



2018 Burgundy

Beauty and Bounty



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On the 2018 Vintage:

"Mother Nature and the magical terroirs of Burgundy sometimes cooperate in the most mysterious ways to produce genuinely remarkable results. 2018 would be one of those sometimes because no one, or at least no one that I spoke to, expected the whites to be anywhere near as good as they are...most are fresh, vibrant, delicious and reflective of their individual terroirs. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that 2018 is one of the most surprising white Burgundy vintages in quite some time." - Allen Meadows, Burghound

"The 2018s are generally more energetic and, banal as it sounds, "fun" wines that are destined to give a lot of pleasure, and certainly less austere and reserved compared to their 2017 counterparts." - Neil Martin, Vinous

"The 2018 vintage is both unique and heterogeneous. More than ever, it makes sense to follow individual producers rather than villages or vineyards." -Tim Atkin, MW, Decanter

BH=Burghound (Allen Meadows)

VM=Vinous Media

VC=View from the Cellar (John Gilman)

WA=Wine Advocate

*All cases are 12/750 ml unless otherwise noted.

Ballot Millot - August / September Arrival

Charles Ballot is among the rising stars in the soaring appellation of Meursault. He took over for his father in 2001 and like many talented young vignerons, he wanted to raise the bar and leave his mark on the family domaine. The historic estate has held vineyards in Meursault since the end of the 17th century and they are privileged to possess holdings in five Premier Crus, many of which have very old vines. Charles began his transition to the helm by working the soils, reducing yields, and moving from chemical/systemic treatments to more natural ones. New wood is judicious, 10-20% on whites and a max of 25-30% new on reds, and everything in the cellar is about precision. The resulting wines tend toward the so-called "Roulot-school" of Meursault, more tensile and racy, as opposed to the fatter, honeyed and nutty style wines that dominated the landscape 20-30 years ago. There is excellent delineation of the different terroirs, and on the red side, there is a graceful expressions of fruit. These won't last long!

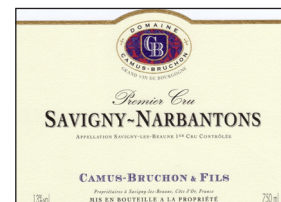
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| FML155T | Bourgogne Blanc 2018 | \$296 | 280/2 | 88BH |
| FML156T | Meursault 2018 | \$599 | 560/2 | |
| FML157T | Meursault 2018 (12/375) | \$296 | | |
| FML158T | Meursault Les Criots [lieu-dit] 2018 | \$640 | | |
| FML159T | Meursault Les Narvaux [lieu-dit] 2018 | \$680 | | 90BH |
| FML160 | Meursault Charmes 1er Cru 2018 | \$1,149 | | 91BH |
| FML161 | Meursault Genevrières 1er Cru 2018 | \$1,299 | | 93BH |
| FML162 | Meursault Perrières 1er Cru 2018 | \$1,499 | | 93BH |
| FML163T | Volnay Santenots 1er Cru 2018 | \$649 | | 91BH |
| FML164T | Volnay Santenots 1er Cru 2018 (12/375) | \$360 | | 91BH |



Camus-Bruchon - October Arrival

Guillaume 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. Like his father Lucien, 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. Since 2010, Camus has been using partial whole cluster on his various Savigny cuvées with remarkable results. The 2018s are pure and pleasing.

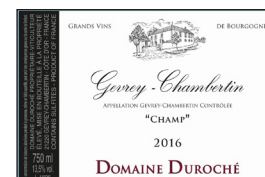
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|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|
| FCR305T | Bourgogne Rouge 2018 | \$220 | 200/2 | 88 VC |
| FCR307T | Savigny-les-Beaune Cuvée Reine July 2018 | \$308 | 296/2 | 90 VC |
| FCR308T | Savigny-les-Beaune Pimentiers VV 2018 | \$336 | | 91+VC |
| FCR310T | Savigny-les-Beaune Gravains 1er Cru 2018 | \$396 | | 93 VC |
| FCR311T | Savigny-les-Beaune Lavières 1er Cru 2018 | \$396 | | 94 VC |
| FCR312T | Savigny-les-Beaune Narbantons 1er Cru 2018 | \$420 | | 94 VC |



Duroché - August Arrival

The young Pierre Duroché took 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, Latricieres 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. Demand for Duroché has increased dramatically in a short period of time, which has resulted in the need to allocate all other cuvées. Please consult your sales rep.

| Item Code | Description | Frontline | Discounts | Scores |
|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| FDC083T | Gevrey-Chambertin 2018 - Limited Availability | \$599 | | (89-91)VM |



Jean-Philippe Fichet - In Stock

Fichet's methods reflect his philosophy: he is famously meticulous and abhors taking short cuts. In fact, during the growing season, you cannot visit him in his cellars during the day as he is always out on his tractor tending his vines. And he believes the expressiveness of his wines is enhanced through a patient 18 month élevage, with little no new oak starting in 2010, and as usual, minimal lees stirring. Jean-Philippe really dialed in the 2018 vintage. They are among the most impressive wines we tasted up and down the Côte de Beaune.

