

HOWARD RIPLEY

Specialist in Domaine-bottled Burgundy and German Wines

2006 Burgundy Offer

After the craziness of a great year like 2005, the vintage following it is often neglected. To do this with 2006 would be a mistake. The whites are rich and balanced, and will give pleasure early in their lives; the reds are seductive and perfectly poised: combining a gorgeous ripeness of fruit and precision of terroir that perfectly showcase the magic of Burgundy.

Vintage report

The weather in 2006 was uneven. A damp cool spring was followed by a hot July, when drought threatened, but the weather broke with a huge storm at the end of the month. August was cool and wet. Initially, growers welcomed the rain until it became too much and threatened the onset of rot. Fortunately July heat had thickened the skins of the grapes, keeping them small, so the bunches were properly aerated. This, combined with low temperatures, prevented a serious rot outbreak and luckily, the all-important first two weeks of September provided gloriously warm and dry weather, ensuring a rapid ripening, especially for the whites.

The result is whites that are rich and fat, reminiscent of the 1992s. In the buying process careful selection was necessary to avoid wines that are unbalanced by too much alcohol. The reds are exceptionally pure and *terroir*-driven. The small grapes gave a high skin-to-juice ratio, and resulted in concentrated wines with perfectly ripe fruit and fresh acidity. Very much the ugly ducklings in their youth, they have turned into immensely appealing wines that will provide great pleasure in the medium term. These are for Burgundy lovers.

The strength of the Euro has meant an inevitable increase in prices. Some growers have compounded the problem by raising prices, which is regrettable. We have tried to absorb these increases where possible.

The wines of Dujac, Mugnier, Rousseau and de Vogüé will be released later in the year. Please contact us if you interested in any of these.

PRICES ARE IN BOND LONDON.

UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED, WINES ARE PACKED IN:

6-BOTTLE CASES (750ml)

24-BOTTLE CASES (375ml)

6-BOTTLE CASES (1500ml)

WINES MAY BE ORDERED BY THE CASE ONLY.

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THE WINES

DOMAINE

de l'Arlot Prémieux

One of the smoothest handovers in Burgundy has been completed, and Olivier Leriche is in complete control. The wines retain the pure seductive style they had under Jean-Pierre de Smet, but if anything they have become slightly finer. In a vintage like 2006 the subtle differences between the Clos de l'Arlot and the Clos des Forêts is particularly marked. A lovely year here.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc, La Gerbotte

Ripe, round and aromatic, with the earthiness typical of the vineyard. Long luscious finish.		£96
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Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc 1er cru, Clos de l'Arlot

Refined and smooth, with a beautiful aromatic structure. Well-defined mineral and citrus notes and a long lemony finish.		£189
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Red

Clos du Chapeau

Charming, supple and very fresh red fruit aromas and flavours. Rounded ripe finish.		£78
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Nuits-Saint-Georges, Le Petit Arlot

Made from young vines in the Clos de l'Arlot. Pretty and elegant red cherry fruit and a fine long finish.		£90
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Petits Plets

Made from young vines in the Clos-des-Forêts. Firmer and richer than the Petit Arlot, but still charming and elegant. Beautifully defined.		£102
	Magnums	£216

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

Fine, beautifully perfumed ripe red fruit. Melting chocolate tannins and great length. Very special.		£168
	Magnums	£348
	Halves	£348

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

Intense red and black fruit and a good deal more power than the Clos de l'Arlot. Dense and long, but still retains an extraordinary elegance.		£168
	Magnums	£348
	Halves	£348

Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Suchots

Particularly successful this year: silky ripe red fruit enrobed by persistent fine tannins. One for keeping.		£195
	Halves	£402
	Magnums	£402

Romanée-Saint-Vivant

Closed, but lots of juicy red and black fruits combined with a firm tannic structure. Enormous intensity and length: this will need time.		£570
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DOMAINE**Comte Armand Pommard**

Another fantastic year for the talented Benjamin Leroux. The character of the vintage suits his style of winemaking well, and the wines continue along the path of ever greater purity.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White**Bourgogne Blanc**

