

# 2005 BURGUNDY FUTURES

2005 has been nothing short of a magical vintage for French vigneron. Bordeaux was an embarrassment of riches, the best in over 25 years or more. The Rhone saw another extraordinary vintage in 2005 on the heels of a very good 2004. The Loire experienced the best harvest for quite some time as well. Now we come to Burgundy, which the critics say is the greatest vintage in the modern era of Burgundy.

If that wasn't a strong enough statement for you here is what Alan Meadows of Burghound.com says, "Let's cut directly to the chase while passing Go (be sure to collect your \$200 as you're going to need it) – 2005 is quite simply the best top to bottom vintage that I have ever seen, period, full stop. Yes, I understand perfectly well that is a bold and heavy-duty statement but there it is in all its unequivocal nakedness. 2005 is a brilliant vintage with virtually nothing to dislike (except perhaps the prices) and here is the key point, it's also great from top to bottom. Moreover, in terms of regional and villages wines, 2005 is so good that it blows the next closest recent contender, 1999, right out of the water. Among the lers and grands crus, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1999, 2001 and 2002 all produced some wines that are wonderfully impressive and certainly great, indeed in certain cases a full-on match for their 2005 counterparts. But in terms of the sheer number of great wines, 2005 surpasses all of them in my view. In short, mortgage your house, sell your dog, hock your spouse (but don't forget where, you'll eventually need someone to enjoy these wines with!) or do whatever you have to do but don't miss the best wines of the vintage or you will I believe live to regret it."

English wine writer Jancis Robinson echoes Alan's thoughts and says, "Quite simply, nothing went wrong ...if there is one dominant characteristic of these wines it is their thrilling combination of ripeness and acidity.... In general all the wines are charming, truly succulent and they faithfully express their origins. Can one ask for more?"

## THE WEATHER

Overall, the 2005 vintage was notable for an extremely dry growing season but without the damaging effects of excessive heat as seen in 2003. There was notably cold winter weather through early March, but there were no significant problems in the vineyards with frost. One benefit of the colder conditions was that it killed off any bugs and left the vines in good health.

April and May saw wetter conditions help replenish low water tables, which in hindsight would be needed later on. However, from the end of May to the end of August there was less rainfall than in 2003. Indeed, summer was an exceptionally dry period, but the vines coped well, although by June many vigneron expressed concern about low water levels in the soils. Flowering and fruit set were excellent.

July and August proved much cooler, but the dryer conditions ensured the vines would be remained entirely free of the fungus or rot. Because it was cool and dry, the vines never shut down as it did in the brutal summer of 2003. The single trouble was a hailstorm which struck Santenay and parts of Chassagne on the 17th July. It cut a swathe through many of the best Premiers Crus of Santenay, destroying up to 80% of the grapes

A much-needed rainfall arrived on September 7<sup>th</sup>, which did a lot to relieve worries about water tables and prompt the vines into the last stages of ripening. These climate conditions persisted throughout the rest of the growing season, guaranteeing a long and steady ripening of grapes and perfect conditions for harvest.

In the Côte d'Or harvest started on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the 23rd in the Côte de Nuits. There was no rush to bring in the grapes which were perfectly healthy in small bunches. Growers were able to pick at their leisure with no triage in the vineyards or in the cellars. Most growers greatly reduced the number of triage workers as there not much for them to do. Grapes came in with perfect phenolic and sugar ripeness. Acidities were high and potential degrees of alcohol ranged from 12.5 to 14.5. Few if any, growers had to resort to chaptalization. Almost all vigneron describe the harvest as perfect.

A few short observations about the vintage.

- 2005 is a year when both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay flourished in the perfect growing and harvesting conditions.

- It will be remembered as a vintage where, nearly across the board, the standout feature is the purity of the fruit.
- This is an extraordinary year for the red wines of Burgundy in both the Côte de Beaune and especially in the Côte de Nuits.
- There is consistent quality from Bourgogne through Grand Crus. Take a long hard look at the village level wines, as they are some of the smartest buys in the offer.

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- The whites are fatter than the 2004s, but retain excellent definition thanks to a spine of mineral and acidity that buffers the ripe fruit.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Because of demand we are going to print with our offer much earlier than in previous years. This has caused some issues with being able to publish every grower's prices at this early date. With the one exception of his Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru Clos de la Marechale, Domaine J.F. Mugnier, will not give us allocations and prices until they finished bottling, sometime in May. His offer will follow shortly after. The 2005 Domaine Leroy wines will not be received from Leroy until January of 2008. In addition, there will be later offers on several other domaines as allocations are

BH-Alan Meadows, Burghound.com

ST- Stephen Tanzer

JR- Jancis Robinson, MW

SM- Sarah Marsh MW, The Burgundy Briefing

KR-Katherine Richardson MW, The Burgundy Briefing

**Very limited quantities on some items.** Price corrections will occur in the event of typographical error. All prices listed are for 750ml size bottles unless otherwise noted. Orders will be confirmed within 3 days after the order is given. Payment is due with order. Orders are not confirmed without payment. Any new federal, state, and/or local taxes will be billed and collected before delivery. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diner's Club, and Discover. Please contact a salesperson at the most convenient to you for assistance in placing your order.

confirmed to us. Please contact your Martin Wine Cellar sales consultant to keep informed about these upcoming offers.

Lastly, Alan Meadows, our main source for reviews other than our own notes, has not published his issue on the Cotes de Beaune wines yet. Recently Stephen Tanzer published his notes on the 2005's and they are also quoted in this document. Some comments on wines of the Cotes de Beaune used were quoted from various noted English wine writers or reputable merchants that taste from barrel, write about, or sell Burgundy futures in the English market every year. The key below identifies the author of the tasting notes in this document.

JM- Jasper Morris MW, Berry Bros. & Rudd, Merchants.

HR-Howard Riply, Merchants

JB-Justerini and Brooks, Merchants

\*-No tasting note.

### OFFER AND PRICES VALID THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007

**\*Delivery ETA's vary according to the supplier and when we have containers being consolidated in France. Please be aware it might take several shipments for all your order to be delivered to us. Delivery ETA's are subject to change without notification. Written notification will be sent by mail as the wines are received.**

#### ETA Fall 2007

Domaine Hubert Lamy  
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 Domaine A & J Parent  
 Domaine du Comte Armand (White wines)  
 Domaine Digiolia-Royer  
 Domaine Herestyn  
 Domaine Ardhuy  
 Domaine Guy Amiot  
 Domaine Robert Chevillon  
 Domaine Maume  
 Domaine Gérard Mugneret  
 Domaine Jean-Marc Pavelot

#### ETA Spring / Summer 2008

Domaine Lignier Michelot  
 Domaine du Comte Armand (Red wines)  
 Camille Giroud  
 Domaine Denis Bachelet  
 Domaine Alain Burguet  
 Domaine Sylvain Cathiard  
 Domaine J.F. Mugnier  
 Domaine Michel Lafarge  
 Domaine Newman  
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 Domaine Bruno Clair  
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 Domaine Bernard Morey  
 Domaine Thierry and Pascale Matrot

## DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY

There are records of Lamys growing vines in Saint-Aubin since 1640 - today the domaine is run by Olivier Lamy. The domaine produces around 8,500 cases of red and white wine from their 16.5 hectares; the vines are spread around the Côte de Beaune villages of Saint-Aubin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet and Santenay. The output is high quality, their Saint-Aubins in particular are often superior to wines from more fashionable villages, wines that often sell for twice the price, or more... "Great value whites always but particularly good this vintage." JR

### WHITES

Bourgogne Blanc Les Châtaigners \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.99

"The fruit is bright and lemony. The palate has fair weight for Bourgogne Blanc and although it is ripe, there is sufficient acidity. A rounded, soft, full, and relatively succulent wine." SM

St. Aubin Blanc La Princee \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.99

"This is a big cuvée of 70 barrels; a blend of mainly village wine with some younger vine material from premier cru. 90% of the whole had finished the MLF. This is certainly a bit rounder, citrusy and a little more elegant and intense. The finish is a touch finer. Very attractive indeed. From 2007/8." SM

"This has benefited from the inclusion of younger vines from various Premier Cru vineyards. Engagingly full and rich on the nose, the weight on the palate is matched by a lively mineral acidity. Drink 2008-2011." JM

St. Aubin Blanc 1er Cru Les Frionnes \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

