



# 2013 Burgundy

## A Vintage for Classic Burgundy Lovers

Early reaction to the 2013 Burgundy vintage has been extremely positive. Burghound's Allen Meadows (as well as others) has touted the quality of the vintage, but also called it another "belle échappé", which translates to a narrow or lucky escape. For the fourth consecutive vintage, Mother Nature provided Burgundy growers with great challenges, and once again, yields were painfully low. In spite of a stressful growing season, the vintage has yielded wonderfully perfumed wines of transparency and vibrancy. While there are fewer wines of mighty structure, the sappy fruit concentration, lively acidity and stunning definition of the wines should ensure graceful evolution in bottle. This is truly a classic Burgundy lover's vintage, and there is joyful drinking to be had at all levels.



Côte de Beaune, most notably in the area stretching from Savigny-les-Beaune to the northern edge of Pommard, along with parts of Volnay. Some growers lost as much as 90% of their crop.

The sun stuck around pretty consistently into September, which made up for some of the lost time early in the growing season. With so much *millerandage* — shot berries, or "hens and chicks" — the clusters were smaller and thus, well-aerated, which helped to protect the grapes against rot. As a general rule, winemakers aimed for very gentle extraction and chose to either forego pigeage or embrace slightly cooler fermentations than usual. In the Côte de Nuits, the resulting wines tend to be delicate, fine-grained, tensile, and very, very vibrant. They crunch and snap, conjuring up bright red fruits like pomegranates, cranberries and wild strawberries. Quality in the

The long, frigid winter of 2012-13 was followed by an unusually rainy spring, which posed risks of oidium and mildew and also pushed back flowering. Many growers could not get their tractors into the vineyards in April and May as everything was so muddy. Weather improved in early June, but not enough to avoid the latest flowering since 1978. Fortunately, July and August brought mostly good conditions and temperatures warmed up in late July and lasted into early August. However, a severe hailstorm on July 23rd did dramatic damage to many vineyards in the

Côte de Beaune is more variable but has turned out far better at the top addresses than many had anticipated. The tiny yields, as a result of hail and draconian measures in the vineyards to obtain only the best fruit, produced many concentrated and lovely Côte de Beaune wines. In sum, on both Côtes, 2013 is an energetic vintage where site transparency, balance and finesse rein supreme!

**\*\* Certain items are extremely limited. All orders must be confirmed. Offer deadline: Friday, May 15, 2015\*\***

### *On the Vintage:*

"...2013 is the kind of vintage that I absolutely love. It's a burg geek's vintage par excellence. The best wines are superbly fresh and transparent as the underlying terroir is truly on parade. In fact I would go so far as to say that the terroir is so crystalline in 2013 that if non-believers are not persuaded by the transparency of the 2013s then they are never going to be."

*Allen Meadows, Burghound*

"More than anything else, 2013 is a stunningly pure vintage for expression of underlying terroir, and this is true both for the reds and the whites in the Côte d'Or."

*John Gilman, View from the Cellar*

"The 2013 red Burgundies are aromatic, invigorating and wonderfully translucent."

*Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media*

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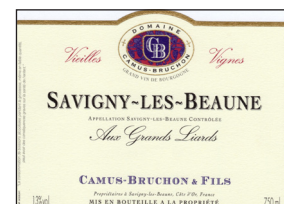
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## Camus-Bruchon - October Arrival

Lucien Camus is one of the very finest red winemakers in the Côte de Beaune. Located in the village of Savigny-les-Beaune, just to the north of Beaune proper, he fashions beautifully balanced, deep and complex wines that are the epitome of what great Burgundy is all about. Lucien's son Guillaume has recently taken the reigns and like his father and so many of the very best producers in Burgundy, it is very clear that he spends the lion's share of his time out in the vineyards tending his vines. There is a notably high percentage of very old vines in the Camus-Bruchon portfolio, and from these venerable vines give some of the classiest examples of Savigny-les-Beaune. Camus recently started using partial whole cluster on his various Savigny cuvées with remarkable results. The 2013s are an absolute triumph given the vintage conditions. Perhaps a bit more elegant and a touch more red-fruited, but absolutely superb!