Fresh, forward and aromatic. Lovely intensity.		£48
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Meursault Narvaux

Very structured with fat forward ripe fruit and a vibrant balancing freshness. Excellent length.		£108
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Red**Volnay**

Silky and soft, with pure red fruits and persistent ripe tannins on a long finish.		£84
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Auxey-Duresses 1er cru

Lovely fresh hedgerow fruit, vibrant on the palate and great intensity on the finish.		£84
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Fremiets

Gorgeous silky strawberry fruit, with an extraordinary finesse and balance.		£150
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Pommard 1er cru, Clos des Epeneaux

Huge and powerful, with gorgeous ripe fruit and rich chocolate notes, interwoven with fine mineral flavours. An exceptionally fine and complex package.		£210
	Magnums	£426

DOMAINE
Robert Arnoux Vosne-Romanée

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

Made from vines between Nuits and Prémieux. Fine and elegant, with lovely dark fruit.		£60
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Nuits-Saint-Georges

Beautifully balanced rich red fruits, long intense finish.		£108
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Corvées Pagets

Surprisingly soft and rounded, almost Vosne-like in style. Luscious red fruit backed by fine tannins. Long juicy finish.		£216
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Chambolle-Musigny

Charming ripe red fruit with elegant mineral tones: the iron in the red earth coming through.		£144
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Vosne-Romanée

Delicious intensity and suppleness. Fresh red and black fruit of great intensity and length.		£138
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Vosne-Romanée, Les Hautes Maizières

Great density of fruit with a hint of spice and a long rich finish.		£168
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Chaumes

Luscious red fruit with a seductive freshness. Fleishy and long.		£231
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Aux Reignots

A significant step up. <i>Grand Cru</i> intensity and finesse, with dark vibrant black fruits and tremendous purity. Very long indeed.		£360
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Suchots

Long and elegant with enormous purity and depth of flavour.		£420
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Echézeaux

Bright red fruit with lashings of mineral flavours. Fine balancing tannins and a long juicy finish.		£420
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Clos de Vougeot

Great intensity and power with a long fruity finish.		£452
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Romanée-Saint-Vivant

All finesse and power. Densely packed but beautifully defined fruit, perfectly poised and elegant. Very classy indeed.		£1,152
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DOMAINE
Denis Bachelet Gevrey-Chambertin

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

Fresh vibrant dark black fruit. Beautifully fine and elegant. A clear cut above <i>village</i> level.		£141
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Corbeaux, Vieilles Vignes

Made from vines planted in 1920. Powerful, rich and intense with great finesse. Very seductive.		£222
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Charmes-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

Complex fresh red and black fruit combined with notes of spice and chocolate. Pure, rich and long, with a juicy finish.		£396
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DOMAINE
Alain Burguet Gevrey-Chambertin

As he mellows with age, Alain Burguet's wines get more rounded and elegant. Gone for ever are the edgy bruisers that you may have wanted on your side in a dark alley. Instead we have a range that exudes confidence, balance and considerable charm.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin, Mes Favorites

Lovely fine black fruit backed by firm elegant tannins and a hint of minerality.		£168
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DOMAINE
Alain Chavy Puligny-Montrachet

In a year where it was all too easy for growers to make blurred and alcoholic wines, Alain Chavy has shown his talents by producing a range that has his trademark purity, whilst still exhibiting the ripe character of the vintage.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Blanc

Lightly perfumed and delicious.		£30
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Puligny-Montrachet

Clean, pure and rich, with interwoven citrus and mineral flavours.		£90
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Puligny-Montrachet, Les Charmes

Very taut, with a good deal of concentrated lemon and orange fruit and powerful mineral notes. Excellent length.		£99
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Clavoillons

Big and rich, but sacrificing none of its purity. Lively, powerful and long with a hint of flesh.		£123
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Folatières

The most intense of all Chavy's <i>1er crus</i> . Full of zesty fruit and balanced by a mineral core which will emerge more fully after some years in the bottle.		£123
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Pucelles

