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Specialist in Domaine-bottled Burgundy and German Wines

2008 Burgundy Offer

‘Crémant de Bourgogne’ was the gloomy response when we asked growers in September 2008 how things were going. Cold, wet, rot, hail: nature had it in for them, with the grapes so unripe as to be fit only for cheap sparkling wine.

Then in mid-September, the bad weather broke, warming up into an Indian summer with sunshine to ripen the grapes and a cool north wind to dry them out. As a result, 2008 has produced a lovely range of both red and white wines which will give much pleasure. They are transparent and pure, with beautifully delineated fresh fruit.

Twenty years ago such poor growing conditions would have spelled disaster. But technology and skill have improved dramatically since then, with much greater care taken in the vineyards and cellar, above all during the selection process and handling of the grapes. In the 1990s, sorting tables were almost unheard of, now they are ubiquitous; in the past, grape bunches were regularly destemmed and crushed, now they are at best destemmed (and often not), and certainly not crushed, in order to keep the fruit as undamaged as possible.

Vigilance in the vineyards was the most crucial factor. Growers had to react extremely quickly to prevent rot taking hold. And always there was rigorous selection, a ruthless weeding out of rotten and unripe grapes all the way to the *cuvée*. The miraculous good weather right at the end of the growing season allowed the grapes to come to ripeness surprisingly quickly, and the accompanying north wind dried them out, further ripening them through concentration.

Once the grapes were in, fermentation got off to a slow start: the rain had washed off indigenous yeasts from the grapeskins, and the high acidity created further delays. The acid also slowed and sometimes blocked the malolactic fermentation, which in some cases lasted months. Several growers maintain that these slow processes gave roundness and complexity to the wines; it certainly made them very difficult to judge, even in November.

But after an initial poor showing in the press, the 2008's are well on the way to rehabilitation. Even experienced growers have been delighted with their development. Extensive retasting at the beginning of January has reinforced the positive impression these wines made on us in early November. The reds are vibrant and pure. Acidity lifts and delineates, and there is no hiding here: any flaws are in plain sight, so the skill of the grower and winemaker are paramount. As the wines leave their malolactic fermentations behind them, they are filling out and becoming more delineated. The blacker fruit is turning more to red: it is succulent and crunchy, with crushed raspberry, strawberry and hedgerow fruits in evidence. The tannins are

ripe and fine, and not too aggressive, the minerality present and supporting. The whites are similarly transparent and pure, with juicy citrus fruit and a pithy minerality. Above all, the best wines are beautifully balanced and fresh: the description *beaucoup d'énergie* was frequently used.

It is hard to find a comparison vintage. Some have held up 1993 or 1996, but there are significant differences in these years, not least in the advances brought by technology and improved vineyard and cellar management – there was no green harvesting in 1996 for example. Nor is it a 2001, 2002 or a cross between them. Rather it is a vintage that stands on its own merits, where vineyard character is clearly recognisable in each wine, demonstrating how little heat and light is needed to express *terroir*. This vintage can be enjoyed while the more serious wines of 2001, 2005 and 2006 come round.

A miracle vintage like this would not have been possible without the generally high prices which have financed investment in technology and skill, and on for the most part, prices have not come down. On the whole, they have stayed the same, as ever with some notable exceptions. The continuing strength of the euro has not helped, but it is something we will have to get used to.

We are delighted to welcome six new domaines to our portfolio: **Daniel et Martine Barraud** in Vergisson, **Ghislaine Barthod** in Chambolle-Musigny, **Michel Briday** in Rully, **Christophe Denizot** in Bissey-sous-Cruchaud, **Maison Camille-Giroud** in Beaune and **Robert Groffier** in Morey-Saint-Denis. The wines of Dujac and Mugnier's Chambolles and white Clos de la Maréchale will be released later this year. Please contact us if you are interested.

PRICES ARE IN BOND LONDON.

UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED, WINES ARE PACKED IN:

6-BOTTLE CASES (750ml)

12-BOTTLE CASES (375ml)

3-BOTTLE CASES (1500ml)

WINES MAY BE ORDERED BY THE CASE ONLY.

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THE WINES

DOMAINE

de l'Arlot Prêmeaux

One of the signs of a great winemaker is sensitivity to vintage conditions. Rather than doing the same thing every year, one of Olivier Leriche's responses to this challenging vintage was to destem an unusually high proportion of the crop, especially the younger vines, where the stems are more susceptible to rot. This prevents any off flavours transmitting themselves to the wines. Malolactic fermentation was very late, another unusual development here, and yields were down to below 30 hl/ha. The wines have the domaine's trademark purity and finesse, and they get better every year.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc, La Gerbotte

Perfumed and juicy, lemon and grapefruit flavours and a pronounced minerality. Gathers weight in the mouth as it coasts to a powerful finish.		£120
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Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc 1er cru, Clos de l'Arlot

Seductively aromatic on the nose, with lemon and pithy grapefruit notes. Racy and vibrant in the mouth, with considerable weight behind it. Fantastic mineral flourish on the finish.		£201
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Red

Clos du Chapeau

Dense red and black fruit with vibrant mineral tones.		£87
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Nuits-Saint-Georges, Le Petit Arlot

Black and red fruit with notes of chocolate; very fine and long.		£99
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Petits Plets

Made from young vines in the Clos-des-Forêts. Deeper and richer than the Petit Arlot, with hedgerow fruit and noticeable elegance.		£114
	Magnums	£117

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Clos de l'Arlot

Bramble fruit with chocolate notes, very fresh and vibrant. Very fine and long, and vibrant from start to finish.		£192
	Magnums	£195
	Halves	£195

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Clos-des-Forêts

Older vines meant that only 10% were destemmed. As usual blacker fruit and firmer structure than the almost ethereal Clos de l'Arlot. Manages to be both weighty and light on its feet, with a lovely juicy finish.		£192
	Magnums	£195

	Halves	£195
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Suchots

Red fruits join the black in a heady cocktail of vibrant crushed berries, silky tannins and a very fine minerality. Exceedingly lovely.		£240
	Halves	£243
	Magnums	£243

Romanée-Saint-Vivant

Sulphured just the day before tasting, so not giving much. Nevertheless, clearly obvious finesse and power, with a gently persistent finish.		£720
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DOMAINE

Comte Armand Pommard

Tiny yields here this year, but Benjamin Leroux has made the most of what he was given. Ever finer wines from the best domaine in Pommard.

