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Burgundy 2017 *en primeur* and beyond Burgundy: pre-shipping offer from Hoddles Creek in Victoria

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2017 Burgundy en primeur

The Weather

After years of catastrophic climatic events resulting in reduced production, 2017 was the year of plenty. The mood in Burgundy was very different on last month's visit as, on top of good quality, winemakers finally have wine to sell. For many, it was the first normal vintage in terms of yields since 2009, another year of both quality and quantity.

2016 saw the most damaging frost in a generation and history very nearly repeated itself in 2017. A very mild end of winter encouraged vine growth and in late April the forecast was bleak, threatening the low temperatures which can cause extensive frost damage. But the winemakers were more prepared and were determined to defend their vines. All along the Côte hundreds decided to lay bales of straw at the bottom of their vineyards and set them alight before sunrise creating a thick banquet of smoke, thus protecting the vines from the burning sun. François Lequin was amongst those who decided to use helicopters to circulate air in the vineyards, preventing the frost from settling. This might seem extravagant, but François likes to fly and the cost was nothing in comparison to what he lost financially in 2016. Possibly all of this saved the crop; or alternatively, as was suggested to me, the temperature went to within half a degree of causing frost damage but no lower.

The spring was warm and the vines grew vigorously in the regions affected by the frost the previous year. It is well documented that, providing the conditions are correct, a vine will bounce back a year after a very small harvest. This can result in abnormally high yields; causing a challenge, especially for red wine, as productivity is often the enemy of quality. Some conscientious winemakers chose to increase green harvesting in 2017, thus maintaining a sustainable number of bunches on the vine in order to achieve full ripeness. This was the case for Guillaume Guiton and Agnes Paquet. It is hard to imagine producers cutting off healthy fruit after successive small crops, but it can be the price of quality. July and August were warm and mostly dry with just the right amount of rain and nights cool enough to retain acidity. It was a perfectly easy year for the vines and picking began early in September. The fruit harvested was very healthy and plentiful.

The Wines

After two very successful if different vintages, 2017 should once again be considered as very good. The reds are a little lighter than in the previous two vintages and they are also softer than 2014. The wines are very open and perfumed, and should deliver great pleasure for early drinking. The tannins are ripe and the wines are aromatic and charming. As is often the case, the further you go up the ladder and the less you find a vintage effect. In other words, generic appellations and village wines can be enjoyed young and on the fruit and Premier and Grand Crus will last over time. Whites are in general very convincing, with levels of acidity not seen since 2014, promising to make them long-lived.

Prices and Availability

As mentioned above, availability should not be an issue. Worldwide demand will still be pretty high for such a small region, but the quantities available are far higher than they have been in the last decade. Therefore, prices ex cellar are in general pretty stable. In some white appellations with very high demand prices ex cellars might have risen but they have fallen with other producers across the range or in certain appellations. So in this list some Grand Crus and 1er Crus are going down while some generic and village wines are slightly up.

François Dupont - December 2018



Tasting with Winemakers, Wines for Now and the Future

Wednesday 9th January 5.00pm-8.30pm

The Courtyard (Ground floor), The Guildhall, Winchester, SO23 9GH

Join us at the Guildhall for a showcase of the superb 2017 vintage in Burgundy and the Rhône along with older wines presented by their own makers. Whilst we can't absolutely confirm their presence we are hoping to bring to you these winemakers from Burgundy and the Rhône.

- Agnes Paquet will be pouring her great value Auxey-Duresses and her white Saint-Aubin 1er Cru and Chassagne-Montrachet, the latter two new to our list
- Jean-Marie Chaland will be showing his superb organic and biodynamic Mâcon-Villages and Viré-Clessés.
- Jean-Baptiste Clair will present his extensive range of white Côte de Beaune from Santenay to top Saint-Aubin 1er crus and his great value reds from the rare Saint-Aubin 1er Cru to the most sought after Santenay.
- Yves-Jean Houser from Domaine des Amadieu, our rising biodynamic star, will be pouring his white and red Cairanne, so well-reviewed by the wine critics in recent vintages.

They will bring with them samples of the 2017 vintage but you will also be able to taste and buy - at discounted prices - current vintages from our warehouse stock.