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts	Scores
FCR267	Bourgogne Rouge	\$208	192/5	87 VC
FCR268	Chorey-les-Beaune Rouge	\$256	240/5	88 VC
FCR269	Savigny-les-Beaune Cuvée Reine Joly	\$296	280/5	90 VC
FCR270	Savigny-les-Beaune Pimentiers VV	\$336	320/5	91+ VC
FCR271	Savigny-les-Beaune Aux Grands Liards	\$336		91+ VC
FCR272	Savigny-les-Beaune Gravains 1er Cru	\$396		92+ VC
FCR273	Savigny-les-Beaune Lavières 1er Cru	\$396		92+ VC
FCR274	Savigny-les-Beaune Narbontons 1er Cru	\$420		93+ VC



## Paul Chapelle et Filles - May Arrival

After making a name for himself as a consulting enologist for some of the very best estates in the all of the Côte de Beaune (DeMontille, Pousse D'or, Lafon, etc), Paul Chapelle founded the domaine in 1976. Paul Chapelle's daughter, Christine Beck Chapelle, now oversees the family business and today manages all aspects of the domaine. Vineyard holdings in Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault and Santenay are farmed sustainably and yields are kept very low. Chapelle's 2013s were fermented and aged in mostly neutral oak and capture the racy, minerally side of both these appellations and the vintage, including Meursault as well.

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts
FCP157	Meursault	\$336	320/5
FCP154	Puligny-Montrachet	\$396	380/5
FCP155	Puligny Hameau de Blagny 1er Cru	\$599	
FCP156	Puligny-Montrachet Champgain 1er Cru	\$496	



## Duroché - May/September Arrival

The young Pierre Duroché took over the reigns from his father in '05 and has really elevated the wines at this fine estate. The 8.25 ha, all in the village/appellation of Gevrey-Chambertin, includes an array of impressive holdings that range from Bourgogne Rouge and Gevrey-Villages up to Grand Cru crown jewels of Charmes, Griottes, Latricières and Clos de Beze. The style here is about understated power and elegance with fine-grained tannins and an earthy, briny, mineral core that is a hallmark of the Gevrey terroir. The wines are forward enough to drink well on release, but also have the requisite structure to age.

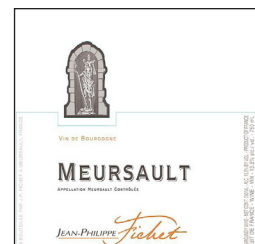
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FDC017	Bourgogne Blanc	\$200	195/5, 184/10	
FDC018	Bourgogne Rouge	\$208	200/5, 192/10	86-89 BH
FDC019	Gevrey-Chambertin Champ lieu-dit	\$480	449/5, 420/10	88-91 BH
FDC020	Gevrey-Chambertin Champ lieu-dit (12/375)	\$240		88-91 BH
FDC021	Gevrey-Chambertin Le Clos lieu-dit	\$480	440/5	88-91 BH
FDC022	Gevrey-Chambertin Aux Etelois lieu-dit	\$520		89-91 BH
FDC023	Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champeaux 1er Cru	\$680		90-92 BH
FDC024	Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaut St. Jacques 1er Cru	\$720		90-93 BH
FDC029	Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaut St. Jacques 1er Cru (12/375)	\$396		90-93 BH
FDC025	Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	\$1,099		90-93 BH
FDC026	Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru	\$1,299		91-94 BH



## Jean-Philippe Fichet - May Arrival

Fichet's methods reflect his philosophy: he is famously meticulous and abhors taking short cuts. His low yields, the foremost key to quality, are achieved through severe winter pruning rather than by green harvesting. And he believes the expressiveness of his wines is enhanced through a patient 18 month élevage, with no new oak starting in 2010, and as usual, minimal lees stirring. Jean-Philippe's wines in 2013 are super racy with vibrant acids and minerals buried in a core of fruit.