Case price per 6 bottles in bond

White

Bourgogne Blanc

Fresh, forward and very zingy. Delicious as ever.		£60
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Red

Auxey-Duresses 1er cru

Ripe clear black fruit with a hint of spice and lovely density. Bright and long.		£96
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Volnay

Spicy black fruit with a hint of raspberry. Very fresh and vibrant.		£96
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Fremiets

Very much finer than the <i>village</i> . Complex interplay between red and black fruits and a racy bright minerality. Lovely poise.		£174
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Pommard 1er cru, Clos des Epeneaux

Dense, seductive creamy black fruit, firm fine tannins with a hint of spice and long brambly finish. Quite delicious. Will need at least five years of bottle age to begin to show its best.		£240
	Magnums	£246

DOMAINE

Robert Arnoux-Lachaux Vosne-Romanée

A year of change at this domaine: it has been rebranded as Domaine Arnoux-Lachaux, half a hectare of a new *grand cru* Latricières-Chambertin has come on stream, and UK distribution has been taken over by John Armit. We shall follow all these developments with great interest. In 2008 Pascal Lachaux has produced a brilliant collection of wines. They are rich and powerful as ever, with great finesse.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

Made from vines between Nuits and Prémieux. Rich, dark and vibrant, with excellent intensity. Very good quality at this level.	£67
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Nuits-Saint-Georges

Dark, rich, ripe and round, with surprising length for a <i>village</i> .	£122
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Clos des Corvées Pagets

Very fresh black fruits with strawberry and spicy plum coming through on mid-palate. Very intense and long.	£248
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Chambolle-Musigny

Fleshy and generous red fruit with typical Chambolle silk. Some mineral flavours on a long finish.	£172
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Vosne-Romanée

Beautifully clear fresh red fruit framed by fine tannin with a long rich finish.	£157
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Vosne-Romanée, Les Hautes Maizières

Rounded ripe red fruit intermingled with black cherry. A vibrant mineral streak running through to a fresh fruity finish.	£192
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Chaumes

Opulent fruit with a silky mouth feel. Clear bright flavours, very fine and long.	£275
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Aux Reignots

A significant step up as always. Juicy black cherry and raspberry fruit, very pure and clearly delineated, with a long silky finish.	£450
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Suchots

More power and complexity: tremendous depth and focus, with almost painful intensity at this stage. No one does Suchots better.	£520
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Echézeaux

Generous, bright and pure, with excellent length. Very fine tannins indeed - quite an achievement for this vineyard.	£560
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Clos de Vougeot

At a difficult stage when tasted, with oak predominating, but nice red fruit peeking through. Will be lovely in time.	£520
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Latricières-Chambertin

Sometimes called the Chambolle of Gevrey. Lots of elegant ripe raspberry and dark fruit, with great richness, intensity, and length. A bit lean on tasting, but will flesh out in time. A very exciting start.		£800
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Romanée-Saint-Vivant

Very, very intense and fine. 100% new oak, but the powerful black fruit swallows it with ease. Complex mineral and chocolate notes in mid-palate, very fine long finish. Fantastic.		£1495
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DOMAINE

Denis Bachelet Gevrey-Chambertin

This tiny domaine of 3.85 hectares produces some of Burgundy's most sought-after wines.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

75-year-old vines give a complex mix of fine hedgerow fruits, mineral flavours and balancing tannins. Beautifully long and smooth finish.		£174
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Corbeaux, Vieilles Vignes

Made from vines planted in 1920. Bright pure black cherry fruit with chocolate notes. Real energy and drive and great finesse.		£294
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Charmes-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

Very big. Vibrant fresh cranberry, cherry and strawberry fruit interwoven with a fine minerality. Silky smooth tannins lead to a beautifully elegant long finish.		£588
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DOMAINE

Daniel et Martine Barraud Vergisson

You can tell that a man is serious about his wines when he makes no less than six different Pouilly-Fuissés in small quantities, rather than blending them into one. Rather like Helmut Dönnhoff in the Nahe, Daniel Barraud believes that each vineyard gives such a different expression that it would be a crime to mix them. The wines are a revelation, each showing a fascinating new facet of the appellation. The 2008s have an exuberant energy and polished beauty that is a delight.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Macon-Chaintré 'Pierres Polies'

Zingy and full-bodied, with pithy mineral and lemon flavours, finishing long and elegantly.		£45
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Pouilly-Fuissé 'Alliance'

Made from 40-year-old vines. Very vibrant forward ripe lemon fruit, with a creamy mineral backbone. Smooth long finish.		£60
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Pouilly-Fuissé ‘La Verchère’ Vieilles Vignes

Made from 55-year-old vines behind the <i>cuvée</i> , on a warmer site. Very much more power, with great elegance and a lovely mineral flourish on the finish.		£84
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Pouilly-Fuissé ‘Les Crays’

A vineyard above Verchère, with less topsoil, giving a wine that has a more pronounced minerality, but also exhibits ripe peach with the citrus fruit typical of the vintage. Very elegant, juicy and long, with real finesse.		£102
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Pouilly-Fuissé ‘En Buland’ Vieilles Vignes

75-year-old vines on chalky soil give a smooth, elegant and intense wine of enormous focus and power. Although the vineyard is north-facing, it catches the sun all day and never gets too cold. Lots of mineral creaminess to complement the pithy grapefruit and lemon fruit. Very long finish.		£102
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Pouilly-Fuissé ‘La Roche’

Balletic elegance from this taut, beautifully structured wine that shows vibrant peach and lemon fruit, a very fine light mineral touch and a long pithy finish. Fabulous.		£99
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DOMAINE

Ghislaine Barthod Chambolle-Musigny

Very pure *terroir*-driven wines at this sought-after domaine.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chambolle-Musigny

Pure bright red fruit with a hint of mineral and a lovely silkiness on the finish.		£168
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Beaux Bruns

Very generous ripe cherry and strawberry fruit on the nose, a delightful purity and freshness on the palate. A hint of mineral and spice on the fine finish.		£270
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Charmes

Very intense, with more pronounced mineral tones, but underneath there is gorgeous ripe red fruit with an invigorating energy. Pure and fresh with elegant fine tannins and a complex long finish.		£318
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DOMAINE Michel Briday Rully

Stéphane Briday makes excellent wines from the clay-limestone soil of Rully.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Rully

Clear and bright, with fresh rich ripe fruit. Creamy lemon flavours and a hint of mineral give this some complexity. Well-balanced and delicious. Excellent value.		£60
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Rully 1er cru, Les Cloux

Towards the bottom of the slope, with a greater proportion of clay soil. Rich, round and ripe, with a touch of oak. Fresh lemon flavours and pithy creamy mineral. Firm long finish.		£75
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Rully 1er cru, La Pucelle