Still young at fifteen years, these vines are beginning to show their class. Very floral, with ripe pear and citrus notes and very intense, with a hint of fatness. Complex mineral finish.		£123
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DOMAINE

Bruno Clavelier Vosne-Romanée

Just the sort of year that Bruno Clavelier loves: his *terroir* wines are absolutely at their best in a vintage where the fruit does not get to ripe and blur the distinctions in his painstakingly tended vineyards.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Vosne-Romanée, La Combe Brûlée

Seductive red cherry fruit laced with mineral notes. Beautiful breadth and definition.		£132
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Vosne-Romanée, Les Hautes Maizières

Closed, this traditionally more 'masculine' wine is nonetheless fine and positively charming underneath. Very long.		£132
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Aux Brûlées, Vieilles Vignes

The sandy soil of this vineyard performs especially well in cooler years when it heats up more rapidly. Velvety exuberant red fruit and a sparkling mineral character. Great clarity and elegance.		£210
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Beaux-Monts, Vieilles Vignes

As usual, more butch than the Brûlées. Structured, dense and long, with dark red fruits. Full of a superb energy that will see it last a good long while.		£210
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Corbeaux

Dark red and black fruit, fine structured tannins.		£198
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, La Combe d'Orveaux

Smooth silky fruit with hints of chocolate and great intensity. Excellent long finish.		£225
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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

From vines in Chassagne. Balanced and taut, with fine definition and length. Superb at this level.		£45
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chaumées

Peach and ripe pear notes on the nose and the attack, then smooth vibrant mineral notes and a toasty finish. Elegant and long.		£156
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chenevottes

More complex and angular than the Chaumées, with greater depth of fruit and mineral components. Full of power, and will need time to unfold.		£156
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Chevalier-Montrachet

Seamlessly elegant, with enormous reserves of power. Tight and mineral-driven at present. Great length and depth. Superb.		£552
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DOMAINE
de Courcel Pommard

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Pommard, Vaumuriens

Fine black fruit, fresh and intense. Mouthfilling and long.		£140
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Pommard 1er cru, Les Croix Noires

Dense ripe black fruit and chocolate notes, with fine tannins. Long powerful finish.		£159
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Pommard 1er cru, Les Fremiers

Raspberry, black fruit and a hint of chocolate, underpinned by a fine minerality. Complex and long.		£159
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Pommard 1er cru, Grand Clos des Epenots

Rich black fruit, silky smooth and focussed. Fine ripe tannins on a long finish.		£171
	Magnums	TBC

Pommard 1er cru, Les Rugiens

Very powerful, but the fine tannins and purity of fruit confer on it a silky texture one scarcely believes possible of a Pommard. Long ripe mineral finish.		£195
	Magnums	TBC

DOMAINE

Didier Darviot-Perrin Monthélie

An intellectual winemaker on cracking form. His wines are intense and benefit from cellaring, but the wait is always worthwhile.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Bourgogne Blanc

From vines planted in 1954. Pure, lovely raciness and density.	£63
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Meursault, Clos de la Velle

Rich and ripe, with the nuttiness typical of the village. An elegant minerality on the finish.	£126
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Charmes

Powerful, intense and rich, though no trace of fat with zesty fruit giving freshenss. Pure and long on the finish.	£198
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Perrières

A delicious pithy minerality dominates at this stage, but underneath a tightly wound coil of fruit lies in wait. Fine, pure and long.	£234
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Genevrières

Deep and rich, with clean lemony fruit and an intense, mineral-driven finish. Will take some years to come round, but well reward the wait.	£234
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Blanchot-Dessus

Mouthfilling and broad, with silky citrus and stony flavours. <i>Grand cru</i> intensity and depth. Very powerful indeed.	£316
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Red

Bourgogne Rouge

From 30-year-old vines. Fine red fruit, balanced and long.	£60
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Volnay, Les Blanches

From very old vines above the Clos-des-Chênes, Pretty red fruit, with lovely intensity and ripeness.	£96
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DOMAINE