| Item Code | Description | Frontline | Discount | Scores |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| FFC166T | Aligoté 2018 | \$216 | 204/2 | |
| FFC167T | Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc 2018 | \$280 | 264/2 | |
| FFC168T | Bourgogne Blanc 2018 | \$296 | 280/2 | |
| FFC173T | Auxey-Duresses Blanc 2018 | \$396 | | (88-91) BH |
| FFC172T | Auxey-Duresses Blanc 2018 (12/375) | \$256 | | (88-91) BH |
| FFC176T | Meursault Blanc 2018 | \$620 | | (88-91) BH |
| FFC175T | Meursault Blanc 2018 (12/375) | \$360 | | (88-91) BH |



Fontaine-Gagnard - In Stock

This famous domaine of almost 20 acres, based primarily in Chassagne-Montrachet, was established in 1985 when Gagnard-Delagrange 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.

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|-----------|---|-----------|--------------|------------------------|
| FFG228T | Bourgogne Passetoutgrain Rouge 2018 | \$216 | 200/2 | (86-88) BH |
| FFG229T | Bourgogne Rouge 2018 | \$320 | 296/2, 280/3 | (86-88) BH |
| FFG231T | Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 2018 | \$520 | | (87-89) BH |
| FFG233T | Chassagne-Montrachet 2018 | \$649 | | 88 WA |
| FFG234T | Chassagne-Montrachet 2018 (12/375) | \$360 | | 88 WA |
| FFG235T | Chassagne-Montrachet Boudriotte 1er Cru 2018 | \$849 | | 92 WA, 91 BH |
| FFG236T | Chassagne-Montrachet Clos St. Jean 1er Cru 2018 | \$849 | | 90 WA, 90 BH |
| FFG237T | Chassagne-Montrachet Maltroie 1er Cru 2018 | \$849 | | 90 WA |
| FFG238T | Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot 1er Cru 2018 | \$849 | | 90 WA, 91 BH |
| FFG239T | Chassagne-Montrachet Vergers 1er Cru 2018 | \$849 | | 92 WA, 91 BH |
| FFG240T | Chassagne Vergers 1er Cru 2018 (12/375) | \$480 | | 92 WA, 91 BH |
| FFG241T | Chassagne-Montrachet Caillerets 1er Cru 2018 | \$1,099 | | 92 WA, 92 BH |
| FFG232T | Volnay Clos des Chênes 1er Cru 2018 | \$899 | | (88-91) WA, (90-92) BH |



Jean-Hughes et Guilhem Goisot - In Stock / September Arrival

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.

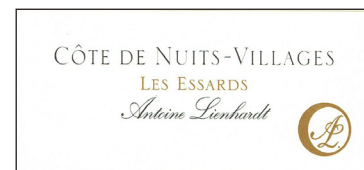
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| FGO086T | Bourgogne Aligoté 2018 | \$168 | 160/3, 152/3 | (86-89) VC |
| FGO088T | Bourgogne Chardonnay Côte d'Auxerre 2018 | \$176 | 168/2 | (86-89) VC |
| FGO087T | Exogyra Virgula Sauvignon de Saint-Bris 2018 | \$184 | 176/2, 168/3 | (87-90) VC |
| FGO097T | Chablis Faucertaine 2018 | \$296 | 280/2 | |



Antoine Lienhardt - In Stock

Finding Burgundies that over deliver for their price has become a next to impossible feat. But there are still treasures to be discovered if you travel a bit off the beaten path, which is where we found biodynamic vigneron Antoine Lienhardt. He is clearly a rising star and humble overachiever in the appellation of Côte-de-Nuits-Villages. Like any accomplished Burgundian, this young dynamo 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. Lienhardt cuvées drink well beyond their humble appellations, with a drive and energy that commands your attention immediately and will keep you coming back for more.

| Item Code | Description | Frontline | Discounts |
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| FLI030T | Bourgogne Aligoté 2018 | \$240 | 224/2 |
| FLI031T | Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2018 | \$280 | 264/2, 256/3 |
| FLI032T | Côte de Nuits-Villages Les Plantes Aux Bois [lieu dit] 2018 | \$360 | |
| FLI035T | Côte de Nuits-Villages Emphase 2018 | \$440 | |



Nicolas Maillet - In Stock

Fourth generation vigneron Nicolas Maillet is deeply proud of his home village of Verzé, located northwest of the city of Macon. Maillet organically farms six hectares of Chardonnay, the youngest of which are 50 years of age, planted on chalky, eastern-facing slopes. His top cuvée Le Chemin Blanc is made from over 80 year old vines and is among the most impressive wines in the region. While we always appreciate the fruity, charming wines of the Maconnais, we are utterly taken with Maillet's lineup, which is mineral-driven, electric, and for true white Burgundy lovers.