Higher up the hill, where there is a greater proportion of limestone: a tighter, purer wine is the result. Very bright lemon and mineral flavours, long grapefruit finish.		£75
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Red

Rully 'Les 4 Vignes'

Delicious juicy raspberry fruit and firm tannins. Very appealing, and will drink for several years.		£60
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DOMAINE Alain Burguet Gevrey-Chambertin

A very good year for Alain Burguet. As he mellows, so do his wines: the wines are still powerful, but they become more elegant each year.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin, Mes Favorites

Made from 22 separate parcels, where the average age of the vines is 65, this is one of the best <i>villages</i> to be had. Very structured, rich and fine, with juicy black fruit, balanced mineral flavours and silky tannins. Really lovely.		£198
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MAISON

Camille-Giroud Beaune

Astonishing purity and balance from this famous old négociant in Beaune. The company was bought by an American consortium in 2002, and the highly talented David Croix installed as winemaker. It also has small vineyard holdings of its own, including the Bourgogne and the Beaune Les Avaux.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge Hautes Côtes de Nuits 'Au Crêtot'

Very elegant spicy black fruit, with an exotic note that leads the winemaker David Croix to suspect that there might be a bit of Gamay hidden in the vineyard. In that case, it's the best <i>Passetoutgrains</i> ever.		£60
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Santenay

Red cherry, raspberry and a hint of black fruit in this fresh and vibrant package. Surprisingly fine for this level, thanks to very old vines.		£69
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Maranges 1er cru, Le Croix Moines

From just south of Santenay on a beautiful well-exposed hillside. Deep, rich dark fruit flavours of great purity and length.		£78
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Beaune 1er cru, Les Avaux

The typical firm tannins of Beaune, but with real elegance. Fine spicy red fruit and a persistent finish.		£114
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Vosne-Romanée

From vines next to Vougeot, and made with 30% whole bunch fermentation. Very structured, with gentle fine black fruit. A superb Vosne.		£147
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Corton Clos du Roi

Enormous power, but lashings of very fine fruit that keeps going for minutes. Balanced ripe tannins and a vibrant freshness make this very exciting.		£240
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Charmes-Chambertin

Soft, round, chocolate fruit with a breathtaking precision and finesse. Long fresh finish.		£315
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Latricières-Chambertin

Much firmer than the Charmes, with richer redder fruit and a touch of spice. Lovely intensity and length.		£345
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Chambertin

There is a lot mediocre Chambertin about, and it is a joy to find a wine that fulfils the vineyard's potential as one of the greatest in Burgundy. And here it is. A huge quantity of everything: dense black fruit, chocolate, fine tannins, and fresh vibrant acidity. It will need considerable time to come round – at least ten years.		£498
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DOMAINE

Alain Chavy Puligny-Montrachet

Another pure vintage from Alain Chavy, with beautifully defined vibrant fruit as ever. His wines continue to represent excellent value.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Blanc

Forward, brisk with some weight.		£39
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Puligny-Montrachet

Ripe floral fruit with peach and lemon notes and a clearly defined mineral finish. Very beautiful.		£105
	Halves	£111

Puligny-Montrachet, Les Charmes

On the border of its more famous namesake in Meursault, the Charmes exhibits riper richer flavours than the straight Puligny. Lively citrus and mineral pithiness with considerable power.		£117
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Clavoillons

Delicate lemon, grapefruit and honeysuckle on the nose, very vibrant and juicy with a fine minerality. Very long. A superb <i>1er cru</i> .		£144
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Folatières

Very mineral and dense, with zingy lemon and floral fruit. Juicy and rich in mid-palate, and a wonderfully elegant finish. A very fine Folatières.		£144
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Pucelles

The charm of Pucelles is beginning to show through as the vines increase in age. Lovely floral character balanced by a fine minerality. Juicy and long.		£144
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Chevalier-Montrachet

Alain Chavy has swapped four barrels of Folatières for a barrel of this for two years now. Very elegant and fine, with tremendous depth. Will repay ten years in the cellar.		£732
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DOMAINE
Bruno Clavelier Vosne-Romanée

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Vosne-Romanée, La Combe Brûlée

Very structured ripe red fruit with silky tannins. Lovely elegance at this level.		£180
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Vosne-Romanée, Les Hautes Maizières

Fuller and richer than the Combe Brûlée, with beautifully concentrated fruit. Pure and bright on the finish.		£180
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Aux Brûlées, Vieilles Vignes

The 'feminine' of the two <i>1er cru</i> Vosnes. Very forward and open, with fruit that is almost lush. Very elegant and rounded. Persistent fruity finish.		£270
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Beaux-Monts, Vieilles Vignes

The 'masculine' <i>1er cru</i> Vosne. Very elegant still, but more power and darker fruit. Fine long finish.		£270
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Corbeaux

Firm black fruit which opens out in mid-palate to finish on a generous, almost silky note with a good deal of finesse.		£270
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, La Combe d'Orveaux

Very structured and mineral, balanced by typical silky elegant fruit. A little austere at the moment, but time in the bottle will soften it.		£297
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DOMAINE
Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet

Philippe continues to be our favoured Colin, making wines that are supremely individual. They require time in bottle to reveal their true potential.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Blanc

Rich, and very pure with a lovely mineral complexity. Really good at this level.		£54
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chaumées

Clean and bright juicy fruit flavours with a delicious mineral streak. Very balanced, seductive and long.		£186
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chenevottes

A lovely dense core of lemon and pithy grapefruit flavours, beautifully clean and long. A delight.		£186
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Chevalier-Montrachet

Fine, elegant and densely woven rich ripe fruit. Lashings of lemon and mineral flavours on the mid palate, with a superbly long finish.		£720
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DOMAINE de Courcel Pommard

Always a fan of late harvesting, this year Yves Confuron picked a week later than most, finishing at the end of the first week in October. As a result, the grapes had an extra ripeness not found elsewhere.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Pommard, Vaumuriens

Powerful black cherry and dark fruit flavours, with the heft typical of the commune.		£174
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Pommard 1er cru, Les Croix Noires

Dark rich fruit with great density; juicy, ripe and long.		£186
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Pommard 1er cru, Les Fremiers

Elegant rich black fruit, lovely juicy tannins and a fine minerality.		£186
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Pommard 1er cru, Grand Clos des Epenots

Very rich and dense, enormously focussed black fruit with considerable fine tannin that will keep this going for years.		£225
	Magnums	£228

Pommard 1er cru, Les Rugiens

Very fresh and juicy black spicy fruit. Beautifully delineated, fine and very long. Will reward cellaring.		£252
	Magnums	£255