The vineyard of Les Frionnes is east-facing, thus cooler and the wines tend to retain more citrus fruit characters. "This has creamy apricot fruit on the palate and nose. It is ample and rounded, but elegant. Not heavy at all. Feminine, nicely fresh and a touch mineral on the finish. This freshness is due to the more easterly facing aspect of the slope and the richer soil. In 2005 I think this is more successful than the 'better' vineyards of En Remilly and Murgers des Dents de Chien on the opposite slope at this domaine. Very good indeed. From 2007/8." SM

"Easy, round and pleasurable. Lovely already! Quite creamy. Yet there is lots of chewy life here. Good Value! 16.5/20" JR

St. Aubin Blanc 1er Cru Clos de la Chateniere \_\_\_\_\_ \$34.99

This cuvée is produced from 45 year-old vines from a steep, hillside vineyard (40% gradient) with a southerly aspect. "Very deep and dense. Reverberates. Exciting quality. Nervy. Good Value! 16.5/20" JR

"St. Aubin Blanc 1er Cru Murgers Dents De Chien \_\_\_\_\_ \$33.99

Only 1,500 bottles are produced from this premier cru vineyard. "0.25 hectares part of the way down the vineyard. In comparison with the En Remilly parcel, it has a little bit more top soil. The palate is tighter and more linear than the En Remilly, although the fruit is exotic. The finish is both fruity and slightly flinty. Both wines are well balanced and not top heavy as Olivier picked early. These will give a lot of pleasure early on. Very good+ From 2007." SM

St. Aubin Blanc 1er Cru En Remilly \_\_\_\_\_ \$33.99

The south-facing slope of En Remilly is considered the finest of Saint Aubin; it produces wines of richer, riper fruit characters and this is no exception.

"Rich, nerveaux...even slightly too ripe! Dramatic and Good Value! 17/20" JR

St. Aubin Blanc 1er Cru Derriere Chez Edouard \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$27.99

### REDS

St. Aubin Rouge 1er Cru Derriere Chez Edouard \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

## VINCENT & FRANCOIS JOUARD

This domaine has the advantage of owning some of the oldest vines in the commune. The wines are on the richer side, so do particularly well in a vintage with fresh acidity like this one.

### WHITES

Batard Montrachet Grand Cru \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$115.00

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc \$30.99

"Almost tropical fruit flavors on this silky Chassagne. Round and long." HR

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru La Maltroie \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Les Chaumees "Clos Truffiere" \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

"Very refined and elegant, with ripe peach notes and an almost creamy mineral element. Fine and silky finish." HR

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Les Champgain \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

"Beautifully balanced: weighty fruit with a fine mineral zing. Long fresh finish." HR

## DOMAINE VICOMTE LIGER-BELAIR

"...like 2002, it was hard to miss in 2005. If you did, you should probably consider another line of work. In my view, maturities were ideal because even though the growing season was relatively dry, we had just enough moisture at just the right times... The crop was super clean, which made both sorting and vinification easy. And we even had good yields at between 32 and 39 hl/ha so whenever you can obtain this level of quality for your raw materials and also get good quantity, you have to be grateful." Vicomte Liger-Belair

### REDS

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru La Colombiere \_\_\_\_\_ \$58.00

"(vines between 40 and 60 years of age - 50% new wood). Vosne spice and very fresh red pinot and currant aromas lead to racy, intense and precise flavors that possess solid definition on the linear, delicious and vibrant finish. Excellent quality for its level and recommended. (88-91)/2010+" BH

Vosne-Romanée Clos du Chateau \_\_\_\_\_ \$66.00

"(a monopole of the Domaine with 30 year old vines and much rockier soil than Columbière - 100% new wood). A floral nose resplendent with violet, Vosne spice and black currant that is both ripe and very pure combines with delicious, precise and sweet

flavors that display ample minerality, all wrapped in an understated and beautifully balanced finish. Again, terrific quality at this level and highly recommended. (89-92)/2011+” BH

### DOMAINE JEAN-NOEL GAGNARD

Since Jean-Noël retired has officially retired, his daughter, Caroline Lestimé, controls the vineyard, cellar and office at Domaine Jean-Noël Gagnard. The Domaine’s boundary encompasses some superb vineyards including Chassagne-Montrachet Les Caillerets and Bâtard-Montrachet. The white wines are made in the traditional way, being kept in barrel for at least 18 months, only about a quarter of which will be new, and are bottled with only the very lightest of filtrations. They are expressive, impressive Chassagnes that display the complex nuances of their terroir.

#### WHITES

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc “Les Chaumes” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$37.99

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Clos de la Maltroye \* \$55.00

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Les Chaumées \_\_\_\_\_ \$56.00

“Always the most extravagant of Caroline Lestime’s wines this is no different, packed with rich, creamy exotic fruit flavors harnessed by a good balancing acidity, very lush and ripe in texture, lots of flesh and fat with fresh touches of nectarine. Drink from 2009” JB

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Blanchot-Dessus \* \$63.00

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Les Caillerets \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00

“Relatively backward when tasted in November 2006, still undergoing its malolactic fermentation, though this did not mask the overwhelming force and power in this wine, taut and incisive yet with lovely generous ripe fruit and buttered toast notes together with bright sparkling mineral characteristics. Drink from 2010” JB

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge Cuvee L”Estimee2005 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

“Bright, uncomplicated but immensely pleasurable Pinot made from de-stemmed fruit to add to its upfront appeal, this is packed with ripe, lively, alluring flavors of red berry and cherry, lots of charm and allure with a nice gentle tannic grip providing focus. Drink now.” JB

### DOMAINE MATROT-WITTERSHEIM

This domaine came into being following the division of the parent estate – Domaine Matrot - in 1999. Madame Wittersheim, néé Matrot, assumed responsibility for her share of the vineyards. The range comprises 5 wines – 3 whites and 2 reds. The Matrots are specialists in one of the rarest appellations in Burgundy : Blagny . This hamlet lying high on the hillside between Meursault and Puligny has an impressive bowl of vineyards facing due east. Here the Pinot Noir offers wines of extreme finesse and perfume.

#### WHITES

Bourgogne Blanc \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.99

Meursault \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$31.99

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$43.99

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$56.00

#### REDS

Volnay 1er Cru Santenots \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.99

Blagny 1er Cru La Piece Sous le Bois Rouge \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$32.99

### DOMAINE JEAN-MARC ET HUGUES PAVELOT

There have been Pavelot’s in Savigny for many generations, this particular domaine traditionally moving from father to son. They are at one of those transitions today; father Jean-Marc has made space next to his name (since the early 2000’s) on the newly-designed labels for the name of his son Hugues. He studied and worked in Beaune and Australia. Hugues maintains that his most important ‘school’ was his father Jean-Marc. The emphasis for this domaine is the work in the vineyard right from a green harvest to reduce yields to their lutte raisonnée approach. Grapes are harvested manually and go through 5 days of cold (~14°C) maceration before a ‘traditional’ cuvaison of 12-15 days. They are not completely dogmatic in their approach, and should a wine need filtering or fining then it will be done. This domaine is right at the top of the price/quality curve.

#### REDS

Savigny Les Beaune Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$19.99

“Crisp aromatics. Firm palate with redcurrant and raspberry characteristics. Plenty of extract for village Savigny and a mineral finish. Good+. From 2007/8.” SM

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru “Les Narbantons” \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

“The vines in the Narbantons are old; the average age is 80 years. Productivity is starting to drop, so this year a third of the vineyard has been replanted. Very rounded and more accessible on the attack then it tightens up and becomes more powerful and concentrated. Earthy savory notes are layered with more fruity characters of strawberry and sour cherry. The tannins are fine and ripe and the acidity has a juicy freshness. Lovely balance of acidity and fruit on the finish. Particularly good. From 2009/10” SM

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru “Aux Gravains” \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

“Perfumed with a hint of violet and marzipan. This is my favourite wine in the tasting. It has plenty of energy and lovely bright acidity making it both zesty and edgy. The tannins are fine and firm and it has an appealing perfumed and mineral finish. Particularly good, nudging into fine. From 2010.” SM

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru “La Dominode” \_\_\_\_\_ \$32.99

“40% of the cuvee is from 80 year old vines, 30% is from 30-40 year old vines with the remainder from younger vines of 20 years. This is much a much bigger wine. It has good extract and substance. The dense middle palate is rather burly, but has good focus. The tannins are rich and there is an edge of mineral. Powerful persistence with a hint of smoke lingering on the finish.