| Item Code | Description | Frontline | Discounts |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| FMA005T | Macon-Verzé 2018 | \$264 | 240/2, 220/10 |
| FMA006T | Macon-Verzé Le Chemin Blanc 2018 | \$348 | |



Lucien Muzard - In Stock / October Arrival

The newest addition to our Burgundy portfolio, Domaine Lucien Muzard is run by the dedicated duo of Claude and Hervé Muzard, brothers and the ninth generation to manage the family estate, which traces its lineage back to 1666. The village of Santenay is both home and the core of their vineyard holdings, but neighboring villages of Maranges, Puligny and Meursault are also found in the cellar. In the vineyards they allow grass to grow between rows and they have farmed organically since the 2005 vintage. All fruit is hand-harvested, sorted and mostly destemmed but they have recently been experimenting with whole cluster fermentation as well as the addition of large foudres as ageing vessels, which were uniquely present in the village during their grandparents' generation. The village has a reputation for being more "rustic", but Muzard's Santenays tend toward the elegant end of the spectrum, highlighted by crunchy red fruit. The white wines are aromatic, energetic and like their red counterparts, excellent values across the board.

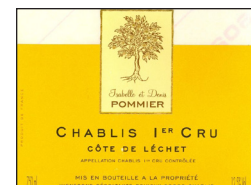
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| FMZ036T | Maranges 2018 | \$240 | 220/2 |
| FMZ032T | Santenay Champs Claude Blanc VV 2018 | \$280 | 264/2 |
| FMZ034T | Meursault Les Meix Chavaux 2018 | \$480 | 460/2 |
| FMZ043T | Chassagne-Montrachet 2018 | \$560 | |
| FMZ037T | Santenay VV 2018 | \$240 | 228/2 |
| FMZ038T | Santenay Maladière 1er Cru 2018 | \$320 | 308/2 |



Isabelle & Denis Pommier - In Stock / September Arrival

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 Troèsmes, Côte de Lechet, and Fourchaume are now certified organic. 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.

| Item Code | Description | Frontline | Discounts |
|-----------|---|-----------|---------------------|
| FPM065T | Petit Chablis Hautrivien 2018 | \$208 | 192/2, 184/3, 176/5 |
| FPM066T | Chablis 2018 | \$264 | 256/2, 240/3 |
| FPM074T | Chablis Croix aux Moines [lieu-dit] 2018 | \$296 | |
| FPM070T | Chablis Troèsmes [Beuroy] 1er Cru 2018 | \$380 | 360/2 |
| FPM071T | Chablis Troèsmes [Beuroy] 1er Cru 2018 (12/375) | \$224 | |
| FPM072T | Chablis Côte de Lechet 1er Cru 2018 | \$380 | 360/2 |
| FPM073T | Chablis Fourchaume 1er Cru 2018 | \$440 | |



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 |
|-----------|---|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| FSG075T | Chambolle-Musigny 2018 | \$560 | 540/2 | 88-91 BH |
| FSG076T | Chambolle-Musigny 2018 (12/375) | \$308 | | 88-91 BH |
| FSG078T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Bussièrès VV 2018 | \$720 | | 89-91 BH |
| FSG079T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Bussièrès VV 2018 (12/375) | \$360 | | 89-91 BH |
| FSG082T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuées 1er Cru 2018 | \$849 | | 89-92 BH |
| FSG084T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuées 1er Cru 2018 (12/375) | \$460 | | 89-92 BH |
| FSG083T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuées 1er Cru 2018 (6/1.5L) | \$849 | | 89-92 BH |
| FSG085T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Gruenchères 1er Cru 2018 | \$899 - NEW! | | |
| FSG086T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers VV 1er Cru 2018 | \$999 | | 90-93 BH |
| FSG087T | Chambolle-Musigny Les Sentiers VV 1er Cru 2018 (12/375) | \$520 | | 90-93 BH |



Trapet Père et Fils - August / October Arrival

This historic, 5th generation family domaine in Gevrey-Chambertin is among of the earliest practitioners and today's leaders of Biodynamic viticulture in Burgundy. Jean-Louis, now joined by his sons Pierre and Louis, is 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 2018...Gevrey power and grace up and down the lineup.

| Item Code | Description | Frontline | Discounts | Score |
|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| FTR438T | Bourgogne Passetoutgrain A Minima 2018 | \$240 | 224/2 | 87 VM |
| FTR437T | Bourgogne Rouge 2018 | \$320 | 308/2 | 88 VM |
| FTR439T | Côte de Nuits-Villages Meix Fringuet 2018 | \$440 | | (86-88) VM |
| FTR436T | Marsannay Rouge 2018 | \$440 | | (88-90) VM |
| FTR435T | Gevrey-Chambertin 2018 | \$749 | 720/2 | (88-90) VM |
| FTR433T | Gevrey-Chambertin Ostrea 2018 | \$899 | | (92-94) VM |
| FTR433T | Gevrey-Chambertin Ostrea 2018 (3/1.5L) | \$580 | | (92-94) VM |