DOMAINE Didier Darviot-Perrin Monthélie

Didier Darviot is a perfectly maddening perfectionist who makes no compromises whatever in his goal to make the best wines possible. This may lead, among other things, to bottling his wines a year later than other growers. They age beautifully, and it is well worth keeping a few of the *1er crus* for ten years or longer. They are very keenly priced this year.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Bourgogne Blanc

Rich and ripe, with lovely gentle acid and some length. Excellent value.		£54
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Meursault, Clos de la Velle

Very poised and lemony, with an appealing juicy vibrancy. Lots of mineral flavours and a powerful nutty finish.		£114
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Meursault, Tessons

Mouth-coating mineral flavours and considerably broader fruit than the Clos de la Velle. Elegant and long.		£129
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Charmes

Mineral, powerful, nutty and long, with pure fresh lemon and grapefruit flavours dominating at the moment. A lovely Meursault.		£180
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Genevrières

More minerality than the Charmes, but this is a Meursault of great elegance and persistence, with rich citrus fruit and a vibrant finish.		£180
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Perrières

Does what it says on tin: stony mineral flavours with pithy grapefruit and lemon notes, very fresh, beautifully persistent and long, with a powerful finish.		£198
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Blanchot-Dessus

As ever, broader and earthier than the Meusaults but with tremendous energy and power. Lovely juicy minerality on a very long finish.		£270
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Red**Bourgogne Rouge**

From vines in Monthélie. Spicy rounded fruit with a hint of violets. Balanced and ripe.		£48
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Volnay, Les Blanches

Supple silky red fruits with rounded tannins. Smooth and long.		£90
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DOMAINE**Christophe Denizot Bissey-Sous-Cruchaud**

An exciting discovery in the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise. The vineyards in Montagny are south-facing, but their higher altitude keeps the wines fresh and vibrant.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White**Montagny 1er cru, Le Vieux Château**

Very appealing floral fruit, with considerable power and a clean minerality. Brisk lemony finish.		£54
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Red**Givry Rouge**

Very seductive vibrant black cherry fruit, dense and fine, with ripe chocolatey tannins and a lovely juiciness.		£48
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DOMAINE Jean-Paul Droin Chablis

Year by year the wines here get finer and more exciting. The domaine is moving inexorably towards the top of the Chablis firmament. The wines are father than the 2007s, with the same rigour but more roundness. Jean-Paul Droin makes two styles of wine according to the type of fruit the vineyards produces: the mineral, produced in stainless steel, and the round, which is given various degrees of oak treatment.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chablis

Fresh lemon and mineral flavours with some richness. Very pleasant and ripe.		£58
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Chablis 1er cru, Vaillons

Vibrant and lemony with a kiss of oak, some mineral elements peeking through, and a nice juicy character.		£78
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Chablis grand cru, Valmur

Very big and rich, with pronounced oak flavours at this stage. This will take time to settle down, but there is lots of wine here!		£146
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Chablis grand cru, Blanchot

Flinty, almost salty flavours give way to generous citrus fruit and silky fine minerality. Very polished and long.		£146
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Chablis grand cru, Les Clos

Powerful and rich, with ripe mineral flavours and a great persistence that stays with you for minutes after. Very lovely.		£174
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DOMAINE Dublère Savigny-Lès-Beaune

Blair Pethel continues to make beautifully pure wines which crackle with energy.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Savigny-Lès-Beaune Blanc 1er cru, Les Peuillets

Rich and juicy grapefruit flavours with broad earthy notes. Good length.		£93
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chaumées

Lovely fresh citrus flavours and great finesse. Broad and vibrant Superbly long mineral flourish on the finish.		£180
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Corton-Charlemagne

Simultaneously powerful and fine, with dense layers of juicy vibrant fruit and ripe mineral elements. Very tight, and will reward cellaring. A very good Corton.		£330
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Chablis Grand Cru, Preuses

Taut and mineral-driven, with delicious citrus flavours coming through on a powerful long finish.		£180
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Red**Savigny-Lès-Beaune ‘Les Planchots du Nord’**

Spicy bramble and cassis notes, very ripe and lovely.		£78
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Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er cru, Les Talmettes

Juicy and fresh, with bright red fruits and a hint of <i>sauvage</i> . Very long and intense, and will fill out with time.		£90
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Pitures

Spicy red cherry nose, very pure and silky on the palate, finishing strongly with a fine minerality.		£120
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Volnay 1er cru, Taillepieds

More intense than the Pitures, with great depth and a lovely knot of fruit at its core. Vibrant minerality on the finish.		£126
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Beaune 1er cru, Les Blanches Fleurs

The typically firm backbone of Beaune is tempered by generous and supple fruit. Fine and long.		£108
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Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru, Les Blanchards

Rich and meaty, with well-defined red and black fruit and mineral flavours. Long and ripe.		£160
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Charmes Chambertin

Deliciously on the fruit at present, but there is real depth and complexity to be found which time in bottle will reveal more clearly. A hint of spice, clean mineral flavours and mouth-watering juiciness underneath. Very long and fine.		£360
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DOMAINE
Claude Dugat Gevrey-Chambertin

Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

Bright, fresh and forward with lovely rounded black fruit.		£114
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Gevrey-Chambertin

Black and rich with typical density and length		£240
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru

Very intense dark black fruit with the oak showing strongly at present. Sweet long ripe finish.		£519
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Lavaux-Saint-Jacques

Each element of the harmonious whole can be clearly picked out: generous black fruit with chocolate and spice, juicy ripe acidity, fine powerful tannins and clean grapefruit minerality.		£558
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Charmes-Chambertin

Lovely intensity and purity. Fresh juicy chocolate-laced black fruits, with a beautifully defined vibrant mineral backbone. Bright and long.		£1,200
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DOMAINE
Dujac Fils et Père Morey-Saint-Denis

Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

Morey-Saint-Denis

Lovely core of black cherry and blackberry fruit. Very vibrant and fine, with a clean balanced finish.		£120
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DOMAINE
Faiveley Nuits-Saint-Georges

Yet more change here, this year most obviously with an enthusiastic embrace of new oak. A small high-tech basket press is now used for the reds, as the pressure is less, and the tannins are finer as a result. Once again, Faiveley are offering a discount on wines bought and paid for by the end of January, and prices will change accordingly. *Most of these are available in magnum. Please contact us if you are interested.*

Price after 31st January Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

White

Corton-Charlemagne

The last white to be harvested. Very fine lemon fruit with a gentle pithiness. Deep, rich and long. As ever, the best Corton-Charlemagne in town.	£574	£515
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Red