In addition we will be presenting (and not exclusively):

- The amazing range of Domaine Faiveley - from monopoles in the Côte Chalonnaise to their famous 1er and Grand Crus from the Côte de Nuits.
- Splendid biodynamic wines from Domaine Huber-Verdereau, poured for the first time in the UK.
- Beyond Burgundy - the top Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs of Hoddles Creek in the Yarra Valley.

We will be charging **£30 a head** for the tasting, but you will walk away with the Jancis Robinson wine glass you will use at the tasting. (This has a retail price of £35, so we are almost paying you to come!). In addition all the wines will be available to buy discounted or *en primeur*, the latter with a great discount on future list prices.

Booking your place is essential. Please let us know if you are planning to attend, by calling us on 01962 712351 or via email to sales@stonevine.co.uk. Tickets are also available to buy online.

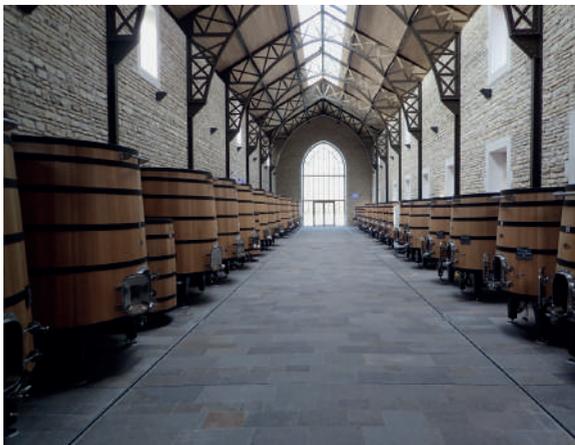
Côte de Nuits

Domaine Fourier, Gevrey-Chambertin & Sylvain Cathiard, Vosne-Romanée

We will receive an allocation from both Jean-Marie Fourier and Sylvain Cathiard. Please register your interest if you want to hear from us later this year when we will be allocating them.

Domaine Faiveley, Nuits-Saint-Georges

Domaine Faiveley is one of the real movers and shakers in Burgundy now. Established in 1825, this family owned domaine is controlled by seventh generation Erwan Faiveley. Continuing to acquire some highly sought after plots, Faiveley is one of the grandest vineyard holders in Burgundy, producing an extraordinary array of wines.



Under Erwan the domaine has been completely transformed: in terms of infrastructure with the construction of an impressive winery in Nuits-Saint-Georges; and in winemaking with the appointment of Jérôme Flous. Jérôme has quietly changed the whole profile of the reds from long term keepers, which could be closed when young, to wines which give great pleasure in their youth as well. This great domaine has changed its standing, making wines which attract great reviews and which seem to improve every year. We are lucky to get an allocation of their much sought after Grand Crus. This year we introduce the Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru La Combe Aux Moines and we also offer magnums of Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers.

White

Rully, Les Villeranges

Case £147.00 Code FAJ417

This wine, all raised in tank for 11 months on its lees, offers good value Chardonnay with the bite you only expect from Burgundy. Tank sample. Bright and incisive, with an attractive floral character. So well-crafted. Now-2021

Mercrey Blanc, Clos Rochette

Case £162.00 Code FAJ117

From a monopole vineyard between Mercrey and neighbouring Rully. The grapes are pressed and vinified in Faiveley's local cellar to maintain freshness. Just over half is barrel fermented, (25% new oak), and the rest is raised in tank. Lively with grapefruit and pears and a hint of honey. This is ripe and attractively wrapped in toasty oak. Now-2022

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Champs Gains

Case of 6 bottles £273.00 Code FAJ317

Situated next to the hill of Mont-Rachet. From barrel. Intense nose with hint of orange peel. Explosive start, a mouthful of ripe lemon, with good concentration and fat leading to a finish with notes of lime. Racy. 2021-2027

Red

Mercrey Rouge, La Framboisière

Case £189.00 Code FAJ617

Just south of Clos Rochette on argilo-calcaire soils, this is another of the domaine's wholly owned (*monopole*) vineyards. Some whole bunch fermentation and 20% new oak barrel. Lifted aromas. Lovely cherry fruit, very ripe and with an attractive freshness on the finish. Moreish. 2020-2024

Blagny 1er Cru, La Pièce Sous les Bois

Case of 6 bottles £114.00 Code FAJ617B
(bottled under the Joseph Faiveley label)

Blagny is red wine produced within the Meursault appellation. One of our favourite Faiveley wines for *qualité / prix*. Soft colour. Very open. Melting red fruit, with a very pretty wild strawberry flavour. Supple - will drink well soon. Now-2025

Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Case £306.00 Code: FAJ517

From new barrel. Very open nose. Luscious red fruited palate with a silky texture backed by soft tannins. Light, fresh and *Très gourmand* this year. 2020-2025

Beaune 1er Cru, Clos de l'Ecu

Case of 6 bottles £162.00 Code FAJ717B

A south facing monopole vineyard situated above Les Cents Vignes. From new barrel. Intense spicy nose. Rich palate mixing back and red cherries with a sweet vanilla accent from the oak. Opulent and extrovert. 2020-2024

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru, La Combe aux Moines

Case of 6 bottles £264.00 Code: FAJ817

Wine from a famed vineyard at a very fair price. Ripe and generous perfume; perfectly anticipating a full-flavoured mouthful of plump red fruit, fresh and crunchy, with good bite and structure. Very complete and should keep very well. 2021-2026

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru, Les Cazetiers

Case of 6 bottles £330.00 Code: FAJ717

Case of 3 Magnums £336.00 Code: FAJ717MAG

Les Cazetiers, reaching 370m., is one of the highest plots in Burgundy. Tucked in between La Combe aux Moines and Clos St. Jacques it's a flagship wine at Faiveley. From new barrel. Intense cherry and raspberry aromas lead to a black fruited and fleshy palate with a touch of sweet spice. Layered and powerful, this is typical Les Cazetiers, very complete. 2022-2032

Corton, Clos des Cortons Faiveley, Grand Cru

Case of 6 bottles £690.00 Code FAJ917

The story of how the Domaine Faiveley managed to add their name to a grand cru is rather ironic. The president of the Corton syndicate was unhappy with the name Clos des Cortons, solely owned by Faiveley since 1864. He thought that it made it sound like Faiveley owned the whole of Corton Grand Cru so he brought the matter to justice. The court settled it in 1930 by adding the surname Faiveley to it, much to the joy of the family. From new barrel. Glorious red fruit, sweet and slightly gamey. Dense texture and very ripe fruit, delivering drama without compromising on elegance. Beautiful. 2024-2034

Mazis Chambertin, Grand Cru

Case of 6 bottles £840.00 Code FAJ017

The northernmost Grand Cru in the Côte de Nuits always produces deep and seductive wines. From new barrel. Gorgeous red fruit, ripe and fleshy, layered and zesty, lots of freshness here and the finish is so long. Feather light and densely flavoured at the same time, thought provoking. 2022-2030



Côte de Beaune

Agnès Paquet, Meloisey

This will be the fifth vintage to be shipped from Agnès Paquet. Most of her vines lie in the Auxey-Duresses appellation, and it is here that she is carving a reputation for consistently producing wine of tremendous value. Her white has attracted favourable reviews in both Decanter magazine and jancisrobinson.com in the last few years. The price of Auxey-Duresses may increase soon, in a process not dissimilar to St Aubin: i.e. a great place to find underpriced white wine in an appellation adjoining a famous neighbour, St Aubin next to Chassagne and Auxey Duresses just above Meursault. Already we are witnessing some pressure on prices.

The house style here is to let the wine express itself without too much intervention in the cellar; whole bunch pressing and no lees stirring in order to achieve wines with a linear structure. After a succession of small harvests and reduced allocations, for the first time in the 2017 vintage we can introduce two new whites. Agnes's St Aubin always shows backbone and purity; and her Chassagne-Montrachet is concentrated and comparable with 1er Cru quality. All wines here were tasted from tank prior to bottling.

Auxey-Duresses Blanc

Case £213.00 Code PAQ217

From the oldest plot of vines on the estate, averaging 85 years of age. Matured in oak for 12 months, 15% new. Nose really expressive with a floral note. Showing backbone this year, good concentration and silky texture with hints of honey in the background. Precise and well balanced. Now-2024

Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er Cru, Les Perrières

Case £315.00 Code PAQ317

The name of this 1er cru comes from *pierres* for stone in French; lying on an old quarry, the soil is very calcareous. 12 months in oak, 30% new. Fragrant nose gives place to a concentrated palate, linear and full of zest. Stony and long, no hurry to drink. 2020-2026

Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Battaudes

Case £369.00 Code PAQ417

Close to Morgeot, the lieu dit *Les Battaudes* has a greater proportion of clay, resulting in richer wines. 12 months in oak, 30% new. Intense aromas of citrus and honey. Rounder and more concentrated than the Saint-Aubin without losing Agnes's style; restrained and attractively textured. Now-2024

Auxey-Duresses Rouge

Case £213.00 Code PAQ617

From two parcels, one of 50 years of age and one planted in 2000. Matured in oak for 12 months, 15% new. Good transparency, red fruited, light and mildly savoury, still firm at the moment but all is in place. 2020- 2025



Domaine Jean Guiton, Bligny Les Beaune

What a pleasure to finally step into a full cellar at Domaine Jean Guiton. After years affected by hail or frost, 2017 was the first normal vintage in terms of quantities since 2009. Some of you might have spotted the domaine's name in the wine press. The Pinot Noir was wine of the week on jancisrobinson.com last January, only a few days after all the team

had tried countless wines during "Bourgogne Week". That is as good an endorsement as you can get.

Since Guillaume Guiton took over the family domaine in 2005 he has hugely increased quality; he believes in minimal intervention, uses indigenous yeast, doesn't fine his reds and only gives a gentle filtration to the first two wines in this selection. His motto is that a wine should be balanced from the start and this makes selection a very difficult process when tasting in his cellar.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Case £129.00 Code GUI117

From four parcels, two in Bligny and two between Bligny and Pommard, given 12 months in barrel, second or third fill. Already bottled. Good Pinot aromatics. Light and crunchy red fruit backed by ripe tannins. Already quite open, no need to wait to deliver pleasure. End of 2019-2023

Savigny Les Beaune

Case £189.00 Code GUI217

Aged in oak for 12 months, 20% new, half being raised in 600 litres *demi-muids* conferring less oak influence. Gorgeous red fruit here, far more density than the Bourgogne Pinot Noir. Ripe and charming, open and ready. End of 2019-2024

Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru, Les Hauts Jarrons

Case £237.00 Code GUI317

From old vines first planted 60 years ago on a well drained steep slope, east-facing and very close to Beaune, this is given 14 months in barrel, about 25% new. From barrel. Aromatic nose. Good density, juicy and savoury, more serious than the village. All cherry, classic Burgundy. Very long. 2020-2026

Beaune 1er Cru, Les Sizies

Case £261.00 Code GUI517

13 months in barrels, 20% new. After only a week in tank, this is already very expressive, with fresh cherries and raspberry. Lovely purity, black fruited accent too, so much fruit on the mid-palate along with soft tannins, an extrovert. 2020-2026

Volnay, Les Petits Poisots

Case £270.00 Code GUI717

From soils with a high proportion of clay, this is always rich and opulent. From barrel. The most powerful wine in the cellar, rather atypical Volnay. The dense black fruited mid-palate leads to an impression of power on the finish. Good keeping potential. 2020-2026

Pommard

Case £330.00 Code GUI917

From three plots - Rue au Port, En Mareau and Les Vignots - situated on either side of the village with different soil and exposure, conferring a distinctive complexity. From barrel. Red fruited and juicy with a savoury edge and a good density. Manages to combine finesse and power. Complete and long. 2020-2026



Domaine Huber-Verdereau, Meursault

A few years ago I asked a local with a deep knowledge of the Côte de Beaune, which young winemaker's wines were worth exploring. I was tipped to try the wines made by Thiébault Huber. Not that we are discriminating against maturity, but we find that when you look for value, seeking youth is usually a better bet in Burgundy. I bought a few bottles and forgot about it until a few months ago, when we opened a Monthélie 2014 in the office. We were amazed by the texture and purity of the wine along with a savoury touch, especially when compared to many 2014s at the moment. It was time to get on my bike to try and meet him.

When Thiébault's maternal grandfather Raoul Verdereau retired in 1974, his family decided to keep his 3 hectares of vines but not farm them. Thiébault, born and raised in Alsace, became a sommelier, and in 1990 he decided the family vineyard could be better tended, and saw the opportunity to create his domaine and fulfil his love of wine. He moved to Burgundy and worked with his cousin, the highly rated Jean-Marc Bouley, to learn the trade. Thiébault's first vintage at Domaine Huber-Verdereau was in 1994. He was always driven to work in the vines as naturally as possible and began working organically to achieve certification in 2001. Wanting to go further he began working with the late Pierre Mason, one of the most respected figures in biodynamic agriculture, and by 2005 his whole estate was certified biodynamic.