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discount
FFC099	Bourgogne Aligoté	\$160	
FFC104	Bourgogne Blanc	\$264	256/5
FFC105	Bourgogne Blanc VV	\$328	312/5
FFC106	Auxey-Duresses Blanc	\$396	
FFC107	Meursault Blanc	\$599	
FFC108	Meursault Blanc (12/375)	\$340	
FFC110	Meursault Chevalières lieu-dit	\$799	
FFC109	Meursault Gruyaches lieu-dit	\$749	
FFC111	Meursault Tesson lieu-dit	\$849	
FFC112	Puligny Montrachet Referts 1er Cru	\$1,199	



## Fontaine-Gagnard - May Arrival

This famous domaine of almost 20 acres, based primarily in Chassagne-Montrachet, was established in 1985 when Gagnard-Delagrangé separated into two estates. The wines are made by Richard Fontaine, one of the most exacting vignerons in all of Chassagne, and his daughter Céline, who shares his intensely focused approach. They apply traditional methods and the cleanest possible techniques, including a restrained use of new oak to emphasize the unique qualities of the individual terroirs.

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts	Scores
FFG157	Bourgogne Blanc	\$300	288/5, 272/10	89 VC
FFG143	Chassagne-Montrachet	\$549		90+ VC
FFG147	Chassagne-Montrachet (12/375)	\$296		88 WA
FFG146	Chassagne Boudriotte 1er Cru	\$699		93 WA
FFG149	Chassagne Clos St Jean 1er Cru	\$699		91+ VC
FFG144	Chassagne Maltroie 1er Cru	\$699		90+ VC
FFG152	Chassagne Morgeot 1er Cru	\$699		93+ VC
FFG150	Chassagne Vergers 1er Cru	\$699		92 VC
FFG151	Chassagne Vergers 1er Cru (12/375)	\$380		92 VC
FFG148	Chassagne Caillerets 1er Cru	\$899		93 WA
FFG153	Chassagne Romanée 1er Cru	\$975		94+ VC
FFG154	Criots-Batard-Montrachet GC	\$2,299		96 VC
FFG155	Batard-Montrachet GC	\$2,299		98+ VC
FFG160	Bourgogne Passetoutgrains Rouge	\$200	192/5, 184/10	83-85 WA
FFG158	Bourgogne Rouge	\$240	228/5	87 VC
FFG159	Volnay Clos des Chênes 1er Cru	\$699		92+ VC



## Jean-Hughes et Ghislaine Goisot - In Stock

Saint-Bris is located just outside of Chablis, but shares the same Kimmeridgian limestone soils as its neighbor. Goisot's viticulture is certified biodynamic with great pains taken to produce as natural an environment as possible for the vines. Yields are also kept very low, resulting in a bevy of beautifully-made, chiseled wines. This estate has a very strong following in France and offers absolutely brilliant price-quality rapport.

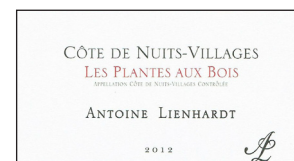
Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts
FGO060	Bourgogne Aligoté	\$144	136/5
FGO061	Exogyra Virgula Sauvignon de Saint-Bris	\$172	160/5, 156/10
FGO065	Fié Gris Corps de Garde Saint-Bris	\$208	196/5



## Antoine Lienhardt - June Arrival

*Finding Burgundies that over deliver for their price has become a feat that is next to impossible. But there are still treasures to be discovered if you travel a bit off the beaten path, which is where we found Antoine Lienhardt and Juliette Joblot. They are clearly two rising stars and humble overachievers in the appellation of Côte-de-Nuits-Villages and Nuits-Saint-Georges. Like any accomplished Burgundian, this young, dynamic couple knows that the key to great wines begins in the vineyards. Lienhardt feels that the vineyards of Comblanchien are hugely undervalued and that if they were to ever re-classify the hierarchy of Burgundy, there would most certainly be Premier Cru if not Grand Cru vineyards amongst the village's choicest sectors. Both Lienhardt cuvées drink well beyond their humble appellations. The "Plantes aux Bois" tends to be a bit more red fruited and floral, while the "Essards" is slightly darker with mineral undertones. For both wines, there is a drive and energy that commands your attention immediately and will keep you coming back for more.*