Mercurey 'La Framboisière'

Vibrant red fruit, good length and finesse. Very charming.	£69	£60
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Mercurey 1er cru, Clos du Roy

Much more complexity than the <i>village</i> , with greater depth and length. Lovely hedgerow fruits on the fresh finish.	£84	£72
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Damodes

Rounded subtle fruit dominates, with beautiful elegance and length.	£168	£159
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Corton Clos de Cortons Faiveley

So intense that it is left to the end of the tasting after the Gevrey <i>grand crus</i> . Juicy ripe fruit, very pure, powerful and long.	£343	£285
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Clos Vougeot

Lots of power, but the fruit is noticeably finer than in the past. Very appealing core of dense ripe red fruit.	£356	£315
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Echézeaux

Delicious intensity. A fine, beautifully balanced Echézeaux with real energy and balance.	£356	£315
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Latricières-Chambertin

Lovely rich spicy red and black fruit. Elegant, subtle and fine, with a lovely purity.	£412	£345
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Chambertin Clos de Bèze

Densely woven ripe red fruit with lashings of new oak, but these will be absorbed easily in time. A juicy spicy middle with silky tannins and a rich long finish.	£627	£560
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DOMAINE

William Fèvre Chablis

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chablis 1er cru, Vaillons

Generous and rich, with bracing lemon backbone and lashings of mineral flavours.		£98
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Chablis 1er cru, Vaurorent

Very pure powerful salty mineral flavours, beautifully balanced fruit and great length.		£168
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Chablis grand cru, Vaudésir

Very elegant citrus fruit intermingled with pure mineral flavours. Gentle and persistent, long fruity finish.		£195
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Chablis grand cru, Les Clos

As ever, the most elegant and refined of the <i>grands crus</i> . Tight at present, but with enormous richness and poise, with great finesse keeping the power of this vineyard in check. Great concentration and length. Needs time to settle.		£249
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DOMAINE

Fontaine-Gagnard Chassagne-Montrachet

A brilliant year for Richard Fontaine. In style they are at the pure end of the spectrum, with little new oak and an emphasis on showcasing the fruit.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Chassagne-Montrachet

Very bright and pure, with some richness, each element in clear focus and balance. Very good.		£120
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Clos des Murées

The most open of the <i>1er crus</i> , and an indicator of what the others are capable of. Creamy ripe rounded mineral flavours balanced by an explosion of citrus fruit, all framed by a vibrant juicy acidity. Very delicious.		£153
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chenevottes

Fantastically juicy, with vibrant forward lemon fruit and great elegance. Long mineral flourish on the finish.		£153
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, La Maltroie

Heavier soils give more weight and richness. Very intense and deep, with broad mineral flavours, lifted by vibrant juicy lemon notes.		£153
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Vergers

Very present and bright, with forward citrus fruit dominating, backed up by a vibrant mineral backbone.		£153
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Caillerets

One of the best Chassagne sites. Very elegant, but closed at present. Excellent length and intensity.		£192
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, La Romanée

More weight and power than the Caillerets. Pithy flavours, with juicy lemon fruit. A big hit of salty minerality on the finish. Beautifully pure and delineated.		£210
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Criots-Batard-Montrachet

Great power but finely-wrought and elegant, with delicious floral and fresh lemon and lime flavours, backed up by a powerful minerality. Very persistent.		£438
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Batard-Montrachet

Much firmer than the Criots, with great power. Vibrant fresh lemony acidity backed by dense floral fruit. Huge long creamy finish. Very impressive.		£438
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*Red***Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge**

Pure red raspberry and plum fruit, very forward and appealing.		£69
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Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 1er cru, Clos St. Jean

Delicious raspberry fruit lifted by vibrant juicy acidity. Long fine finish. Very charming.		£96
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos-des-Chênes

Much richer than the Clos St. Jean, with silky tannins and bright red fruit. Good weighty finish which promises a long life.		£138
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DOMAINE

Didier Fornerol Corgoloin

Currently assisted by Jean-Pierre de Smet, former winemaker at Domaine de l'Arlot, Didier Fornerol continues to make a pure red Burgundy of unbeatable value. This year he has added a Bourgogne Blanc.

Case price per 12
bottles in bond

*White***Bourgogne Blanc**

Fresh, bright and lemony. Very delicious and good value!	12 per case	£78
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Côte-de-Nuits Villages Blanc

Floral, lemony and bright, with a juicy ripe mineral vein. Excellent length.	12 per case	£138
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*Red***Côte-de-Nuits Villages**

Very seductive, with rich black fruit and fine tannins for this level. Unbeatable value.	12 per case	£120
	Halves	£126
	Magnums	£126

DOMAINE

Fourrier Gevrey-Chambertin

Jean-Marie Fourrier reported that this was his most difficult vintage for him since he started making wine, but he was thrilled by the challenge, and has turned out a fantastic range: Consistently fine wines from bottom to top.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Bourgogne Blanc

From a vineyard on the other side of the <i>route nationale</i> below Chambolle-Musigny. The vines are now 9 years old. Zingy vibrant fruit, very delicious and forward.		£48
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Red

Gevrey-Chambertin

From a vineyard to the north of the village. Vibrant black fruit, some mineral elements, long rich finish.		£114
	Magnums	£120
	Halves	£120

Gevrey-Chambertin, Aux Echézeaux

From vines to the south of Gevrey below the <i>grand crus</i> on the Morey border. The softer of the two Gevrey <i>villages</i> , with pointed red cherry fruit.		£114
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Vougeot 1er cru, Les Petit Vougeots

Next to Amoureuses, and the class shows. Beautifully pointed and balanced, with silky dark fruit and fine tannin.		£171
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Morey-Saint-Denis, Clos Solon

Clearly delineated spicy raspberry fruit, with some weight in the mid-palate and fine tannins on the finish.		£105
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Chambolle-Musigny

90-year-old vines give juicy crushed raspberry fruit, The mineral element is more pronounced this year. Pure and long.		£114
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Gruenchers

A big step up from the <i>village</i> . Pretty ripe red fruit and mineral flavours. Very juicy, with silky tannins on a beautifully long finish.		£174
	Magnums	£180

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Cherbaudes

In the middle of malolactic fermentation, so impossible to taste. But if you have to trust anyone, it is Jean-Marie...		£198
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Goulots

The most angular and mineral of the <i>1er crus</i> , due to its position in poor stony soil at the top of the slope just underneath the woods. Lovely juicy black fruit with firm tannins and a vibrant mineral streak. Long and complex finish.		£198
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, La Combe-aux-Moines