After a few years juggling between his small house in Volnay and another two rented ones, Thiébault decided to buy a plot in 2010 to build a winery in Meursault; his first vintage here was in 2016. It was the last and the worst of a series of catastrophic vintages in terms of yields due to hail and frost. His estate, now covering 9 hectares, produced 60hl. in 2016 and, thankfully, a much healthier 360hl. in 2017.

In terms of work in the cellar, Thiébault has a gentle touch, using 350 and 500 litre barrels, minimum sulphur and no lees stirring. He vinifies and bottles separately wines coming from each parcel, to try and express each *terroir*. His whites are precise and his reds are wonderful expressions of Pinot Noir, showing lovely red fruit and silky texture. All the wines below are certified organic and biodynamic.

White

Bourgogne Blanc, Pré aux dames

Case £162.00 Code HUB117

Raised on lees in 500 and 350l barrels. Inviting nose, fragrant and fresh, leads to a rich palate with accent of pears and honey, aromatic and precise. Now-2021

Meursault, En Dressolles

Case £342.00 Code HUB217

From vines planted in 1957, raised in 228 litres pieces, a third new. Tasted from barrel. Ripe pear aromas with toasty notes. Rich and broad palate with so much citrusy freshness, a silky texture and hint of nuts. With no lees stirring, Thiébauld delivers a modern view of Meursault, featherlight and elegant. Now-2024

Red

Bourgogne Rouge, Les Grandes Gouttes

Case £162.00 Code HUB517

From vines planted in the 80s raised in 228 litres pieces, 25% new. Fragrant nose with aromas of raspberry. The same joyful red fruit on the palate, fleshy and silky. A classy Bourgogne rouge. 2020-2023

Monthélie, La Combe Danay

Case £222.00 Code HUB617

From vines planted in 1981, the plot is quite exposed and therefore late ripening. Lovely nose all cherry with a savoury edge. The palate is consistent, light and all red fruited with a raspberry accent and backed by ripe tannins. Gentle and elegant. 2020-2024

Volnay, Les Robardelles

Case £342.00 Code HUB717

Vines planted in 1946 in the lower part lieu-dit les Robardelles, near Meursault. Note only the vines on the higher part of this *climat* qualifies as 1er cru. 30% whole bunch fermentation. Lovely purity of fruit, lots of cherry, silky and aromatic leading to a persistent and fresh finish. 2020-2025

Volnay 1er Cru, Les Fremiets

Case of 6 bottles £237.00 Code HUB817

Vines planted in 1984 in this sought after 1er cru, *un terroir très solaire*, sheltered and which attracts the morning sun. The soil is orange here, rich in iron oxide. More structured than the village it manages to combine power and elegance with lots of red fruit and flesh backed by soft tannins. Long and complete. 2020-2026

Pommard 1er Cru, Les Bertins

Case of 6 bottles £237.00 Code HUB917

Vines planted in 1955 by Thiébauld's grandfather. This 1er cru on the slopes a little below Les Rugiens to the south of the village is known to produce amongst the most feminine wines in the appellation. Includes 30% whole bunch fermentation. Unusually for Pommard, this has an amazing transparency. Gorgeous red fruit with savoury notes, fleshy, this is powerful and elegant. The final is all cherry and long. Fine wine. 2020-2028



Françoise & Denis Clair, Santenay

Jean-Baptiste is now solely in charge of the domaine created by the late Denis Clair. He has always been more technically minded than his father and the wines have gradually reflected his growing influence in the cellar over the years. The domaine has 15 hectares producing about 2/3 red wine and 1/3 white in the appellations of Santenay and St Aubin. They both represent great value in the Côte de Beaune. The domaine is one of few still offering a red Saint-Aubin, and Jean-Baptiste is so far resisting the temptation to convert his land to Chardonnay, which would offer

greater yields and higher prices. This year we introduce a red Santenay, from the most sought after and age worthy 1er cru, le Clos de Tavannes.

