£100**

Elsa and Adèle re becoming increasingly well known for their fresh, elegant reds and this shows why. A very pretty, fresh and perfumed Pinot Noir with bright, crunchy hedgerow fruit, floral notes and a whisper of wild herbs. Supple, bright and easy to love, this is delicious for early drinking.

Domaine Matrot Maranges	**6**	**£110**

Just 10% new oak as they want to keep the lovely purity and freshness of fruit. Open and expressive with bright red berries, floral notes, a touch of spicy orange and an attractive silky texture.

Domaine Matrot Meursault 1er Cru Blagny La Pièce sous le Bois	**6**	**£250**

There's only around 5 hectares of Pinot Noir in Blagny, so a red 1er Cru from here is something of a rarity and a real treat. It has a beautifully opulent nose, with sweet black cherry and raspberry fruit and herbal notes. Pitched perfectly between richness and supple poise, with gentle silky tannin.

Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard

Founded in 1529 by Jean Girard, this is the oldest domaine in Savigny. Defying the pressures of the modern age, it still remains within the hands of the Girard family. Under the current stewardship of Jean-Jacques and his son Vincent, the estate is enjoying new levels of excellence and has produced a string of brilliant vintages. 2023 is no exception, and these wines represent some of the best value in this offer. The highlight for me was a standout old vine Beaune 1er Cru Clos de Roi that showed fabulously.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard Savigny-lès-Beaune	**12**	**£225**

An open and expressive nose with perfumed forest fruits and savoury tones. Lovely vibrancy and purity of fruit with a juicy, supple mouthfeel and a gentle spicy oak note on the finish.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Peuillets	**6**	**£155**

From a vineyard planted in 1956 on the southern Beaune side. Fresh and aromatic with lifted red berry fruit and floral nuances. A burst of juicy, refreshing fruit on the palate – ripe plums, soft red berries and summer pudding notes – with a well structured finish.

Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard Beaune 1er Cru Clos de Roi	**6**	**£185**

At the northern end of Beaune, this is one of the warmest plots and first to be harvested. Always one of our favourites from Jean-Jacques and the 2023 was no exception. Heady and luscious dark fruit, summer compote and floral notes, with subtle power that builds to a long, sweet fruit finish.

Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine

Few visits elicit as much pleasure as one to Christine Gruère-Dubreuil's picture-postcard Pernand-Vergelesses property. The village itself sits next to the famous hill of Corton and the Grand Cru vineyard of Corton-Charlemagne. Immediately to the north, you find the vineyards of Pernand-Vergelesses, which produce intense, mineral-rich wines that age beautifully and whose whites mimic the structure and energy of their Grand Cru neighbour.

The wines in 2023 were on fantastic form. Fine boned, ethereal reds and mineral-focused, precise whites. What's not to like here? A real gem.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine Pernand-Vergelesses Rouge	**12**	**£215**

From vineyards at the foot of the Pernand hill, including some 1er Cru grapes. Silky, fresh and aromatic with pretty, bright red berry fruit and floral notes. Vibrant, fresh and juicy with a hint of pepper on the finish. As always, this seriously overdelivers for the price.

Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine Pernand-Vergelesses Rouge Monopole Clos Berthet	**12**	**£255**

Clos Berthet is the only monopole in Pernand-Vergelesses and as ever, both the red and the white (see over) were among the highlights at this domaine. Very fresh and fragrant with spicy dark berry fruit aromas and pretty, floral notes. Lovely and sleek with juicy, tender fruit and a firm structure.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru	**6**	**£360**

These Corton Grands Crus offer simply unparalleled value for their level. A gorgeous ripe and expressive nose with fresh dark berry fruits, hints of dark chocolate and a soaring, long finish.

Domaine Dubreuil Fontaine Corton-Clos-du-Roi Grand Cru	**6**	**£385**

The walled vineyard of Clos du Roi is often considered the finest site on the Corton hill. Dark and opulent with luscious dark fruit balanced by a fresh salinity, and formidable brooding power.

WHITES		
Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc	**12**	**£265**

Christine thinks this is even more charming than the 2022 and certainly it was tasting beautifully. Rich and rounded with generous white stone fruit and a lovely refreshing fine acidity.

Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru Clos Berthet Monopole	**6**	**£200**

Always one of the best buys of the domaine and the 2023 is no exception. Part-vinified in concrete eggs and the rest in barrel (25% new), there's lovely weight and buttery orchard fruit alongside excellent tension and finesse. A gorgeous creamy texture with breezy freshness on the finish.

Domaine Dubreuil Fontaine Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	**6**	**£595**

Domaine Joseph Voillot

Étienne Chaix took over the reins from his uncle and Burgundian royalty Jean-Pierre Charlot in 2017. He's continued Jean-Pierre's fine work and manages to encapsulate the tenderness and beauty of Pinot Noir like few others. Étienne's 2023s were showing magnificently, with evocative scents of late summer berries, sumptuous fruit and beautiful fine tannins.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Joseph Voillot Bourgogne Pinot Noir	**12**	**£205**

From plots on the lower slopes in the village of Volnay itself, with vines averaging 60 years old. A fresh, juicy core of ripe fruit and summer compote with fine-grained tannins and lovely freshness.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Joseph Voillot Volnay	**6**	**£195**

The oldest vines in these plots are over 80 years old and border the 1er Cru of Champans, giving this superb depth and concentration for a village Volnay. Dark and weighty with succulent, juicy dark fruit – hints of bramble bush – balanced by lovely freshness and energy.

Domaine Joseph Voillot Pommard	**6**	**£195**

From four plots, where even the youngest vines are 57 years old, and next to the 1er Cru of Clos Blanc. This feels more structured and richer in style than the Volnay but still very elegant. Lots of dark forest fruits on the nose, succulent and full, with good freshness and precision on the finish.

Domaine Joseph Voillot Volnay 1er Cru Champans	**6**	**£340**

Étienne's plots in the prized Champans 1er Cru are between 40-90 years old. Fresh and fragrant with a really seductive nose of late summer fruit compote and a hint of violets. Elegant, cool and silky in style with lovely polish and a firm poised finish, this was on impressive form.

Domaine Joseph Voillot Volnay 1er Cru Caillerets	**6**	**£340**

From vines planted in 1984. As is so typical of Étienne's wines, this combines intense, succulent fruit with a breezy freshness and lightness of touch that makes them so irresistible. There's lashings of sweet dark fruit with fresh, crunchy acidity and precision on the long finish.

Domaine Joseph Voillot Pommard 1er Cru Pèzerolles	**6**	**£460**

Pèzerolles sits above Epenots on the border with Beaune and the wines are renowned for being among the most elegant and perfumed of Pommard. From 60-year-old vines, the 2023 is fresh and fragrant with a core of ripe hedgerow fruit. Firm yet supple in texture with a long, dark fruit finish.

Domaine Joseph Voillot Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots	**6**	**£460**

From a tiny plot, with vines averaging 60+ years old, right next door to Beaune 1er Cru vineyards. This is always a full-structured Pinot but the 2023 also has a lovely verve and freshness. There's a delicious savoury character alongside the plush dark fruit and a long, refreshing saline finish.

Domaine Joseph Voillot Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens	**6**	**£460**

Our favourite 1er Cru in the stellar lineup from Joseph Voillot this year. Les Rugiens comes from 65-year-old vines and combines incredible concentration with tremendous elegance and finesse. A lifted nose with fresh dark fruit and floral tones. Silky and cool with sweet, ripe berry fruit and a zingy, refreshing long finish. For those who still think of Pommard as being chewy and tannic, these elegant wines from Étienne Chaix are quite simply a revelation.

Domaine François Buffet

We knew it was unseasonably cold when we visited our old friend Marc-Olivier in autumn, as he was wearing trousers rather than his usual shorts! The bad news is that the cellar was looking bare as 2024 has been especially harsh here. On the brighter side, one of Marc's daughters is joining him on the domaine, and thus keeping this great dynastic Côte de Beaune domaine in the family.