Juicy, rich and fine with generous black fruit and astonishing purity and elegance.		£210
	Magnums	£216

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Clos-Saint-Jacques

Pure and fine. Beautifully defined rich, spicy red and black fruit, with hints of chocolate and a gentle mineral tone. Very dense and harmonious.		£348
	Magnums	£354

Griotte-Chambertin

More Musigny than Chambertin in style, with densely woven fine silky fruit and clear mineral flavours. Very long elegant finish.		£486
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DOMAINE**Jean-Michel Gaunoux Meursault**

A very serious winemaker producing elegant pure wines.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Meursault

Creamy, pithy and ripe, with delicious lemon and grapefruit flavours. Textbook <i>village</i> Meursault.		£102
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Meursault 1er cru, La Goutte d'Or

Intense mineral flavours and lovely juicy citrus fruit. Full and rich, long exuberant finish.		£168
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Perrières

More intense, with very elegant deep mineral and citrus flavours. Juicy, fine and long.		£177
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DOMAINE

Geantet-Pansiot Gevrey-Chambertin

What with his duties as Gevrey's fire chief, passion for Harleys, fine automobiles and scale model Tintin collection, it is astonishing that Vincent Geantet produces such a fine range of focussed, pure wines. He always bottles earlier than most other growers. His wines are deceptively forward, but a recent tasting of his wines from the nineties shows that even a *village* has great staying power.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin, Les Jeunes Rois

Juicy black fruit with a hint of raspberry. Fine persistent tannin and a clear minerality.		£126
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Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

From 65-year-old vines. Very forward silky black fruit with a hint of spice, supple tannin and a juicy middle. Fine mineral note peeking through the fruit. Rich finish.		£138
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Gevrey-Chambertin, En Champs

From 105-year-old vines. Precise black cherry fruit with great intensity on the palate, great elegance and very fine tannins. Pure and long juicy finish.		£168
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Chambolle-Musigny, Vieilles Vignes

Sparkling with energy. Red and black fruits with an appealing silkiness and a juicy ripe finish.		£144
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Feusselottes

Very elegant blackish fruit with fine silky tannins and a long mineral finish. Bright and juicy.		£210
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Baudes

On the Morey side of the village, and thus firmer and fleshier. Very balanced dark fruit, and long juicy mineral and fruit finish.		£210
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Le Poissenot

Poissenot is just above Lavaux-Saint-Jacques, in the best area for <i>1er cru</i> Gevrey. Intense dark black fruit, very precise mineral notes and big supple tannins. Lots of vivid energy on a long fresh finish.		£210
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Charmes-Chambertin

Huge fruit intensity: focussed black cherry and bramble flavours with very fine persistent tannins. Rich, bright and very long indeed. Lovely.		£336
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DOMAINE

Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges

The new *cuvée*, where everything is done by gravity, has allowed Grégory Gouges to make much finer wines than was previously possible. These are still classic Nuits, but especially at the lower end, they are much more accessible than they were. The domaine has gone completely organic with the 2008 vintage.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc 1er cru, La Perrière

Floral and peachy nose, bright earthy mineral flavours with excellent length.		£294
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Red

Nuits-Saint-Georges

Forward rich black fruit, vibrant and ripe, good length.		£114
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Chaignots

The most 'feminine' of the Gouges stable. Lovely core of bright dark fruit, some pithy tannins, and a long juicy finish.		£162
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Clos-des-Porrets

Noticeably finer than in past years, with rich ripe fruit and some mineral tones. Powerful long finish.		£168
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Pruliers

Darker fruit, with more intensity, but great elegance and vibrancy.		£186
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Vaucrains

As ever, a big step up in elegance. Rich chocolatey black fruit and juicy tannins with a vibrant mineral streak. Lots of energy.		£282
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Saint-Georges

Very closed. Everything in perfect balance: complex black fruit, superbly fine tannin and mineral flavours tautly held together by juicy acidity. Very persistent elegant finish.		£324
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DOMAINE

Jean Grivot Vosne-Romanée

An increasingly relaxed Etienne Grivot has made a superb collection of wines. The *1er cru* were tasting especially well during our visit. In the context of the vintage, he thinks it's the best he's ever made.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Vosne-Romanée

Spicy cherry fruit with nicely ripe tannins and a hint of mineral.		£130
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Chambolle-Musigny, Combe d'Orveaux

Intense ripe black fruit with supple tannins and some mineral notes. Long chocolatey finish.		£159
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Pruliers

Very structured, with vibrant dense fruit behind a wall of tannin and oak that will crumble with time.		£290
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Aux Boudots

Blacker and denser fruit, with a chocolate note and smooth tannins. Vibrant mineral and fruit finish.		£315
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Rouges

Vibrant red fruit of sour cherries and redcurrants. Elegant ripe tannins with balancing mineral intensity. Very long and lovely.		£258
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Beaumonts

According to Etienne, the Catherine Deneuve to the Brûlées' Brigitte Bardot. This is certainly not icy, but does have a fine elegance and purity its neighbour lacks.		£315
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Clos Vougeot

Spicy red and black fruit on the nose. Very powerful, fruity and surprisingly fine in the mouth, given the location of the vines at the bottom wall. Long rich black fruity finish.		£360
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Echézeaux

Supple and fine, with pure red fruits and lots of masculine presence. Big tannins, but very pretty too. Juicy and spicy on the finish.		£490
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Richebourg

Big, sensual and rich, with juicy black fruit and very fine tannins. Liquorice, violets, chocolate and black fruits flit across the palate, promising great things to come. Very ripe long fresh finish.	3-bottle case	£780
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DOMAINE
Robert Groffier Morey-Saint-Denis

Fantastically fruity and pure wines.

Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

Vibrant and intense, with delicious forward fruit and good length.		£98
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Chambolle Musigny 1er cru, Les Hauts Doix

Spicy and floral nose, with lovely fruit and fine tannins in the mouth. Very rich and long.		POA
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Chambolle Musigny 1er cru, Les Sentiers

An explosion of red fruit on the palate, complex mineral and spice notes and quite a lot of power on the long finish.		POA
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Chambolle Musigny 1er cru, Les Amoureuses

Groffier is the largest owner of Amoureuses, with over 1ha. Very delicate tensile strength here, with filigree purity and very seductive spicy red fruit.		POA
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Bonnes Mares

Dark fruit with a powerful mineral undertone, with extraordinary length and finesse.		POA
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DOMAINE
Anne Gros Vosne-Romanée

A very late harvest here, finishing in mid-October.

Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

White

Bourgogne Blanc Hautes Côtes de Nuits, 'Cuvée Marine'

Lemony, mineral and very fresh and long.		£78
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Red

Bourgogne Rouge Hautes Côtes de Nuits

Spicy and rich red fruit with surprising finesse at this level.		£78
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Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Rich round red fruit, with great density and ripeness.		£78
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Chambolle-Musigny, La Combe d'Orveaux

Fresh and vibrant pretty red fruit with mineral tones. Supple tannins come through on the long finish.		£165
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Echézeaux, Les Lochausses

Lovely forward spicy floral nose, with a very dense core of red fruit bursting on the palate. Rich, ripe and long.		£300
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Clos Vougeot, Le Grand Maupertui

Intense weighty dark fruit with very present but fine tannins. Vivid fresh chocolate finish.		£378
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Richebourg

Dark spicy cassis and black cherry fruit, densely woven but with very fine tannins and a persistent long finish of great freshness.		£888
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DOMAINE**Alain Hudelot-Noëllat Vougeot**

The colourful Alain Hudelot has largely handed over the reins to his grandson Charles van Canneyt, but Vincent Munier is still making the wines. This year the grapes were destemmed but not crushed, giving purer fruit with more finesse. A very successful range of wines.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chambolle-Musigny

Lovely core of pretty red fruit, very dense and long. An excellent Chambolle.		£129
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Vosne-Romanée

More closed than the Chambolle, with richer tannin but real elegance and power.		£129
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Charmes

Sweet elegant red fruit, with some minerality on a fine long finish. Very delicious.		£264
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Suchots

Powerful, rich and round, with fruit edging towards the black end of the spectrum. Beautifully balanced and well-defined, with a lovely fresh finish.		£204
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Beaumonts

Black cherry and blackberry fruit mixed with spice and chocolate. Very fresh and pure with a long elegant finish.		£204
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Malconsorts

Very dense indeed, with tight-knit dark fruit of great depth. Very long intense finish.		£300
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Clos-de-Vougeot

Pure and fine, with pretty red fruit and chocolate and spice notes. Long rich fruity finish.		£372
	Magnums	£375

Romanée-Saint-Vivant

Very elegant, with a dense knot of red fruit at its core, enveloped by fine tannins and spicy minerals.		£810
	Magnums	£813

Richebourg

Very closed, but the fruit is rich and ripe. Tremendous power and depth, with great balance. Intense concentration and persistence. A fantastic Richebourg.		£870
	Magnums	£873

DOMAINE

Vincent et François Jouard Chassagne-Montrachet

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chassagne-Montrachet

Very lemony and direct, with considerable richness. Fine earthy undertone, clean long finish.		£90
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Morgeot

Very intense and big, with powerful rich mineral notes. Ripe and juicy finish.		£144
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chaumées Clos de la Truffière

Always the most elegant wine here. Floral on the nose, with fine mouth filling citrus and ripe mineral fruit.		£144
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DOMAINE

Lafarge Volnay

A hailstorm on 26th July which hit primarily the *1er crus*, cut yields in half. Frédéric Lafarge reported that there was no rain with the hail, and so the vines were not so stressed. What rot occurred was dried out by the north winds in September. Long-lived wines as ever from this famous domaine.

Case price per 12
bottles in bond

Volnay

Appealing silky red fruit with ripe rich tannins.		£114
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Volnay, Vendanges Selectionnées

Very lively, with generous red cherry fruit and a long finish.		£144
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Beaune 1er cru, Les Grèves

Full ripe primarily dark fruit of lovely density. Firm fine tannins on the finish.		£220
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Volnay 1er cru Mitans

Cherry fruit with a hint of chocolate. Very powerful and juicy with fine tannins on the finish.		£282
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos-du-Château-des-Ducs

Black fruit with red cherry, very intense and spicy with lots of mineral flavours. Great depth on long fine fruity finish.		£288
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Caillerets

The best vineyard in Volnay does not disappoint. Very fine and pure, with elegant juicy fruit and lovely intensity. Supple smooth tannins drive the finish to great length.		£298
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos-des-Chênes

More power and minerality here with great fruit density. Full of energy and velvety tannin. Very lovely long finish.		£298
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DOMAINE des Lambrays Morey-Saint-Denis

Very rigorous selection, plus bleeding the vats to make a good quantity of rosé led to a 50% reduction in yields. The resulting wine is very concentrated.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

*White***Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Clos du Cailleret**

Very fine pithy grapefruit and citrus flavours, lovely persistence and length. Gentle and intense.		£330
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*Red***Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru 'Les Loups'**

Very spicy, with lovely rich ripe red fruit and some mineral flavours. Firm but fine tannin, with a vibrant spicy fruity finish.		£210
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Clos-des-Lambrays

Big and spicy, with rounded ripe red fruit and rich powerful tannins. Juicy cherry finish.		£345
	12 Halves	£351
	Magnums	£351

DOMAINE Leflaive Puligny-Montrachet

The wines were going through malolactic fermentation during our visit, so were unable to taste them. No doubt they are as brilliant as ever.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Blanc

Not tasted.	12 Bottles	£225
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Puligny-Montrachet

Not tasted.	12 Bottles	£395
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Le Clavoillon

Not tasted.	12 Bottles	£550
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Folatières

Not tasted.		£445
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Pucelles

Not tasted.		£495
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Bâtard-Montrachet

Not tasted.		£975
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Chevalier-Montrachet

Not tasted.		£1200
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DOMAINE Prince Florent de Mérode Ladoix-Serrigny

A sad moment for us, as Didier Dubois made his last vintage here before the Corton vineyards were leased to DRC. As a final flourish, he has produced an excellent collection, pure and focussed as ever.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Ladoix, Les Chaillots

Lovely ripe red cherry fruit, vibrant and full-bodied.		£60
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Corton-Bressandes

Delicious intense rich fruit, beautifully elegant and vibrant. Warm rich plummy notes round out the fine mineral flavours. Lots of energy.		£171
	Magnums	£174

Corton-Renardes

Structured and tight, with ripe red and black fruits and great finesse. Fine ripe tannins and a very long finish.		£171
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Corton Clos du Roi

Massive red fruit, with big fine tannins and great elegance and finesse. Real breeding here. Beautifully persistent and fresh.		£210
	Magnums	£213

DOMAINE
Louis Michel Chablis

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chablis

Lovely vibrant citrus flavours with great zing and purity.		£48
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Chablis 1er cru, Vaillons

Ripe apple and citrus notes, lots of creamy minerality and good length. Very fresh and charming.		£69
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Chablis 1er cru, Montée de Tonnerre

Mineral and...mineral. Very closed but generous lemon and grapefruit underneath. Needs time, as ever.		£84
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Chablis grand cru, Vaudésir