White

Santenay Blanc

Case £198.00 Code CLB117

Little white Santenay is made but it is becoming increasingly popular amongst drinkers seeking a generous style of white Côte de Beaune; here the clay soils give real body. Open and generous fruit leads to a textured palate, lovely richness here. Now-2023

Saint-Aubin Blanc

Case £198.00 Code CLB217

From a very calcareous site, and given 10-15% new oak. Open aromas of ripe citrus, altogether more nervy than the Santenay, textured and not lacking bite. 2020-2024

Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er Cru, Champlots

Case £255.00 Code CLB317

Champlots lies on a south west facing slope above the hamlet of Gamay with calcareous soils that imbue its wines with a definite mineral edge. 15% new oak. Lots of fruit and brilliant intensity leads to a stony finish. 2020-2024

Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er Cru, Sous Roche Dumay

Case £273.00 Code CLB517

Last year's addition to our offer, this sold very well at our tasting in January. Sous Roche Dumay is well sited between Champlots and Murgers des Dents de Chien; Jean-Baptiste's vines are along the border with the latter. Richer and more extrovert than the Champlot this is well balanced and as Jean-Baptiste suggests *très gourmand*. 2020-2024

Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er Cru, Les Murgers des Dents de Chien

Case £336.00 Code CLB417

Sited on the rocky slopes above the Montrachets, this is rightly considered one of the two top Premier Crus in the village. Nose is quite closed now but so much zest on the palate, lots of tension and backbone. Intense and fresh, this needs time but has everything to blossom. 2021-2025

Red

Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge

Case £126.00 Code CLB617

An AOC which is always a reliable source of good value Pinot. Red fruited and light with soft tannins and crunchy texture, no rough edges, uncomplicated and easy to like. 2020-2023

Saint-Aubin Rouge 1er Cru, Sur le Sentier du Clou

Case £198.00 Code CLB817

From 45-year-old vines on a south facing slope. Sadly the economics will make this already rare and good value 1er cru disappear as white wine fetches better prices here. Intense cherry aromas, very gentle palate with refreshing acidity and soft tannins. 2020-2025

Santenay 1er Cru, Clos de Tavannes

Case £276.00 Code CLB717

This is the first time we offer the top red from this cellar. The Clos de Tavannes is widely considered to produce the best and longest-lived wines in Santenay. The nose is quite closed at the moment. Broad, with black fruit and cinnamon along a rich texture. So much flesh and savoury notes on the finish. Complex, long and has plenty to give in the future. 2021-2027



René Lequin-Colin, Santenay

Anyone lucky enough to attend François Lequin's tutored tasting at our Chardomaniac-Pinotpath event last May in London saw a master in total command of his art. We began working with him for the 2000 vintage and have seen him grow in confidence and stature. We work principally with his white wines from an amazing range of vineyards: Bourgogne Chardonnay to Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru.

François's wines represent value across the range. Both the Bourgogne Chardonnay Back to the Roots 2016

and his Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2015 were featured twice by Jancis Robinson MW in the Financial Times weekend magazine; first in an article about seeking value in Burgundy and again as festive wines in December.

Although not shown on the label, (François chooses not to use organic cultivation as a marketing tool) all the wines are organically certified.

White

Bourgogne Chardonnay

Case £102.00 Code LEQ817

From fruit grown in vineyards close to the village of Santenay, this is fermented 50% in tank and 50% in barrel, with 10% new oak, bottled under screw cap. Classic Bourgogne Chardonnay, citrusy with hints of almonds, the fruit is ripe and generous. Good value. Now-2021

Bourgogne Chardonnay Back to the Roots

Case £132.00 Code LEQ517

All in barrel, 10% new. One of our benchmark whites now, comparable in quality to many village wines. Deep colour, Broad and ripe and buttery, this is fatter and more open than usual. Will procure pleasure straight away. Now-2021

Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Charrières

Case £270.00 Code LEQ117

The fruit comes from very old, low yielding vines located 100 metres below the Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru; around 25% new oak is used. After a frost affected year we are happy to be able to offer this classic of our range again. Open nose leads to a fruit dominated palate with notes of apple. Buttery richness is cut by refreshing acidity. Well balanced and such good value. 2019-2025

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Caillerets

Case of 6 bottles £186.00 Code LEQ317

The name of this 1er cru originates from "*cailloux*"; its calcareous soil is full of stones and known to produce wine with a steely elegance. Fragrant nose, with citrus and smoky notes, good mouthful, textured with a stony finish. This is very open and already singing. 2020-2025

Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru

Case of 6 bottles £342.00 Code LEQ017

South facing, high on the hill overlooking Aloxe-Corton, "*un terroir très solaire*". Good intensity on the nose. Lovely ripeness of fruit with a nutty character, very long, the ripe lemon lingers on. 2020-2026

Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Case of 6 bottles £594.00 Code LEQ917

From one of the most famous plots of white wine in the world. François uses 40% new oak and the traditional “*elevage sur lie*”, often used to extract the most flavours out of this extraordinary wine. Nose more open than the Corton. Concentrated nectar, with lovely fruit definition and exotic notes, fat and extrovert with a long finish. 2021-2027

Red

Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Case £102.00 Code LEQ617

All the wine goes into barrel but only 10% new. Bottled under screw cap, this wine is all about fruit. Bright fruit, all cherry and raspberry, light and crunchy with ripe tannins. Now-2022

Santenay Rouge, 1er Cru, La Comme

Case £177.00 Code LEQ717

From a very well-sited south-east facing 1er Cru on the border with Chassagne-Montrachet. Lovely mouthful with black fruit accents, rich and spicy but with a good freshness on the persistent finish. Santenay 1er cru can offer very good value indeed. 2020-2025



Mâconnais

Domaine Sainte Barbe, Viré

We have been working with Jean-Marie Chaland's family since the 2002 vintage, selling his Mâcon-Villages and Viré-Clessé to good homes and discerning sommeliers but this is the first time we are featuring his wines in our *en primeur* offer. We feel that

the Mâconnais is source of some of the best value whites in Burgundy and the wines from both estates featured in this list should be enjoyed by our customers for their generosity and balance.

Balance is the key. It is not difficult to ripen grapes in the area but it is an art to deliver wines with freshness and poise. Jean-Marie is a young determined winemaker tending just over 9 hectares of vines on 23 plots clustered around Viré and Montbellet. All the wines have been organically certified since 2003 and furthermore, all vines

are tended biodynamically without certification. The differences in specifications between the two main certification organisations Demeter and Biodyvin are proving a stumbling block for him, and he is perfectly happy to follow the principles without undergoing the Herculean task of certification.

Notable here is the age of the vines, with 75% between 50 and 100 years old. Undoubtedly this shows in the quality and lovely texture of his wines. We offer what we consider our top of the range Mâcon-Villages, and two Viré-Clessés.

Mâcon-Villages, Les Tilles

Case £117.00 Code SAB117

From a small half a hectare parcel, on clay and limestone planted in the late 60s. We often wondered how a wine raised in tank showed such complexity; Jean-Marie tells me that 5% goes into large barrels - not enough to change the profile of the wine. Delivering ripeness and salinity on the nose and showing so much complexity for a Mâcon; with a mouthful of grapefruit and apple, silky and poised. Now-2021

Viré-Clessé, Les Chazelles, Vieilles Vignes

Case £129.00 Code CHZ117

From a two hectares sheltered plot on limestone, with vines between 50 and 100 years old including 30% of Chardonnay Musqué, a clone found in the Mâconnais responsible for its inimitable aromatic style. Ripe citrus and apple dominates the palate, with a touch of pepper and a zesty finish, combining generosity and tension Now-2022

Viré-Clessé, L'Epinet, Vieilles Vignes

Case £168.00 Code SAB317

From a very small plot at the top of the slope, planted in the 40s on gravel and red clay soil. A third of the wine goes in 228 litres oak barrels for a year on its lees. Buttery with ripe citrus and yellow peach, well rounded and more concentrated than the Chazelles. Now-2022

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Domaine Saumaize- Michelin, Vergisson

Roger Saumaize is at the top of the hierarchy in the southern Mâconnais and his wines always show a perfect balance of generous ripe fruit, well-integrated oak and stimulating minerality. He is a great enthusiast of biodynamic viticulture (without certification) and maybe here, more than anywhere else, one notices the extra freshness and energy this practice promises.