The 2023s were tasting brilliantly, with notes of dark fruits being particularly apparent. There's no mistaking the difference between Volnay and Pommard in this vintage, with the latter quite weighty in comparison to the more genteel Volnay. Interestingly, Marc thinks that even though warmer climatically, the 2023s are showing great verve and elegance, even more so than the 2022s at this stage.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine François Buffet Volnay	**6**	**£204**

This comes from two lieux-dits – one is 70 years old and the other is 30 years old. This is classic Volnay in style with a delicacy and finesse that shines through. A Pinot Noir of pure pleasure, it's juicy, fresh and bright with a dark fruit profile and a long, refreshing finish.

Domaine François Buffet Volnay 1er Cru Clos de la Rougeottes Monopole	**6**	**£330**

This tiny half hectare monopole vineyard sits next to the Frémiet 1er Cru vineyard and is farmed biodynamically. Fresh and elegant with a nose of freshly picked berries and pretty floral notes. Silky and refined with good precision and a mineral freshness on the lingering finish. A Pinot Noir that embodies the graceful elegance so typical of Marc-Olivier's wines.

Domaine François Buffet Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens	**6**	**£375**

Marc-Olivier's small plot in Les Rugiens is home to vines over 100 years old and in keeping with old traditions, it's ploughed by horse. It's a more powerful, structured style than the Volnays with incredible concentration and intensity yet the fruit is still delightfully pretty and delicate. A velveteen texture with incredible drive to the super-long, expansive finish.

Domaine Charles Audoin

Marsannay lies at the northernmost part of the Côte de Nuits and is only now being recognised as a source of fine Pinot Noir to rival the Côte de Nuits' much grander names. That's in no small part down to Domaine Charles Audoin, "*a Marsannay reference point*" (The Wine Advocate).

As 5th generation Cyril Audoin explained, Marsannay is having a real moment because it offers unparalleled value in the Côte de Nuits. And is hopefully, finally getting the deserved recognition of its own 1ers Crus. The 2023s are a surprise hit even to Cyril. He admitted he didn't expect them to reach the heady heights of his 2022s, which he considers among the best the domaine has ever made. Yet they've turned out just as well with juicy fruit and fleshy textures. A joyful expression of Pinot Noir.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Charles Audoin Marsannay Cuvée Marie Ragonneau	**6**	**TBC**

From a plot of 70-year-old vines and named after Cyril's great-grandmother who used to tend the vineyard. Open and generous with lovely, succulent, fresh forest fruits. Structured and concentrated with impressive depth of fruit and still very easy and approachable in style. Delicious stuff.

Domaine Charles Audoin Marsannay Clos du Roy	**6**	**TBC**

Clos du Roy is considered one of the best sites in Marsannay and has been proposed for elevation to 1er Crus status. This example suggests such a promotion would be entirely justified. There's lovely concentration of juicy dark summer fruits with a sumptuous, fleshy texture. A great expression of the terroir, it finishes long with refreshing acidity and a chalky, mineral character.

Domaine Charles Audoin Marsannay Au Champ Salomon	**6**	**TBC**

Champ Salomon is a vineyard planted in 1945 by Cyril's grandfather and was always his father's favourite plot. A very rocky, stony plot, it's rich and muscular with a heady, haunting mix of dark fruit and forest floor balanced by a distinct mineral freshness. The brooding intensity is matched by precision and purity with a chalky, fresh finish. Very long indeed but this needs time.

Laroze de Drouhin & Domaine Drouhin Laroze

It was already dark by the time we reached this outstanding Gevrey domaine. However, as always, we were given a warm welcome by Caroline, and on this occasion, a bounding new winery puppy too!

This is an address with an embarrassment of riches at its disposal, with half their vineyards boasting Grand Cru status and five Grands Crus in our offer alone. The 2023s showed incredible early promise, displaying their undeniable breeding at all levels. Like others in the region, Caroline stressed that a keen eye at the selection table was key this vintage.

As always, it's worth highlighting the excellent value négoce offerings under the Laroze de Drouhin label.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Laroze de Drouhin Bourgogne Pinot Noir	**12**	**£220**

We've followed Caroline's Laroze de Drouhin project ever since its creation in 2008 and the wines consistently overdeliver in the value-for-money stakes. The winemaking is done at the cellars of Drouhin-Laroze and Caroline purchases grapes from growers in some of the commune's top vineyard sites to complement Drouhin Laroze's impressive vineyard holdings. Bright and lively with ripe red berry fruit and floral freshness, this is full of energy and vibrancy.