Dense and rich, with lashings of bright lemon and pithy mineral flavours. Needs time to settle down.		£126
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Chablis grand cru, Les Clos

Powerful and rich, with generous citrus fruits, particularly lime and grapefruit, with brisk acidity and great depth of flavour. Good balance and length.		£150
	Magnums (3 per case)	£153

DOMAINE
Mugneret-Gibourg Vosne-Romanée

One of Burgundy's mysteries is how consistently underestimated this domaine is, especially in the UK. And yet Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée Mugneret turn out fantastically seductive, pure and elegant wines year after year.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

<i>Village</i> wine in all but name. Appealing red cherry fruit with good intensity.		£81
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Vosne-Romanée

Lovely rich rounded flattering fruit. Some mineral elements, but the overwhelming impression here is of silkiness and purity.		£144
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Chaignots

Seductive rounded crushed raspberry and strawberry fruit. Very focussed, elegant and long. A Nuits made in Vosne.		£198
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Feusselottes

Very precise, with a dense core of juicy soft ripe red fruit and a hint of mineral. Silky, precise and long. Very finely structured, with a bit hit of fruit on the finish.		£222
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Jeune Vigne du Ruchottes-Chambertin

Pronounced black cherry fruit, with great richness and power. Bright and pure, and a long fine finish.		£273
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Echézeaux

Not a trace of rusticity in this: ripe dense black fruit, beautifully pure, juicy and clean on the palate, with a long sweeping finish. The finest Echézeaux in our portfolio.		£360
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Ruchottes-Chambertin

Very powerful, with big dark rich fruit. A lovely freshness and juiciness, some fine mineral notes and bright finish. Very pure, direct and full of energy. A fantastic bottle.		£438
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Clos de Vougeot

Lovely intensity, delicately framed by beautifully fine tannin, with delicious fruit in the mid palate, and a finish that doesn't. Magnificent.		£438
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DOMAINE

Frédéric Mugnier Chambolle-Musigny

The charming Freddy Mugnier positively relishes the challenge of turning his tiny jewel of a domaine in Chambolle into a producer of 1er cru Nuits-Saint-Georges. *The Chambolle wines and the white Clos de la Maréchale will be released later in the year. Please contact us if you are interested.*

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Clos de la Maréchale

Very rich, with dark red fruits predominating on the attack, followed by delicate and subtle fine tannins and an elegant minerality. Very pure and long, still Nuits but more Chambolle in style.		£198
	Magnums	£201

DOMAINE

Paul Pernet Puligny-Montrachet

Paul Pernet was very pleased with his 2008s. He saw the benefits of the rot that pervaded the vineyards in the cool summer, as it acted like botrytis and made the grapes shrivel quickly when the wind arrived in mid-September. The alcohol here was higher than most – hovering just below 14%, but he feels that the acidity will preserve these for a good long time. Certainly the concentration is there.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Puligny-Montrachet

Very forward and open, with ripe rich fruit and an invigorating lemon acidity. Lots of matter, and good length.		£111
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Folatières

Floral notes combined with melon and peach flavours reminiscent of a wine from further south. Delicious ripe minerality on a long finish.		£192
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Pucelles

Ripe grapefruit and lemon nose, with a very intense taut body. Very fine and long.		£270
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Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet

Very big, with lashings of citrus and mineral. Enormous depth and power, almost painfully concentrated. Will be lovely in five years time.		£414
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Bâtard-Montrachet

A particularly long malolactic fermentation is thought by M. Pernet to give this added complexity. There is huge power here, and some charm thank to very old vines. Peach and floral fruit are in evidence, along with lemony acid and vibrant mineral flavours, though it will take some years to settle down.		£486
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Red

Volnay, Les Carelles

Raspberry and bramble fruit dominates, with firm and surprisingly fine tannin in the background.		£78
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Pommard Noizons

Fine black fruit, very supple ripe tannin and smooth long finish. Very good.		£87
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DOMAINE
de la Pousse d'Or Volnay

A devastating hailstorm struck the Volnay *1er cru* on 26th July, damaging the Caillerets vineyard in particular. But the vines recovered astonishingly quickly, and the wines have their usual silky elegance.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Santenay 1er cru, Clos Tavannes

Bright and surprisingly rich, with crunchy raspberry fruit and a beautifully balancing minerality.		£126
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos de la Bousse d'Or

Vibrant red fruits with a hint of cassis dominate from start finish, underpinned by fine tannins and succulent mineral notes.		£228
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Volnay 1er cru, En Caillerets 'Clos des 60 Ouvrées'

Intense red fruit with a silky mouthfeel that belies the tremendous power underneath. Very forward and appealing.		£246
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DOMAINE
Guy Roulot Meursault

Case price per 12
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Blanc

A severe hailstorm in July decimated yields, but this is very vibrant, fresh and elegant. Delicious as ever!		£138
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DOMAINE
Roumier Chambolle-Musigny

Another superb collection from the modest Christophe Roumier.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chambolle-Musigny

Lovely sweet crisp raspberry fruit, bright juicy middle and fine finish.		£132
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Cras

Dense core of sweet cherry and strawberry fruit, fine long mineral finish.		£267
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Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru, Clos-de-la-Bussière

Firm and fleshy, with more pronounced tannins than the Chambolle wines. Seductive core of blackish fruit, fresh long finish.		£198
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Terms of Business

1. All wines are offered subject to remaining unsold.
2. All prices are in bond London.
3. Minimum quantity six bottles. Wines can be ordered by the case only.
4. Free delivery within England and Wales on orders over £600 ex VAT, otherwise at cost. Please contact us for the delivery fee on orders to Scotland. Carriage outside mainland UK can be arranged, please contact us for details.
5. All wines are sold in good faith but we shall not be liable if a grower fails to supply a wine or if it is lost or damaged in transit. In such very rare cases, another wine or a cash refund will be offered.
6. Please note well that no claims for breakages or shortages can be entertained unless this has been noted on the carrier's delivery note and we are informed within 24 hours of receipt by telephone and by letter or email within three days.
7. The wines of certain domaines may not be exported from the UK. Please contact us for details.
8. Approved trade accounts: payment 30 days after date of invoice. Private customers: payment on receipt of invoice, please.
9. Force majeure: we shall not be liable for any failure to meet our obligations occasioned by circumstances beyond our control.
10. Goods remain the property of Howard Ripley Limited until paid for in full.
11. Shipment of 2008s will be in Winter2010/Spring 2011. Customers will be informed of the arrival of their wines in the UK.
12. This list cancels all previous lists.

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