Saint Véran

Case £135.00 Code SAU817

Fermented all in barrel this year. Perfumed nose leads onto a textured mouthful of white peach with a touch of almond, lots to chew on and finishes fresh. Good value. Now-2022

Saint Véran, Les Crèches

Case £156.00 Code SAU317

Piercing citrus aromas. More concentration and acidity than the wine above, great intensity and unctuousity. Complete wine with some ageing potential. 2020-2023

Pouilly-Fuissé, Pentacrine

Case: £195.00 Code SAU717

Named after the 5-sided marine fossils found locally, this wine is selected from several parcels across the estate and raised mainly in larger 600 litre *demi-muids*, although this year the proportion of 228 litres *pièces* was greater than the norm. More oak influence on the nose, the palate is ripe with apricot and yellow peach and the finish is refreshing. Well balanced. 2020-2024

Pouilly-Fuissé, Clos sur la Roche

Case £222.00 Code SAU417

From south facing vines at 380m on the lower slopes of the Roche de Vergisson, this is one of his top cuvées and is in line for 1er Cru status. Open nose with a toasty edge leads onto a creamy yet focussed palate full of zesty citrus with hints of hazelnut. Broad, complex and long, *une belle bouteille*. 2020-2026

Hoddles Creek and Wickhams Road, Victoria, Australia

Our first import to the UK of the wines of Hoddles Creek Estate and Wickham Road in Victoria was dramatically successful, the 2017 Wickham Road Pinot Noir being chosen as one of Matthew Jukes' Top 100 Wines of Australia, and the Hoddles Creek Chardonnay praised by Jancis Robinson MW in the FT. More recognition has just arrived: three of the Hoddles Creek wines below were listed last month in the eminent critic James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2018 - a remarkable feat for such a young winery selling at such modest prices.

The estate, now run by young Franco d'Anna, was established in 1997 when the D'Anna family decided to establish a vineyard on land that had been in the family since 1960. Its steeply sloping blocks at about 250m. prohibit mechanical harvesting, with all vines being hand pruned and harvested; and their grapes are crushed at the family's winery, constructed for the 2003 vintage. The family owns ten hectares of Pinot Noir (five clones) and six of Chardonnay, plus some Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, situated in the southern, highest and coolest district of the Upper Yarra. Winemaking is determinedly non-interventionist: some whole bunches are put in the tank; all fermented with wild yeasts, without additions of enzymes or acid. Since 2011 the family have also managed an eight hectare vineyard, with vines now 18 years old, planted solely to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in Gippsland. Gippsland is an up-and-coming coastal region east and south of Melbourne. The wines from this cool, free draining site are sold under Franco's Wickham Road label.

Given the very Burgundian class and poise of these wines we decided to include them in our Burgundy *en primeur* list and make an unbeatable, pre-shipment offer for purchase and payment of these wines before the end of February 2019. **Inclusive of freight, duty and VAT**, these prices represent a discount of about 20% on their future retail bottle prices. The wines should arrive in March or early April, but all five will be available to taste at our *en primeur* tasting in Winchester on January 9th.

Hoddles Creek, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2017

12 bottles £213.00 Code HOD117

The 2016 vintage of this was praised by Jancis Robinson in the FT Weekend Magazine (24th November 2018) thus: *"Proof of Australia's newfound competence with Chardonnay - not overblown, not austere, but just right. Big and rich initially but wonderfully delicate and racy on the finish. This is the stuff to challenge white burgundy!"*

Restrained but fresh fruit aroma with harmonious oak undertone. Attractive weight and shape but also crisp and refined. Anthithesis of caricature Aussie Chard of old!
Now-2024

Hoddles Creek, Syberia Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016

6 bottles £198.00 Code HOD316

From a single vineyard, a high cool site in cleared forest in the Upper Yarra. Greater density and punch - even a hint of funk - in this. White peach and floral touches. The best Chardonnay at the estate in this vintage. Now-2025

Wickham Road, Pinot Noir, Gippsland, 2018

12 bottles £189.00 Code WIC618

As the last vintage, now sold out, this is such a winning wine. Soft plum hue. Open, forward Pinot character: bright red fruit, fresh raspberry and sour cherry. Builds well. Almost opulent. A total bargain at this price! Now-2023

Hoddles Creek, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2017

12 bottles £219.00 Code HOD617

Pure Yarra fruit - fresh with smoothly integrated oak. Juicy red and black fruit backed by a correct tannin and acid structure. No blockbuster, this shows Burgundian elegance and will keep well. Now-2025

Hoddles Creek, 1er Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2017

6 bottles £174.00 Code HOD316

A tiny production wine - you are rationed to only six bottles at the winery! In the vat there's 20% whole bunch fermentation and it stays in barrel six months longer than the Pinot above. The result is a more complex, almost rustic, style that will take longer to show at its best and last longer too. Splendid fruit intensity - almost a sweet red fruit core - with weight, substance and backing tannin. Late 2019-2025

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