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts
FLI003	Côte de Nuits-Villages Les Essards [lieu dit]	\$340	320/5
FLI004	Côte de Nuits-Villages Les Plantes Aux Bois [lieu dit]	\$340	320/5
FLI005	Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Charmois [lieu-dit]	\$480	



## Isabelle & Denis Pommier - In Stock/Balance in May

*Isabelle and Denis Pommier have grown their Poinchy estate from two to 16 hectares since they first began bottling in 1994. Their village vineyards and 1er Cru holdings of Beauroy, Cote de Lechet, and Fourchaume are mostly certified organic or else in organic conversion. The wines have a vibrancy and complexity that comes with meticulous work in the vineyards and delicate handling in the cellar. The style is powerful and textured, but with racy, citrusy, floral tones, lovely minerality, and good cut. Don't miss the delightful and unique Bourgogne Rouge from vineyards near Chitry - delicate and floral.*

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts
FPM015	Petit Chablis	\$168	152/5
FPM016	Chablis	\$196	184/5, 176/10
FPM017	Chablis (24/375)	\$220	
FPM018	Chablis Croix aux Moines [lieu-dit]	\$240	224/5
FPM019	Chablis Beauroy 1er Cru	\$284	
FPM020	Chablis Beauroy 1er Cru (24/375)	\$308	
FPM021	Chablis Côte de Lechet 1er Cru	\$296	280/5
FPM022	Chablis Fourchaume 1er Cru	\$308	
FPM023	Bourgogne Rouge	\$184	176/5



## Anne & Hervé Sigaut - October Arrival

*This relatively small 7 hectares estate has been in existence for four generations. It is run by the amiable couple, Anne and Hervé Sigaut who are wonderful, low-key folks, true people of the earth. Like their understated personalities and attitudes, the Sigauts prefer to make wines on the fine and delicate side, that caress rather than clobber. They are helped by a bevy of old vines, many 50-60+ years old, that have long ago tapped the mother rock of limestone that is the signature of the village. If you love "true" Chambolle – as we do – you will fall in love with these wines.*

Item Code	Description	Frontline	Discounts	Score
FSG023	Chambolle-Musigny	\$449	420/5	88-90 BH
FSG024	Sigaut Chambolle-Musigny (12/375)	\$240		88-90 BH
FSG025	Sigaut Chambolle-Musigny Les Bussièrès VV	\$520	496/5	88-91 BH
FSG026	Sigaut Chambolle-Musigny Les Bussièrès VV (12/375)	\$280		88-91 BH
FSG029	Sigaut Chambolle-Musigny Les Chatelots 1er Cru	\$649		90-92 BH
FSG027	Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuées 1er Cru	\$649		90-92 BH
FSG028	Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuées 1er Cru (12/375)	\$376		90-92 BH
FSG030	Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers VV 1er Cru	\$720		91-93 BH
FSG031	Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers VV 1er Cru (6/1.5L)	\$749		91-93 BH





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## Trapet Père et Fils - May/October Arrival

*This venerable, classic estate in Gevrey-Chambertin is also one of the leading proponents of Biodynamic viticulture in Burgundy. They are revered for making beautiful, traditional, mineral, balanced, terroir-driven wines that age magnificently, but are also approachable when young. This icon has done it again in 2013...Gevrey power and grace up and down the lineup.*

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Frontline</u>	<u>Discounts</u>	<u>Score</u>
FTR370	Bourgogne Passetoutgrains A Minima	\$180	168/5	87+ VC
FTR369	Marsannay Rouge	\$320		89+ VC
FTR372	Gevrey-Chambertin	\$599	549/5	90+ VC
FTR373	Gevrey-Chambertin Alca 1er Cru	\$1,099		94 VC
FTR378	Gevrey-Chambertin Ostrea (6/1.5L)	\$749		91+ VC
FTR376	Chambertin GC	\$2,599		97+ VC
FTR377	Chambertin GC (6/1.5L)	\$2,899		97+ VC