Particularly good to fine, but I preferred Gravains. From 2012.” SM

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru “Les Guettes” \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

“50% of the vines are, on average, 25 years old, 25% are around 70 years old and the rest are 10 year old vines. This is more mineral, tight and direct. It has a masculine, compact character with tight tannins. The palate is lifted with lively cherry and redcurrant fruit and there is some minerality on the finish. Very to particularly good. From 2010.” SM

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru “Les Peuillets” \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.99

“Perfumed, violet and smoky red fruits. Rich attack. Structural, thick tannins combine with a firm core of fruit. The texture is appealingly rich and svelte. The assertive finish is lifted with acidity. Very to particularly good. From 2009.” SM

### WHITES

Savigny Les Beaune Blanc \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.99

### DOMAINE LIGNIER-MICHELOT

The current head of this fine eight hectare domaine, Virgile Lignier, who joined his father Maurice at the domaine in 1992, is the fourth generation to run the family property. Lignier is blessed with a number of old vine parcels scattered throughout his holdings. They include a parcel of fifty year-old vines in Chambolle-Musigny from which they make their Chambolle “Vieilles Vignes” bottling, and all three premier cru Moreys, whose vines are all in the fifty-five to sixty year-old range. There is a section of their Clos de la Roche that is in forty year-old vines. “As I have commented before but wish to reemphasize, Lignier’s wines have gone from strength to strength and 2005 is especially good as the old vines Morey and Gevrey villages’ wines offer superb value. The style is one of extreme purity and understatement and will appeal most to those who enjoy classically styled wines. BH

### REDS

Bourgogne Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.99

“(from 50 year old vines in Bons Bâtons). Ripe and very pure red and blue earth-infused pinot aromas lead to rich, detailed and sweet flavors that obviously sport excellent phenolic ripeness and culminate in excellent vibrancy and punch. The tannins are sophisticated for what this is. Recommended. (85-88)/2008+” BH

Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes \_\_\_\_\_ \$37.99

“Very fine and scented with an autumnal note – very Chambolle! Dense with lots of potential. 17/20” JR

Morey St Denis “En La Rue De Vergy” \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.99

“This is slightly more elegant aromatically with upper register, fresh and cool red berry fruit aromas nuanced with obvious minerality and a hint of jasmine tea that can also be found on the equally mineral infused, detailed and energetic flavors that possess excellent detail given how rich the finish is. Again, outstanding quality for its level. (88-91)/2011+” BH

Morey St Denis 1er Cru Aux Charmes \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

“(from 50 year old vines). A background note of wood spice combines with distinctly more elegant and refined dark berry fruit

and mocha hints yet the nose remains very fresh and vibrant and this sense of energy can also be found on the rich, sweet and full-bodied flavors that saturate the palate with sap and extract on the concentrated and punchy finish that delivers real pop and verve. (90-92)/2013+” BH

Morey St Denis 1er Cru Chenevery \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

“More deeply pitched and wonderfully complex aromas display notes of cherry, black raspberry, violets, rose and spice notes that precede sweet, rich and sappy flavors that possess excellent ripeness if not quite the sheer depth of material of the Charmes though it’s more structured. This is quite promising and the additional backend depth should come with time in bottle. (90-92)/2014+” BH

### CAMILLE GIROUD

A consortium including Ann Colgin and husband Joe Wender from California purchased this venerable négoce house in January 2002 and Becky Wasserman of ‘Le Serbet’ was named as managing director. Becky currently juggles the two roles and the two offices 10 minutes apart. Her winemaker/technical director is David Croix who had experience at a number of domaines prior to Giroud; most influential was the time he spent with Ben Leroux at Clos des Epeneaux. Under Becky and David’s guidance Maison Giroud has undergone quite a transformation. The quality of winemaking is consistent and very much in a quality-oriented genre, respecting what the vintage offers, and allowing each cuvee to maintain its terroir and individuality.

### REDS

Bourgogne Rouge \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.99

Marsannay Les Longeroies \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$18.99

Santenay \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.99

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru Les Peuillets \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.99

Vosne-Romanée \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$42.99

Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds \$43.99

“This beautiful wine combines all the elegance of Volnay with the power of a leading Premier Cru. Energy, weight, persistence, and class are all displayed in a sumptuous mass of glowing red fruit. This will be attractive whilst young but will also age very well. Drink 2011-2017.” JM

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru Les Vaucrains \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00

### DOMAINE GUY AMIOT

Domaine Amiot is one of Burgundy’s finest producers of white wine, most notably a rich portfolio of outstanding offerings from Chassagne-Montrachet. Guy Amiot, the present owner and guardian of the domaine that bears his name, represents the third generation of renowned growers at this property. His domaine makes an array of classically sculpted white and red Burgundies. The wines are full with good acidity and have distinct smoky nuances. It’s difficult to pick one star here as many of their holdings, such as the Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Crus Vergers and Le Caillerets are made from vines well over 50 years old. Amiot

also produces a minuscule quantity of Montrachet and the very rare Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Demoiselles.

### WHITES

Bourgogne Blanc "Grand Ordinaire" \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$13.99

Bourgogne Blanc \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.99

"30% in new oak. This has a very bright aroma. Pear-like, ripe fruit with a rounded body, firm zippy acidity and a punchy finish. Quite warm. Straightforward and pleasant. This will be bottled in September. From 2006." SM

Chassagne-Montrachet \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.99

Chassagne-Montrachet "Maltroie" \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

Chassagne-Montrachet "Vergers" \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$53.00

Chassagne-Montrachet "Champ-Gains" \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

"Clay and stones 50/50. Not so much limestone. This vineyard is 40 years old. This has a very attractive honeysuckle aroma and a honeyed attack. Deliciously ripe, but the acidity is immediately there balancing this wine. It is not heavy, but rounded, sleek and has good intensity across the palate. The finish is firm and rather floral. Particularly good and very pleasurable. From 2009." SM

Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos St. Jean" \_\_\_\_\_ \$53.00

"20 year old vines. The malolactic has just finished. High and perfumed. This is lifted and bright on the palate and quite racy. The palate is very even and is quite poised. Particularly good. From 2009." SM

Puligny-Montrachet "Demoiselles" \_\_\_\_\_ \$95.00

"35 year old vines. This has a perfumed, elegant and intense aroma. The attack is buttery and ripe, but it quickly cracks down on the palate to become strict and very firm. While it has opulent fruit it is also quite austere. The fruit has very good depth, is pure and vigorous and stony. The finish is impressive and slightly longer than the Caillerets. Fine+. From 2010/12." SM

Montrachet Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$415.00

"Only two barrels, but just 1 and a half in 2005. This was planted in 1920 - 85 years old vines. A parcel near Dent de Chien at the top of the slope. A very intense aroma. While the oak is very intense on this wine, the fruit concentration is impressive and the wine is very firmly structured and there is a dense stony character. It is compact and the finish is long and bullish. Fine++. From 2012." SM

### DOMAINE ROBERT CHEVILLON

Robert's two sons, Bertrand and Denis, now look after the winemaking and viticulture respectively. Their vineyards stretch from the far south side of Nuits St-Georges to the very north side next to Vosne-Romanée. All of the wines demonstrate harmony, ripe fruit and structure thanks to both hard work in the vineyard by Denis (who insists on low yields and a strict grape selection) and to a fermentation and barrique élevage carefully controlled by Bertrand. The vineyards south of Nuits (Pruliers and Vaucrains) tend to have more muscle and drive while those nearer Vosne, such as the Chaignots, verge more on elegance and silkiness.

### REDS

2005 Passetoutgrain, Chevillon \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.99

2005 Nuits-St. Georges, Chevillon \_\_\_\_\_ \$42.99

"(from La Charmotte and Au Chouillet, both at the south end of the Vosne sector). This is riper but equally expressive and perhaps even fresher with delicious, sappy and seductive flavors underpinned by notably fine tannins that are completely buffered by the impressive mid-palate sap. There is solid concentration here and the balance to age though it should be accessible early on. (87-89)/2010+" BH

### DOMAINE MAUME

Bernard Maume is a lecturer at Dijon University. He makes wine together with his son Bertrand on their 4.3 hectare domaine in Gevrey. Maume produces traditional classic burgundies with excellent ageing potential. His wines, always bottled unfiltered, are some of the darkest and most concentrated in Burgundy. "As I have reported in these pages before, the quality chez Maume continues to do nothing but improve, seemingly ever vintage." BH

### REDS

Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Etelois" \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

"There is a touch more of everything here, especially more aromatic complexity with cool and also very fresh aromas that are slightly broader with similar berry fruit that is cooler and more elegant and this subtle reserve continues onto the rich, full and full flavors that possess excellent volume and precision on the punch and vibrant finish. The underlying sense of tension is attractive and this is a really lovely villages. Recommended. (88-91)/2013+" BH