Laroze de Drouhin Fixin	**12**	**£360**

Richer than the Bourgogne with a darker fruit profile and a more expansive structure. In barrel at the moment, it was firm and muscular but with plenty of crunchy, juicy fruit behind. It finishes long with a supple, smooth mouthfeel. Another great value offering from Caroline.

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze Gevrey-Chambertin	**6**	**£245**

As you'd expect from one of Burgundy's elite producers, Drouhin-Laroze did two green harvests, then a rigorous selection in the vineyard and at the sorting table, discarding about 20% of the fruit. That really shows at all levels, including this village-level Gevrey that's so sensual and silky. Open and expressive with forest fruit, crushed red berries, and creamy oak supporting the plush fruit.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Drouhin-Laroze Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru	**3**	**£425**

One of Gevrey's cooler sites and among the last to be harvested, this Grand Cru right next to the celebrated Le Chambertin Grand Cru is known for elegance and finesse over opulence and power. That's absolutely the case with this gorgeous 2023 that's polished and 100% refined with lovely racy freshness and impressive depth of sweet dark fruit.

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru	**3**	**£425**

A lovely warm, fragrant, spicy nose with dense but fresh berry fruit and floral tones. Elegant and polished with really fine, silky, creamy tannins and tremendous length.

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	**3**	**£440**

From two plots in the best part of the Grand Cru, at the top of the vineyard by the château, on very thin, rocky soil. This is beautifully pure and tender with crunchy, dark bramble fruit and stunning precision and freshness.

Domaine Drouhin-Laroze Bonnes Mares Grand Cru	**3**	**£525**

Drouhin-Laroze's 1.5 hectare plot in Bonnes Mares is exclusively on the Chambolle-Musigny side. Super-sleek and silky with incredible drive and energy. There's lots of sensual charm with velveteen, fine tannins, and a very long, mineral- tinged finish.

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Laroze de Drouhin Bourgogne Blanc	**12**	**£225**

Caroline's been working with mostly the same growers since the Laroze de Drouhin project began in 2008 and the harvest is always overseen by the Drouhin-Laroze team. There's lovely weight and intensity of fruit in the 2023 – ripe peaches and citrus – with a soft, rounded texture. Fresh and lively with gentle creamy oak and an impressively long finish, this makes for delicious drinking.

Domaine Louis Boillot

We were honoured to be met by both Louis Boillot and his wife Ghislaine Barthod to taste through both their ranges at their cellar in Chambolle-Musigny.

The winemaking at both Domaine Louis Boillot and Domaine Ghislaine Barthod (contact us to register interest) is now overseen by their son Clément, who also looks after the wines of a domaine he runs with his father in Moulin-à-Vent. No wonder then that Clément was busy on this occasion! The Boillot 2023s were all showing brilliantly with succulent, pure fruit and bright, juicy freshness.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Louis Boillot Côte de Nuits Villages	**12**	**£300**

Like his father, Clément favours picking early to preserve freshness and highlight the purity of Pinot Noir. That comes through in this silky Pinot, brimming with juicy red berry fruit.

Domaine Louis Boillot Gevrey-Chambertin	**6**	**£240**

From very old vines, this is a soft and succulent Gevrey with fresh red fruits, herbal notes and a gentle touch of creamy oak. Lovely balance between the fleshy ripe fruit, oak and silky freshness.

Domaine Louis Boillot Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Champonnet	**3**	**£204**

Cold winds that blow through the Combe de Lavaux mean this is a cooler 1er Cru, useful in a warm vintage like 2023. Packed with structure and concentration, this is built for the long haul.

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

Domaine Heresztyn has been around since the 1930s but was reborn Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini in 2012, when Florence Heresztyn took over with her husband, Simon Mazzini (a highly regarded winemaker from Champagne). You can tell a huge amount of care and attention goes into these wines, which are made using biodynamic practices. This relatively young domaine has already built a reputation as one of the finest names in Gevrey, with favourable comparisons being made to the Gevrey grand master – Rousseau. The 2023s were sleek with fresh acidities and excellent terroir delineation.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Bourgogne Pinot Noir	**6**	**£140**

This comes from a single plot in the Champ Franc climat, most of which is classified as Gevrey-Chambertin. 100% destemmed, it has a bright, juicy red fruit profile with delicate herbal notes. Gentle silky tannin is balanced by fresh acidity. A wine that punches above its Bourgogne status.