Gevrey-Chambertin "En Pallud" \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

"(75 year old vines). An expressive and serious nose that runs to darker fruit, subtle spice notes and again, pungent Gevrey earth that continues onto the deep, delicious, precise and very fresh flavors that are linear, pure and driving on the dark cherry suffused finish supported by very ripe structural elements. This is flat out great for a villages level wine and highly recommended. (89-92)/2013+" BH

Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$67.00

"(a blend of 85 year old vines in Les Cherbaudes and 50 year old vines in La Perrière). Deeper and more complex aromas that blend earth, stone and mostly blue fruit aromas with lovely violet and rose petal hints complement the rich, full and notably sweet flavors that possess excellent dry extract which confers a textured and sappy mouth feel on the balanced and wonderfully long finish. There is real punch to the black cherry finish and the old vine intensity adds another dimension. Recommended. (90-92)/2013+" BH

Gevrey-Chambertin "Lavaux St. Jacques" \_\_\_\_\_ \$83.00

"A discreet touch of wood frames dark berry fruit, minerals and game hints that can also be found on the racy and quite finely detailed medium full flavors of notable purity on the long, linear, precise and energetic finish. There is real verve here and the class of a fine Lavaut is on full display. Terrific. (91-93)/2013" BH

**DOMAINE DU COMTE ARMAND**

Comte Armand is famed for its Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux (an ancient spelling of Epenots). The wine is always one of the biggest most concentrated Pommards. The domaine also bottles a Village Pommard made from younger vines in the 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux. Recently added are a Volnay A.C., a Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets, Meursault, a red Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru and white Auxey-Duresses. Benjamin Leroux has been in charge at Comte Armand since 1999. He is one of Burgundy's most vociferous advocates of bio-dynamic viticulture (with a particular interest in lunar cycles) and his No 1 spot in *Bourgogne Aujourd'hui* magazine's Top 10 for the next decade came as no surprise.

**REDS**

Auxey Duresses 1er Cru Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.99

"Beautiful color – deep and glossy. Cherry and red fruit aromas lead to a palate with plenty of extract layered with firm, smooth textured tannins. There is a juicy, fruity core of ripe fruit and savory notes sit with the fruit on the finish. Particularly good+. From 2009." KR

Pommard 1er Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$49.99

"From the youngest vines – 19-23 years old. Deeply colored. Aromas of griotte cherry and graphite emerge. The tannic structure is taut and layers with the acidity. Good concentration. More about texture now because it is quite unformed, but the length of finish is excellent. Fine+. From 2012." KR

Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets \_\_\_\_\_ \$58.00

"Touch of reduction initially, but cherry stone and mineral notes start to push through. The palate is lean and slightly austere. The tannins are balanced and have good grip and an attractive gloss. The finish is long and mineral. Probably fine. From 2010/11." KR

Pommard 1er Cru Clos Des Epeneaux \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00

"Truffley, autumnal, very rich. Dense – truly profound. Benjamin Leroux is clearly doing a great job here. 18.5/20." JR

Volnay \_\_\_\_\_ \$34.99

"Very full, opulent and splendid on the nose. Still tingly but very impressive for the price. Bursting with wildlife! Good Value! 17/20." JR

**WHITES**

Auxey Duresses 1er Cru Blanc \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

**DOMAINE DENIS BACHELET**

Denis Bachelet runs his ten-acre domaine virtually single-handedly. You must count what he produces in each category - from Charmes-Chambertin downward - more in dozens of bottles rather than in hundreds of cases. Low yields are crucial, in Bachelet's view, and the wines are concentrated, understated, intense, elegant and subtle, even at the Côte de Nuits-Villages level. "In Denis Bachelet's view, 2005 is a 'grand millésime. It's at least as good as 1999 and 2002 and perhaps better... I am convinced that I have never made a better Charmes though obviously time will be the final judge of that.' I would agree with Bachelet, not only on his Charmes but in general that his '05s are indeed spectacular.

Moreover, the Côte de Nuits-Villages is among the very best of the entire vintage for its class." BH

**REDS**

Bourgogne Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.99

"An earthy and relatively somber nose of dark berry fruit aromas merges into unusually rich, complex and delicious middle weight flavors that possess excellent mid-palate concentration and excellent length. This is an outstanding wine for its level and highly recommended. (86-89)/2009+" BH

Cotes de Nuits Villages \_\_\_\_\_ \$24.99

"(from 4 different parcels in Brochon). A touch of wood spice frames moderately more elegant and certainly more expressive earth, and slightly gamy nose featuring crushed red and black pinot fruit aromas plus a trace of minerality that continues onto the rich, sweet and full-bodied flavors that are detailed and finely textured. This is really quite nicely balanced and displays virtually none of the rusticity that the appellation typically does. Impressively good juice for its level and also highly recommended. (88-90)/2011+" BH

**WHITES**

Bourgogne Aligoté \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$13.99

**DOMAINE ALAIN BURGNET**

Alain Burgnet is a vintner who personifies the spirit of Burgundy. Starting from nothing, he worked hard to cultivate a small domaine comprising mainly old vines in a subzone of the Gevrey-Chambertin appellation. His wines have a reputation for showing concentration, flavor and complexity way above their station, with a muscular core of ripe Gevrey fruit "We had near perfect harvest conditions with an extremely clean crop, outstanding sugar levels of around 13.5% with normal yields as we threw out almost nothing. The wines are extremely rich yet well balanced, harmonious and detailed. There is everything burgundy lovers want in this vintage and for me, 2005 is truly a great millésime." Alain Burgnet

**REDS**

Bourgogne Rouge Le Pince Vin \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.99

"A beautifully, and unusually, elegant nose for a Bourgogne features mildly earth red pinot fruit aromas and pure, rich and attractively sappy flavors that like the nose, are unusually fine plus deliver solid length. A terrific effort at this level and recommended. (86-88)/2008+" BH

Gevrey Chambertin "Tradition" \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.99

"This too is extremely pretty aromatically with more obvious earth and underbrush aromas adding nuance to the red berry fruit notes that lead to sweet, round and utterly delicious flavors that are punchy, pure and harmonious on the perfectly balanced and persistent finish. Again, a really lovely wine and recommended. (88-90)/2010+" BH

Chambolle-Musigny Les Chardannes \_\_\_\_\_ \$52.00

"(from a vineyard in the middle of the village toward the Morey side). This is wonderfully airy with almost wispy aromas of red and violet fruit aromas liberally laced with warm earth and underbrush that can also be found on the rich, full and sweet

flavors that retain a fine sense of detail and precision on the sappy and mouth coating finish that goes on and on. Burguet has managed to preserve the elegance of Chambolle while combining it with the taut, even sleek muscle of Gevrey. As promising as the Mes Favorites if a bit more forward. (90-92)/2012+” BH

Gevrey Chambertin Mes Favorites VV \_\_\_\_\_ \$51.00

“(since the ‘99 vintage, this replaces what used to be called the cuvée Vieilles Vignes and derives largely from vineyards in Brochon and the northern sector of Gevrey, averaging approximately 60 years of age). A deft touch of wood frames earthy dark berry fruit aromas and rich, stylish and sweet flavors that are even more complex and add the dimensions of power and punch to the remarkably long finish. This too is blessed with ample amounts of dry extract and this should reward up to a decade of cellar time though be approachable before that. (90-92)/2013+” BH

Gevrey Chambertin Les Justice \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

“An airy, perfumed and layered nose of red berry fruits, most notably raspberry merges into rich, sweet and full flavors that don’t have quite the same level of mid-palate concentration but possess even more detail and a lovely, if subtle, minerality. This is quite fine and pure and fashioned in an understated style. (89-91)/2012+” BH

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Rouges du Dessus \_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00

“(from purchased grapes). In contrast to the airy nose of the Chambolle, this is brooding, backward and very serious with a somber nose of dark berry fruit aromas, earth, spice and violets that sit atop rich, full, velvety and powerful flavors that offer excellent freshness and energy on the tautly structured and intense finish. The tannins are firm but buried and this should improve for at least a decade and last for much longer. (91-93)/2013+” BH

## DOMAINE SYLVAIN CATHIARD

Sylvain Cathiard presides over a small 4.5 hectare domaine, based in Vosne-Romanée, where he produces pure, sophisticated burgundy. All the work in the vineyard and the cellar is performed by M. Cathiard, his wife, and their son. “...the harvest looked like a postcard it was so beautiful. Seriously, you could take almost any bunch, pose it on something and take a picture of it. The bunches were symmetrical, the grapes perfectly ripe and everything was clean, clean, clean. And when you have such terrific fruit, making wine is literally easy. There was almost no sorting and what was sorted was more the odd leaf or bug rather than under ripe or damaged fruit. Yields were good if not great at around 38 hl/ha with excellent sugars that averaged 13%. The malos were normal and while it’s still very early, it’s been a while since I’ve seen such quality.” Sylvain Cathiard

### REDS

Bourgogne Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$24.99

“(from a parcel of vines that are in Flagey opposite Clos de Vougeot). An extremely pretty and very pinot nose jumps from the glass while leading to sweet and very fresh and lively flavors that are delicious yet serious and should be capable of improving for 2 to 4 years in bottle. Recommended. (85-88)/2008+” BH

Vosne Romanée \_\_\_\_\_ \$58.00

“More deeply pitched aromas of black fruit and Asian spice with full, rich, sweet and mouth coating flavors that are generous and refined though not as delicate or pure as those of the Chambolle. Still, there is good depth here as well as admirable typicity as this is very Vosne in character with a more tannic structure. (88-90)/2012+” BH

Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Clos de L’Orme \_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00

“(50 year old vines raised in 15% new wood). This is naturally more elegant with high-toned and very pure middle weight flavors that are rich, precise and punchy with real tension and energy on the balanced and long finish. This is classic Chambolle and worth a close look for its level. (88-91)/2010+” BH

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru Les Murgers \_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00

“(from .48 ha parcel of 70+ year old vines). Here there is absolutely terrific aromatic depth with a spicy mix of warm earth, underbrush, ripe pinot fruit and just a hint of the sauvage that is also present on the nuanced and admirably deep flavors that beautifully combine both power and delineation on the strikingly long finish. This is a knockout! (91-93)/2013+” BH

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts \_\_\_\_\_ \$135.00

“(from a .74 ha parcel of 35 year old vines). A subtle trace of background wood frames black fruit and rose petal and violet-infused floral aromas that are extremely primary, indeed to the point of being borderline backward that introduce wonderfully fresh, vibrant and powerful flavors that are big, robust and well-muscled though not rustic with just superb dry extract on the palate saturating finish that goes on and on. Wow! (92-94)/2015+” BH

## DOMAINE GÉRARD MUGNERET

The Mugneret’s domaine is located close to the center of the village of Vosne-Romanée. Gérard Mugneret’s son Pascal has recently joined the domaine and will be taking over the responsibilities of running the domaine. Some new cuvées have been added, partly by leasing new vineyards, and partly by the judicious purchase of fruit, and the quality of winemaking remains tip-top. The Bourgogne rouge and the Passe-tout-grains are exceptional values year to year and his Vosne-Romanée is one of the standard bearers for the appellation.

### REDS

Bourgogne Passetoutgrain \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.99

Bourgogne Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.99

“(from Chambolle, Vosne and Flagey fruit). A ripe and expressive nose of earthy red and black berry and currant fruit aromas that offer solid complexity and leads to unusually fine flavors that display real finesse and lovely finishing intensity. Solid quality here with good volume and depth. 86/now+” BH

Vosne Romanée \_\_\_\_\_ \$37.00

“A spicy mélange features red and black berry fruit with hints of cassis and plum, complemented by fresh, textured, supple and delicious middle weight flavors that are also complex, long and suave. A fine villages and recommended. (88-90)/2010+” BH



## DOMAINE J.F. MUGNIER

Created in 1863, this is a family estate run from the Château de Chambolle-Musigny. This was initially a 4-hectare Chambolle domaine but since Freddy took back the family's old Nuits St-Georges Monopole, Clos de la Marechale, from Faiveley in 2004, the Domaine has increased to 13 hectares. The aim is to produce wines that are each representative of their respective terroir and vintage, while at the same time having their individual character, wines of harmony and sincerity. He has eliminated weed-killers and industrial fertilizers in the vineyard; neither of these have been used for 10 years, while in the cellars all processes that traumatize the wine, over extraction, for example, or excessive woodiness, are limited to a minimum. These are pure, stylish Burgundies of great finesse. "...as good as the Mugnier '04s are, the '05s have ascended to a new level of quality even while adjusting for the superior quality of 2005 versus 2004." BH

**\* Note: The prices and allocations for rest of the Mugnier's wines will be released by the domaine after bottling is completed in May.**

### REDS

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Clos de La Marechale"

"A completely different aromatic profile presents itself with more deeply pitched and quite ripe blue and violet aromas combining with pungent earth and game hints that continue onto the sweet, rich and sappy flavors wrapped around a firm tannic spine. This is impressive as it is clearly Nuits in character yet with refined and sophisticated structural elements. Also recommended. (89-92)/2013+" BH

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Clos de La Marechale" 375ml \_ \$26.00

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Clos de La Marechale" 750ml \_ \$50.00

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Clos de La Marechale" 1.5 Ltr \$110.00

Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Clos de La Marechale" 3.0 Ltr \$240.00

## DOMAINE A & J PARENT

"Clive Coates calls this his favorite producer in the village of Monthelie."

### WHITES

Monthélie Blanc 1er Cru Clos Gauthey \_\_\_\_\_ \$31.99

"Lemons and almonds; nice leesy aroma, very enticing. A firm lemony palate, fine, delicate, but firm. Very attractive fruit, nicely tense, tight and mineral. The balance is good. There is gras and good energy. The finish is long and mineral. Very good indeed." SM

## DOMAINE MICHEL LAFARGE

This is a Domaine that certainly requires no introduction. Michael Lafarge and his son Frederic produce some of the most pure, precise and penetrating wines in Volnay, their hall-mark being the magnificent perfume and luscious mouth-filling fruit. They farm about 30 acres, which they have converted to biodynamic methods since 2000. Lafarge's prize possession is the 0.9 hectare site of Clos des Chenes, producing probably their greatest wine. "It's a

great, great year, 2005," said the elder Lafarge. "It's like '96 or '02, but with more richness. It has beautiful fruit and harmony."

### REDS

Bourgogne Passtoutgrain A L'Exception \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.99

"Extremely deep crimson. This parcel of gravely clay-limestone grows 80 year old Gamay and Pinot vines blended in equal portions in this exciting wine. It certainly looks very concentrated and on the nose is much more Pinot than Gamay (unlike the wine above). There's a certain rusticity about it but the tannins are fine and one feels one is drinking wine from another era here – bravo! No sculpting, no sweetness. Quite a tough finish. Well worth the one euro premium on the regular Passtoutgrain. 3,000 bottles made. 16.5/20." JR

Bourgogne Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$18.99

"Cherries and stone fruit on the nose. Freshness is evident lifting the palate and the tannins are pretty tense, but fine. Serious for a wine of this level. Pleasant to attractive. From 2007/8." KR

Beaune 1er Cru "Greves" \_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00

"Bright crimson with rather a hidden nose. Very sinewy indeed – should mellow eventually. Lots of bright fruit though for the moment pretty backward. Substance here but race too. For the moment rather difficult to read. 17+" JR

Beaune 1er Cru Aigrots Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$59.00

"Exceedingly charming fruity nose – racy raspberry fruit with lively, racy textre. Full of bumptious, transparent fruit. From the Pmmard side of Beaune but seems more ethereal Beaune than solid Pommard to me. 17.5/20." JR

Pommard 1er Cru "Les Pézerolles" \_\_\_\_\_ \$89.00

"Very bright crimson. Broad, chestnut aromas, Round and quite supple on the front palate (especially after the Clos des Chênes of course) and even a bit soft. Certainly very juicy. A fairly early developer with ltos of ripe fruit and good lift. Almost more Volnay than Pommard. 17+" JR

Volnay \_\_\_\_\_ \$39.99

"Solid crimson. Very silky and racy – lovely purity of fruit and silky texture. The wine soars out of the glass (even out of the empty glass afterwards) – we are in a very different class now. Beautiful texture and great fruit – we soar up to the top level with the most eloquent ambassador of the 2005 vintage. 17/20." JR

Volnay Vendanges Sélectionées \_\_\_\_\_ \$46.99

"This blend is a selection of their best parcels together with Premier Cru vines under 25 years old. Shyer nose than the regular Volnay. Fresh, bold – quite dramatic and meaty. The wine needs much more time and the tannins are still quite tough but it's certainly convincing for the long term. 17+" JR

Volnay 1er Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$70.00

"Two parcels in Mitans and Chanlins. The aromas of this wine are delicately perfumed, with mineral complexity. Elegance comes across on the palate. The tannins have a refined structure, but still provide bite. Particularly good to fine. From 2011." KR