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Gevrey-Chambertin Les Songes	**6**	**£330**

From 100-year-old vines and with 80% whole bunch fermentation used to preserve the freshness and fruit purity, this is rich and structured with concentrated dark fruit accompanied by lots of tension and focus. The fruit is lush and succulent, and underpinned by a fine mineral freshness.

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Perrières	**6**	**£550**

Heresztyn-Mazzini own less than half a hectare in this prized 1er Cru that borders the Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru. A beautiful heady bouquet of smoky, dark forest fruit with hints of leather, herbs and pastille. Elegant and lifted with a juicy mouthfeel and saline freshness on the long finish.

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes	**6**	**£550**

Les Millandes sits just below the renowned Clos de la Roche Grand Cru and the domaine's vines are 72 years old. 80% whole bunch vinification is used and there's plenty of freshness and concentration to the silky raspberry fruit. Impressive balance of power and elegance with subtle oak (they specifically use a lighter toast on the oak for this 1er Cru) and velvet tannins.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Goulots	**6**	**£550**

From one of the highest 1er Crus in the Côte de Nuits, this is beautifully perfumed with ripe cherry and juicy forest fruits on the nose. Supple and lifted with fine-grained tannins. Very harmonious.

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Champonnets	**6**	**£590**

This is a tiny-yielding vineyard producing a small amount of concentrated grapes. 80% whole bunch, it's supple and beautifully polished with creamy dark fruit, violets and a silky persistence. Excellent.

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru	**3**	**£695**

From a 0.25 hectare plot in this small Grand Cru. Fresh and lifted with strawberry fruit, spices, hints of graphite and lead. Really precise and tensile with fine-grained tannin and a subtly powerful finish.

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet

Dominique Le Guen's son, Tanguy, is increasingly involved in the winemaking, as the baton slowly passes from one generation to the next. The 2023s showed great finesse across the board. But what really sets them apart is a powerful intensity and concentration drawn from some very old vines. 2023 again confirms this domaine's place at Chambolle's top table and we fully expect these to be among the most sought-after wines in this offer.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Bourgogne Pinot Noir	**12**	**£200**

"*One of the best Bourgogne Rouge I tasted*" was Neal Martin's verdict on this domaine's 2022 Bourgogne and we can assure you the 2023 is equally as impressive. From two plots. it's pure and fresh with lots of energy, lively red fruit and fine-grained tannins. Simply delicious.

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Hautes-Côtes de Nuits 1.5L magnum	**3**	**£155**

This is always one of the domaine's smartest buys and an absolute treat in magnum. Coming from 35-year-old vines, it's beautifully fine and delicate with pretty strawberry fruit and a succulent and silky texture. There's lots of freshness. a striking purity and gentle, soft tannins.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes	**6**	**£315**

As we mentioned before, it's the prized old vines at this domaine that really help the wines stand out from the crowd, and this village-level Chambolle is the perfect example. The vines are around 70 years old, giving this a powerful intensity and impressive depth of dense blue and black fruit. Yet it's also beautifully precise and sleek with lots of focus and balancing fresh acidity.

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes	**6**	**£455**

Les Charmes is arguably Chambolle's most famous 1er Cru, renowned for its silky, delicate Pinot Noir. That elegance and finesse is certainly evident here, together with sumptuous ripe fruit and lots of salinity and mineral notes. Intense and pure with fine, silky tannin and a long, long finish.

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Cras	**6**	**£475**

There seems to be an added level of intensity to the fruit on Les Cras and a seductive, silky texture. Like Les Charmes, it's incredibly mineral-driven with fine-grained tannin and glides gracefully across the palate. Succulent and intense but also super-finessed and beautifully defined.