Volnay 1er Cru Clos Des Chenes \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

"Big and brooding on the nose. Beefy with lots of ripe fruit – this should make exciting old bones but was playing a bit hard to get when i tasted it. Some raciness underneath but mainly very big and chewy, youthful and taut. Disintctly muscular though with

wonderfully haunting aromas on the finish. It may well eventually overtake the Caillerets. 18+.” JR

Volnay 1er Cru “Clos Des Ducs” \_\_\_\_\_ \$85.00

“Very interesting, dense, compact, already complex nose with lots of ripe fruit but deep structure and fine tannins too. Lovely and fruity and round – easy to like – but masses of fine tannins almost submerged by the great spread of fruit. Long and lovely. 18/20.” JR

Volnay 1er Cru “Les Caillerets” \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

“Relatively pale though intense and brooding on the nose. Top note of spice with extremely fine tannins underneath. Lovely rather Vosne-like race and breed to this wine with its utter confidence. Tight on the finish too in a Vosne way. Very classy with a chalky finish. Great stuff. 18.5/20.” JR

### WHITES

Bourgogne Aligote Raisins Dorés \$13.99

“This wine is made from a parcel of 75 year-old vines picked late, small and golden-skinned. Rich and full on the nose. Broad and definitely floral. Quite a creamy texture. Very good! 16.5/20.” JR

Meursault \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

## DOMAINE DE LA SOUFRANDIERE AND BRET BROTHERS

“The quality at this domaine/négociant operation continues to do nothing but climb and 2005 is a terrific vintage for them and many of the wines are either recommended or highly recommended. If you’re not familiar with the wines, I can’t suggest strongly enough that you familiarize yourself with them.” BH

### WHITES

Saint-Véran “En Combe” \_\_\_\_\_ \$23.99

“Noticeable wood mingles with a perfumed orchard fruit nose and ripe, rich and unusually full-bodied flavors for this appellation and culminates in a delicious, fresh and tangy citrus-infused finish. (87-89)/2007+” BH

Pouilly-Fuissé “La Roche” \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.99

“Background notes of brioche and vanilla combine with stunningly pure and refined green apple, peach and pear aromas that can also be found on the rich, full, fleshy and generous flavors that receive a sense of lift from the intensely mineral, dry and structured finish. This will need an extra year in the cellar and should be well worth the wait. (90-92)/2009+” BH

Mâcon-Cruzille “Clos des Vignes du Maynes” \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.99

“A very primary, indeed borderline raw nose combines with zesty, intense and mineral-driven flavors that deliver excellent depth and a racy, palate staining and balanced finish. (88-90)/2008+” BH

Mâcon-Uchizy “La Martine” \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.99

“The barest hint of wood frames fresh and bright lemon and peach aromas that are followed by rich, full and sweet flavors that offer good volume and an attractive sense of underlying depth on the nicely persistent finish. Good quality at this level fashioned in a forward style. (86-89)/2007+” BH

Vire-Clesse “La Verchere” \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.99

“Bright floral and peach-suffused aromas with background notes of brioche and oak spice dissolve into sweet and fleshy flavors that offer a fine sense of minerality and despite the sweetness of the mid-palate, this is bone dry on the racy, almost aggressively stony finish. This is lovely with real character and transparency. (89-91)/2008+” BH

Mâcon-Villages “Cuvee Terroir du Mâconnais” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$13.99

Mâcon Vinzelles “Clos de Grand Père” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.99

## LOUIS JADOT

Founded in 1859, the venerable house of Louis Jadot has seen three generations increase its vineyard holdings through the acquisition of renowned Premier and Grand Cru “climats”. Today the Kopf family has assumed ownership of the Jadot house, but it remains under the direction of Henry Gagey, whose father presided over the firm’s fortunes for several decades. With the desire to maintain and build upon its reputation for quality, Louis Jadot has associated itself with winemakers who share similar views, and the house even owns its own cooperage. Maison Louis Jadot owns over 60 hectares of vineyard, many of them premier and grand cru, and in Jacques Lardière has one of the most respected winemakers working in Burgundy today.

### REDS

Côte de Beaune Villages \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$19.99

Côte de Nuits Villages “Le Vaucrain” Domaine Louis Jadot \$21.99

“Charming, easy frivolous fruit on the nose and great flirtatious attack on the palate. A light to medium weight wine with noticeable tannins but should all be in balance for medium term drinking. 16.8/20.” JR

Gevrey-Chambertin \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.99

“Lifted notes of ripe blackberry and black cherry with underlying touches of coal-like minerals. Pretty powerful attack and ample structure. The tannins are tension and quite muscular. Spicy, dark fruit on the finish. Good+. From 2011.” KR

Beaune 1er Cru “Clos des Ursules” Dom. des Héritiers L. Jadot \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00

“...lots of substance...a very ambitious wine. 17.5/20.” JR

Beaune Les Grèves, Domaine André Gagey \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.99

Chambolle-Musigny \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$44.99

Nuits-St.-Georges \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

Nuits-St.-Georges Les Boudots, Domaine André Gagey \_\_\_\_\_ \$74.00

“Chalky mineral show a touch of austerity, which is balanced by rich prune notes on the nose and palate. Excellent grip with close-grained tannins and a long and focused finish. Quite architectural. Particularly good to fine. From 2010/12.” KR

Savigny-lès-Beaune La Dominode, Domaine L. Jadot \_\_\_\_\_ \$33.99

“Mulberry fruit – lovely pure Pinot character, though the aromas are slightly darker than the Croix de Pierre. The extract is fine and tightly knitted tannins provide good structure. The fruit on the palate is more red in character. Particularly good+. From 2009.” KR

Volnay Clos de la Barre \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00

“Heightened aromas of dried flowers and tobacco spice are deliciously ripe. Texturally smooth with supple, velvety tannins. Attractive balance and an elegant finish. Fine. From 2010.” KR

Volnay Clos des Chenes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00

Vosne-Romanée \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00

“Delicately scented with dried rose and peony, layered with minerals and bitter chocolate. Opulent strike on the palate and lovely depth of fruit intensity and extract. Suave tannins. Refined in style. Very good. From 2010.” KR

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru “Les Beaux Monts” \_\_\_\_\_ \$86.00

“Relatively pale. Energetic red fruit flavors. Real energy here. A very good wine considering this is bought in fruit. Great zesty neat finish. 17.5/20.” JR

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru “Les Suchots” \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00

“Quite warm and racy on the nose. Lots of zest and power. A very upright wine with good concentration and balance. Savory and true to the appellation. Admirable persistence. 17.5/20.” JR

### WHITES

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$37.99

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine des Héritiers L. Jadot \_\_\_\_\_ \$120.00

“Domaine wine. This is strong, haughty and stony on the aroma and attack. A wet stone and mineral palate. Smoothly strong and tense with very good extract and power which carries to a very assertive persistent finish. Fine to very fine. From 2012/14.” SM

Meursault \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.99

Meursault Les Charmes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$63.00

Puligny-Montrachet \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$39.99

Puligny-Montrachet Les Combettes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$81.00

Puligny-Montrachet Les Folatières, Domaine des Héritiers Louis Jadot \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$66.00

Puligny-Montrachet Les Referts, Domaine Louis Jadot \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$61.00

### DOMAINE NEWMAN

Chris Newman, a native of New Orleans, runs his family domaine in Burgundy from his home located on the main road which encircles the ancient town of Beaune. Robert Newman, Chris’s father started buying Burgundy properties shortly after World War II and acquired vineyards in some highly regarded Grand Cru sites. Since that time Chris has carefully and painstakingly acquired a number of prime vineyards in both the Côte de Beaune and the Côte de Nuits, building his domaine up to a 5 ha. (about 12.5 acres of which 3 acres are Grand Cru) In fact, until 1985, Chris held the distinction of being the only American to have ownership of a grand cru in Burgundy. (There are several more today though most are indirect). Chris became involved with the operations of the domaine in the early 1980’s.

Chris does not believe in over extraction and all his wines have a defined sense of elegance and grace. He bottles his wine unfined.

### REDS

Beaune \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.99

Beaune 1er Cru “Clos des Avaux” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$24.99

Beaune 1er Cru “Les Greves” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.99

Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00

Cotes de Beaune Rouge “La Grande Chatelaine” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.99

Mazy-Chambertin Grand Cru \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00

Pommard Vieilles Vignes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$24.99

### DOMAINE D’ARDHUY

This domaine is located in the village of Corgoloin. They have a really impressive roll-call of Cortons; five reds plus one Corton-Charlemagne (from three plots). Their nineteenth century house is situated in the middle of their most intriguing vineyard, the Clos des Langres Monopole; reputedly planted by the monks of Cîteaux around the tenth century.

### REDS

Cote De Nuits Villages “Clos Des Langres” \_\_\_\_\_ \$23.99

“A touch of reduction detracts mildly from the ripe, earth and serious dark fruit aromas and the intense earthiness continues onto the very rich and full-bodied flavors that possess a velvety mouth feel though the finish is distinctly firm. The depth here is unusually good and this is a flat out superb effort for what it is. Recommended. (88-90)/2012+” BH

### DIGIOIA ROYER

Michel Digioia is the sixth generation at this impeccably run, miniscule domaine (less than 5 hectares.) These archetypical Chambolles have class, finesse, power and definition. His first vintage was only 1999, when he took on the vines from his mother-in-law. The reason for the success of these lesser wines is the admirable age of his vines and that they are particularly well-sited.

### REDS

Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes \_\_\_\_\_ \$42.99

### DOMAINE HERESZTYN

Founded in 1959, this 11 hectares (27.17 acres) domaine, located in and around Gevrey-Chambertin, is now run by Stanislas, Bernard, Eva and Chantal Heresztyn, brothers and sister in laws. The estate has been a consistently fine producer in the area. The grapes are sorted in the vineyard and then further sorted and 100% destemmed in the cuverie prior to entering the fermentation vats. Based on the harvest, they use 45-50% new oak.

### REDS

Bourgogne Rouge \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.99

“The barest touch of wood frames very ripe and earthy red berry fruit that has a hint of animale that continues onto the rich, full and

round flavors supported by buried tannins on the impressively deep finish for a wine of this level. Good short-term potential here and recommended. (86-88)/2008+” BH

Gevey-Chambertin “Vielles Vignes” \_\_\_\_\_ \$37.99

“(from a mix of vines situated in Brochon that average 60+ years of age). A bit more wood that is noticeable if not intrusive combines with expressive aromas of violets, warm earth and dark berry fruits that merge into rich, full and much more serious flavors that possess excellent volume and a suave, round and mouth coating finish, all wrapped in a finish of outstanding length for a villages level wine. This is impressive and I particularly like the intensity and punch of the finale. Recommended. (88-91)/2012+”BH

Gevey-Chambertin 1er Cru “Les Goulots” \_\_\_\_\_ \$54.00

“(from a .55 ha parcel). An extremely fresh and rather cool and reserved nose of black and blue pinot and berry fruit aromas that evidences obvious mineral hints that also characterize the supple, textured and sweet medium weight flavors built on a base of stone, all wrapped in a racy, intense and persistent finish supported by a bit more acidity. (89-91)/2012+” BH

Gevey-Chambertin 1er Cru “La Perriere” \_\_\_\_\_ \$53.00

“As one would expect, this is more aromatically elegant and finer too with obvious mineral hints on the red pinot and violet-infused nose that dissolves into detailed and very fresh, even racy middle weight flavors that possess really lovely vibrancy and an underlying tension on the delineated and linear finish. This is a classy wine with terrific transparency. (89-92)/2013+”BH

Gevey-Chambertin 1er Cru “Les Corbeaux” \_\_\_\_\_ \$53.00

“Moderate reduction detracts moderately from the earthy and distinctly animale nose that is consistent with the big-bodied and broad-scaled flavors that are robust, well-muscled and equally textured flavors that are especially concentrated on the mouth coating finish. This won’t win any awards for elegance but it packs plenty of punch and ample Gevey character plus it offers fine depth. (89-92)/2013+” BH

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru “Les Millandes” \_\_\_\_\_ \$64.00

“This is very ripe but stops short of sumaturité with notes of violets, plum and subtle spice and earth notes leading to rich and full-bodied flavors that have a distinct mineral edge on the complex, punchy and naturally sweet finish that delivers superb length. This is harmonious and transparent with really lovely depth and should age very well. Recommended. (91-93)/2013+”BH

## DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES

Domaine Henri Gouges is arguably the most famous domaine in Nuits St. Georges. The Gouges family has been vineyard proprietors in Nuits for generations and proprietors of the current domaine since 1919. Today, Henri Gouges’ two grandsons, Christian and Pierre, own and manage the domaine. The domaine consists of 14.5 hectares of vineyards and includes holdings in 6 Nuits St. Georges 1er Crus.

Production is small, with demand invariably outstripping supply and consequently wines from this domaine are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

## REDS

Nuits-Saint-Georges \_\_\_\_\_ \$38.99

“(from 4 different parcels scattered above and below the 1ers and the blend of vines averages about 35 years of age). An unusually complex nose for a Nuits villages that displays a pretty mix of earthy red and black fruit plus spice and game hints that introduce rich, full and sweet flavors that culminate in a supple, forward and sappy finish. There is good balance with ample finishing drive. Excellent quality here. (87-90)/2012+” BH

Nuits-Saint-Georges “Chaînes Carteaux” \_\_\_\_\_ \$52.00

“(a 1 ha parcel of 55 year old vines and this has only been bottled since 1997; the soil here is a mix of clay and sand plus small stones). A classic Nuits nose of game, smoke and earthy dark fruit with underbrush and iron hints that continue onto the intensely earthy, rich and full-bodied flavors that offer good power and moderate but not pronounced rusticity on the long, structured and mouth coating finish. I like the concentration and the structure is coated in sap which confers a velvety quality onto the finish. This is not an elegant wine but it’s certainly serious and built to age. (89-91)/2015+” BH

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru “Clos des Porrets St. Georges” \_\_\_\_\_ \$61.00

“(a 3.5 ha monopole with 30+ year old vines). A more elegant mix of red, black, violet, earth, spice and game notes blends into extremely rich and full-bodied flavors that are dense, serious, concentrated, palate drenching and complex on the beautifully long finish. I quite like this as it offers buckets of character and excellent aging potential. (89-92)/2015+” BH

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru “Pruliers” \_\_\_\_\_ \$61.00

“(a 2 ha parcel with a mix of 80% 75 year old vines and the remainder of 15 to 20 year old vines). This is a bit finer with more emphasis on spice and mineral-infused earth notes that can also be found on the complex and classic Nuits flavors that are at once robust but not really rustic, all wrapped in a sappy, dense and equally serious finish that offers outstanding length. This too possess terrific aging potential and is recommended. (90-92)/2015+” BH

## DOMAINE MONGEARD-MUGNERET

Vincent Mongeard told me in no uncertain terms that “2005 is the best vintage that I have ever vinified and I have been doing this for a while now and seen my share of impressive vintages, including 1985, 1990, 1993, 1999 and 2002. In my view, it’s no context, 2005 is superior to all of them. What sets the vintage apart in my view is not only the great raw material but the perfect balance that will enable these wines to age effortlessly. It was an easy growing season where save for a bit of hail in Echézeaux and certain parcels of Vosne, nothing went wrong. There was a bit of triage work but really very little and as such, yields were about normal. Sugars came in on average at around 13% and other than to prolong a few fermentations, I didn’t chaptalize at all. The malos finished late but the lees were so clean that I still have not racked the wines. I’ll probably begin the bottling in January and continue until the grands crus are ready in May.” BH

**REDS**

2005 Fixin \_\_\_\_\_ \$27.99

“A subtle touch of wood spice frames pretty red and blue fruit aromas that are surprisingly elegant and pure for the appellation, leading to earthy and sweet middle weight flavors that are also unusually refined for what this is and wrapped in a moderately austere but not aggressive finish. Recommended for an “under the radar” ‘05. (87-89)/2011+” BH

2005 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru “Les Orveaux” \_\_\_\_\_ \$49.99

“A cool mix of red berry and anise, clove and cinnamon suffused nose leads to sweet, round and not especially concentrated if really quite pretty flavors that are balanced and punchy, supported by a firm but fine tannins on the nicely persistent finish. Good if not distinguished. (87-90)/2012+” BH

2005 Echézeaux Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$69.00

“(from the climats of Echézeaux du Dessus and Les Treux and 75% new oak). Much better and more complete wood integration allows the beautifully spicy and warm-earth nuanced black fruit nose to complement perfectly the rich, full and well-muscled flavors that border on the robust on the concentrated, intense and palate drenching flavors. This is not a wine of great finesse but there is good balance and excellent length here. (90-92)/2013+” BH

2005 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$111.00

“A stylish and very classy nose of smoke, anise, clove and a hint of cola on the almost completely black fruit aromas introduce supple and sweet flavors that are almost lacy on the mid-palate yet build with swift intensity to a focused, powerful and intense finish that is all silk and velvet. This is a classic example of power and muscle without weight and should prove to be a 20 year effort. (91-94)/2015+” BH