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Borniques	**3**	**£330**

Despite its location a stone's throw from Vougeot, Les Borniques is one of Chambolle's lesser-known 1er Crus. It only covers 1.4 hectares in total and because it's owned by several different domaines, quantities are tiny. It's worth noting there will be no Les Borniques from Hudelot-Baillet in 2024 as yields were just too miniscule. All the more reason to make the most of this one. Precise and sensual at the same time with brilliant poise and mouthfilling, long, pure fruit.

Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Bonnes Mares Grand Cru	**3**	**£900**

Owing to our long-term support, we're lucky enough to get one of the world's largest allocations from this quite brilliant domaine, including this much sought-after Grand Cru from remarkable 94-year-old vines. And remarkable the wine is too. Super-long and fine with plenty of grip for the long haul and polished, finely-spun tannin.

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Hudelot-Baillet Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc	**6**	**£110**

With its heart and soul in Chambolle, Hudelot-Baillet is known for its reds but this tasty white deserves your attention. Smooth and generous with a creamy texture, the white stone fruit is accompanied by a hint of toastiness and a touch of grapefruit pith on the mineral-fresh finish.

Domaine Felettig

We've seen increasing demand for the wines of this domaine, which is hardly surprising given they own some truly excellent parcels in Chambolle-Musigny, Vosne-Romanée and Nuits-Saint-Georges.

On this visit, we were hosted by Pauline, Gilbert Felettig's daughter. She took us through the 2023s, starting with the excellent price-versus-quality-pair of whites (see below). The reds at this address typically see a touch more new oak across the range than others we select, but crucially there is great balance and integration. The Bourgogne Rouge is our top value pick here, coming from a plot of 45-year-old vines just across the road from Chambolle-Musigny.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Felettig Bourgogne Pinot Noir	**6**	**£105**
Domaine Felettig Nuits-Saint-Georges	**6**	**£260**
Domaine Felettig Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Combottes	**6**	**£550**
Domaine Felettig Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Gruenchers	**6**	**£550**
Domaine Felettig Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les 4 Climats	**6**	**£550**
Domaine Felettig Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes	**6**	**£660**

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Felettig Bourgogne Aligoté	**6**	**£80**
Domaine Felettig Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Beaune En Vallerot	**6**	**£100**

Domaine Faiveley

Domaine Faiveley is one of Burgundy's largest domaines (and one of the best), with a truly magnificent selection of Grand Cru vineyards. The sheer diversity of terroirs and wines from across Burgundy is unparalleled. And as you'd expect from such an illustrious name, the wines here were polished from top to bottom.

This is a domaine renowned for wines with immense ageing potential, that require patience to reach their peak. What's appealing about the 2023s is that they'll be approachable a touch earlier than normal, so you won't have to wait quite as long to enjoy them.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Faiveley Mercurey La Framboisière	**12**	**£312**

This has to be the top value pick from the Faiveley stable. It comes from an 11 hectare monopole that's named after the vineyard's raspberry bushes, and the juicy raspberry and strawberry notes come through on the lovely nose. It had only just been bottled after 12 months ageing (20% new oak). Generous, well-toned fruit is balanced by fresh acidity and smooth, supple tannin.

Domaine Faiveley Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes	**12**	**£528**

From 45-70 year-old vines, this is a richly structured Gevrey with good intensity of ripe red berries on the nose. Darker plummy fruit emerges on the palate with fresh supporting acidity. Silky-smooth and rounded, this is already showing really well and will be approachable earlier than normal.

Domaine Faiveley Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers	**6**	**£636**

This 1er Cru sits at the top of the hill in Gevrey, making it one of the highest in the Côte de Nuits. Faiveley are by far the largest vineyard holders, owning 50%. Always a rich, structured wine, this has a dark fruit profile with a spicy, open nose, lots of power and a long, succulent finish.

Domaine Faiveley Corton Grand Cru Clos des Cortons Faiveley	**6**	**£1158**

This may not be their most expensive Grand Cru but Faiveley consider this their flagship cuvée, no doubt partly because they've owned this 2.7 hectare plot monopole since 1874. If it wasn't a monopole it would be Corton-Rognets. This had the firmest structure of the Grands Crus we tasted with succulent, ripe fruit and immense intensity. Powerful but with a fine mineral edge.

REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Domaine Faiveley Chambertin-Clos de Bèze Grand Cru	**3**	**£1161**

Faiveley are the largest vineyard owners in Clos de Bèze with 1.3 hectares. Very perfumed with impressive intensity to the juicy, fragrant fruit. There's incredible balance between power and purity with a seductive, silky texture and an immense, soaring finish.

Domaine Faiveley Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	**6**	**£1206**

At 0.8 hectares, this is the smallest of Faiveley's Grands Crus. Dark and very serious with hints of graphite and leather alongside the intense, ripe black fruit. Powerful yet fine and precise with ripe, smooth, chalky tannin, and fresh, bright acidty on the long, long finish.

Domaine Faiveley Echezeaux Grand Cru En Orveaux	**6**	**£1302**

This is from a one-hectare plot within Echezeaux that touches Musigny. Beautifully lifted and fragrant with dark forest fruits on the nose. Firm and structured but with a sweet juiciness to the ripe berry fruit. Fine-grained tannin and lovely finesse on the finish. Delicious.

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Faiveley Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts	**6**	**£516**

Faiveley own a 0.37 hectare parcel in Les Referts, on the edge of Meursault. Supple, fresh and rounded with ripe citrus notes and a subtle touch of minerality on the soft, gently creamy finish.

Domaine Henri Gouges

Gouges is one of Nuits-Saint-Georges' most famous domaines and has been owned by the Gouges family since 1919. Today the domaine covers 14 hectares, exclusively in Nuits-Saint-Georges. With seven 1ers Crus, including the notable monopole of Clos des Porrets Saint-Georges, it's easy to see why they're such a key name in this famous appellation.

Gouges was always known for its structured reds built for the long-haul. And whilst they're still just as age-worthy, under the guidance of Grégory and Antoine Gouges, they've become more silky and refined in style. The standout is Les Saint Georges, the unofficial 'Grand Cru' of Nuits-Saint-Georges.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges	**6**	**£237**
Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Clos des Porrets Saint-Georges	**6**	**£288**
Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Pruliers	**6**	**£444**
Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Vaucrains	**3**	**£300**
Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Saint Georges	**3**	**£900**

Domaine Méo-Camuzet

Vosne-Romanée was our first port of call on the Tuesday morning, with a visit to Méo-Camuzet. Considered among Burgundy's elite, and once the stomping ground of the legendary Henri Jayer, Méo-Camuzet has enviable vineyard holdings in the region's most exclusive postcodes.

Contrary to the general trend, volumes in 2023 are only slightly larger than 2022 here. That's because they undertook such a rigorous sorting and selection process, using only the healthiest fruit. As always, the wines showed great finesse, with Cros Parantoux being my absolute standout. A Grand Cru in all but name, sadly there's never enough to meet demand.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Vosne-Romanée	**6**	**£480**
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Feusselottes	**6**	**£750**
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Boudots	**3**	**£390**
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Murgers	**3**	**£390**
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Brûlées	**1**	**£475**
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Cros Parantoux	**1**	**£1150**

WHITES	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Méo-Camuzet Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Nuits Clos Saint-Philibert	**6**	**£204**

Domaine Jean Grivot

Étienne Grivot has now passed over the reins of this illustrious Vosne domaine to his children Mathilde and Hubert. Hubert took us through the 2023s which were thankfully open and expressing their rich potential. As ever, they impressed with their great precision and fine, silky profile.

We will never see enough wines to meet demand at the top-end from Grivot. However, we'd certainly pick out the Vosne-Romanée, and notably a very fine Coteaux Bourguignons for those looking to sample the wines of this true Rolls-Royce domaine.



REDS	CASE SIZE	PRICE
Domaine Jean Grivot Coteaux Bourguignons	**6**	**£114**
Domaine Jean Grivot Vosne-Romanée	**6**	**£360**
Domaine Jean Grivot Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Roncière	**6**	**£690**
Domaine Jean Grivot Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts	**3**	**£600**
Domaine Jean Grivot Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots	**3**	**£705**
Domaine Jean Grivot Clos Vougeot Grand Cru	**3**	**£765**
Domaine Jean Grivot Richebourg Grand Cru	**1**	**£1125**

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