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.99

Bourgogne Rouge \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.99

Savigny-les-Beaune \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$27.99

Savigny-les-Beaune 1er Cru “Les Narbantons” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$31.99

**J.M. BOILLOT**

**REDS**

Volnay \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.99

“Full medium ruby. Blackberry and dark chocolate on the nose. Lush and enveloping in the mouth, with concentrated, slightly medicinal dark fruit and chocolate flavors displaying good energy. A bit youthfully austere for village wine, currently showing less obvious sweetness than the Pommard.” 87-89 ST

Pommard 1er Cru “Jarollières” \_\_\_\_\_ \$51.00

“Medium ruby-red. Deep, complex nose melds black raspberry, smoke, minerals, meat, tobacco and brown spices. Rich, dense and broad, with the pliancy of texture shown by the better 2005s. Broad, chocolatey, ripely tannic finish really coats the palate. As with Boillot’s Rugiens, these vines are nearly 70 years old-and the soil features “more red clay than Rugiens,” according to Boillot.” 90-93 ST

Volnay 1er Cru “Pitures” \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

“Good deep ruby-red. Wild raspberry, mint and smoke on the nose. Supple, sweet and solid; less open than the Saucilles but there’s plenty of material here. The tannins arrive late and saturate the tongue. Reserved now, and a bit less elegant than the Saucilles, despite the fact that this is Volnay.” 89-91 ST

**BERNARD MOREY**

Bernard owns 15 hectares of vineyard spread over the Chassagne-Montrachet and Santenay appellations. He is a cheerful, reflective winemaker who is not afraid to embrace modernity and harness it in tandem with tradition to produce beautifully balanced wines that are racy, pure and refined. Bernard’s sons, Thomas and Vincent, are now working in partnership with their father. He fashions upfront, juicy, succulently-styled wines that tend to drink gorgeously during their first 5-7 years of life.

**REDS**

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge Vieilles Vignes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.99

Maranges 1er Cru la Fussièrre \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.99

Santenay 1er Cru Grand Clos Rousseau \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.99

Santenay Rouge Vieilles Vignes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.99

**DOMAINE THIERRY & PASCALE MATROT**

The Matrot domaine is one of the oldest estate-bottlers in Burgundy and one of the largest and most important properties in Meursault. Thierry Matrot is in charge of vinification, and both he and his father, Pierre, tend to the vineyards. The domaine farms about 3/4 of its 45 acres. The red wines are 60-100% destemmed, according to the vintage, and vatted for six to ten days in enameled steel. Fermentation is in small French oak, never using new wood.

**REDS**

Meursault Rouge \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

Volnay-Santenots 1er Cru \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.99

Blagny Rouge 1er Cru la Piece Sous le Bois \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.99

**VINCENT GIRARDIN**

Vincent Girardin combines running a Domaine with a flourishing micro-négociant business. The Domaine itself is now based in Meursault (it moved from Santenay in 2002). For the négociant business, Vincent buys fruit (never juice or wine) from old-vine parcels up and down the Cote de Nuits and Cote de Beaune. His vineyard selections are meticulous and he has amassed some highly prized vineyard parcels himself recently. He uses less oak nowadays, around 30%, and is increasingly using the larger puncheons rather than the traditional barriques so as to reduce oak dominance. He is making 50% less wine than he was 5 years ago when he admits to having lost some focus. His wines are clean, modern and fruit driven in style, yet still reflect their terroir. There is no fining and filtering.

**REDS**

Bonnes Mares Grand Cru \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$221.00

Bourgogne Rouge Cuvee Saint-Vincent Pinot Noir ~ Stelvin \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.99

Chambolle-Musigny Villages Vieilles Vignes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.99

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$112.00

“Bright medium ruby. Cool, reserved aromas of red cherry, flowers, brown spices and minerals; this is rather Chambertin-like. Dense, suave and deep, with ripe acids and enticing floral character. But this still needs more elevation and definition. Finishes quite broad, with a fine dusting of tannins and noteworthy aromatic persistence. Very promising wine, best today on the nose and aftertaste.” 91-94ST

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$134.00

“Bright ruby-red. Scented aromas of black raspberry, rose petal, minerals, licorice and blood orange. Racy and light on its feet; not a dense style of Clos Vougeot but quite refined and perfumed. Finishes with very suave tannins and subtle aromatic persistence. I like this!” 91-94ST

Corton Perrieres Grand Cru \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$57.00

Corton Renardes Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$62.00

“Bright ruby-red. Highly aromatic nose combines redcurrant, tobacco, dried flowers, spices and iron. Offers more mid-palate precision and verve than the Bressandes, with redder fruits and attractive floral lift. A bit less stiff today. Finishes with dusty, ripe tannins. Despite the rather soft extraction he did, Girardin says that all of these wines still need further “refining” in barrel. He finds them quite reserved today but still believes that 2005 will be a vin de plaisir.” 90-93ST

Echézeaux Grand Cru \_\_\_\_\_ \$112.00

“Good medium ruby. Expressive aromas of black raspberry, minerals, game, tobacco and smoke, lifted by a floral topnote. Sweet black fruit flavors show good definition but offer less lift than the Suchots today. This is more stern and tannic-and a bit high-toned on the back.” 89-92ST

Emotion de Terroirs Pinot Noir ~ Stelvin \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.99

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$34.99

Pommard “Vignots” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$32.99

Pommard 1er Cru “Les Grand Epenots” Vieilles Vignes \_\_\_\_\_ \$52.99

“Bright ruby-red. Wild black raspberry, smoked meat and a minty nuance on the nose. Sweet on entry, but less expressive than the Greves, in a tougher, more solid style. But then this is Pommard. Finishes with broad, dusty tannins.” 88-90 ST

Puligny-Montrachet Villages Rouge \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

Santenay 1er Cru “Comme” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$23.99

Santenay 1er Cru “Gravières” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

Santenay 1er Cru Cru “Maladière” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$23.99

Santenay Villages “Charmes” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.99

Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru “Les Serpentières” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru “Vergelesses” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

Volnay 1er Cru “Les Caillerets” \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.99

“Bright ruby-red. Wild aromas of black fruits and meat. Sweet, lush and fine-grained, with slightly clenched flavors of black fruits, dark chocolate and menthol. Finishes with fine-grained tannins and good chocolate persistence. Today this shows more verve than the Santenots.” 88-91 ST

Volnay 1er Cru “Les Santenots” \_\_\_\_\_ \$39.99

“Good deep ruby-red. Very ripe aromas of black fruits, chocolate and wild herbs. Sweet and chocolatey but with good life in the mouth. Very ripe suggestion of blackberry. Finishes with substantial chewy tannins and notes of black cherry and chocolate. Only faint suggestions of damp earth and surmaturite tempered my enthusiasm.” 87-89 ST

Volnay Villages Vieilles Vignes \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.99

Vosne-Romanée Villages \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.99

**DOMAINE BRUNO CLAIR**

Born out of the old the Clair-Dau estate, Bruno Clair’s domaine in the Côte d’Or covers nine appellations in total. Bruno, first and foremost, is a vigneron and, with the help of winemaker Philippe Brun, produces some of Burgundy’s purest examples, adopting an approach that involves back-breaking vineyard work and minimal intervention winemaking, using a mixture of large old wooden foudres and smaller barriques for the long slow ageing process.

**REDS**

Chambolle-Musigny “Les Véroilles” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$42.99

Marsannay “Les Grasses Têtes” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

Marsannay “Les Longeroies” \_\_\_\_\_ \$26.99

“Good deep red. Perfumed aromas of black and red cherry and licorice. Dense and sweet but juicy, with lovely purity and definition to the dark cherry and chocolate flavors. Substantial tannins are more successfully buffered than those of the Marsannay Les Grasses-Tetes that preceded it. Finishes with good length.” 87-89ST

Marsannay “Les Vaudenelles” \* \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.99

Savigny-les-Beaune 1er Cru “La Dominode” \_\_\_\_\_ \$59.00

“Good medium ruby-red. Sappy berries and dark cherry on the nose, complicated by licorice, herbs and minerals. Juicy and tightly wound, dominated by its firm acid spine today; this has not recovered from its racking two weeks before my visit. But this firmly tannic wine possesses very good aromatic lift. (I rated this wine ahead of the Chambolle-Musigny; Vosne-Romanée and Gevrey-Chambertin village wines here, although the latter two showed solid 86-89 potential.)” 88-91ST