Jean-Paul Droin Chablis

The wines of the dedicated and talented Benoit Droin are never less than beautifully balanced. Some oak is used here, but it is never obtrusive. This vintage he decided to pick his grapes earlier than others: the result is wines that retain the steely lightness typical of the village.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chablis 1er cru, Vaillons

Vibrant fresh apple fruit with a hint of toast and a strong mineral finish. Well-balanced and ripe.		£66
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Chablis grand cru, Valmur

Sappy, rich and ripe, with great intensity and finesse.		£132
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Chablis grand cru, Blanchot

Made entirely in stainless steel to preserve freshness. Appealing flavours that unfold in the mouth to a stunningly long finish.		£132
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Chablis grand cru, Les Clos

50% new oak, but you'd never guess it, such is the intensity of ripe stone fruits and mineral flavours that almost overpower the palate at this stage. Will reward cellaring.		£144
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DOMAINE

Dublère Savigny-Lès-Beaune

A new discovery for us. Blair Pethel was a financial journalist for many years before finding his true calling as a winemaker in Burgundy. He has vines in Savigny and Corton-Charlemagne, and buys grapes from other growers for his remaining wines. Throughout the growing season, he ensures that the vines are tended to his exact specifications, often doing the work himself. His cellar is sparklingly clean: you could eat your dinner off the floor. Through fanatical attention to detail, this vintage, only his third, is of extraordinary quality. The wines are clean, true to their origins and possess an extraordinary finesse.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

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

Round and full-bodied, with pithy mineral notes. Well-balanced and fine.		£84
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Puligny-Montrachet

Delicate floral notes on a rich mineral base. Beautifully pointed and fresh, with a fine finish.		£114
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Sous le Puits

Great depth of flavour, with zesty citrus notes and a fine persistent minerality. Harmonious and balanced.		£156
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chaumées

Superb intensity here, with ample rich citrus and stone fruit, underpinned by powerful mineral notes. Long and fine.		£156
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Corton-Charlemagne

Tightly wound core of fruit peeking out from beneath the mineral flavours. Closed, but the long fine finish gives it away: this will be fantastic in five to ten years.		£264
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Red

Savigny-Lès-Beaune

Sweet brambly fruit with surprisingly fine tannins from this village. A real <i>vin de plaisir</i> .		£60
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Beaune 1er cru, Les Bressandes

Lovely ripe red fruits, with vibrant freshness. Wines from Beaune are not often 'easy' due to their firm tannins, but these are so ripe and fine here as to be almost silky. A superb effort.		£96
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Pommard 1er cru, Les Poutures

Red and black bramble fruit, fine rounded tannins with a hint of minerality on a long fruit-driven finish.		£96
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Pitures

Firm, rich and structured, with fresh black fruits and a firm backbone. Will reward some time in the bottle: at least five years.		£105
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Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru, Les Blanchards

Fresh, almost crunchy red fruits, followed closely by smooth mineral notes. Fine and long.		£111
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Champeaux

One of Gevrey's best <i>1er crus</i> , and Blair does not let us down with it. Elegant red fruits, a balancing fine minerality, and a long smooth finish.		£135
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Charmes Chambertin

One third new oak here, but such is the intensity of the fruit that it is barely noticeable. An abundance of dark hedgerow fruit mixed with black cherry and hints of chocolate. An elegant finish that expands and builds rather than fading.		£276
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DOMAINE

Claude Dugat Gevrey-Chambertin

Could it be that Claude Dugat is mellowing? Or is his fruit getting more intense? Certainly the heavy oak that used to dominate in tastings has become less marked, making visits here much more of a pleasure.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

Vibrant pure black fruit with fine tannins. Excellent quality at this level.		£96
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Gevrey-Chambertin

Black cherry and chocolate notes dominate, but mineral flavours develop on the palate. Slightly closed, and needs time in bottle.		£204
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru

A big step up in intensity from the <i>village</i> . Pure ripe black fruit with hints of chocolate. Long toasty finish.		£438
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Lavaux-Saint-Jacques

An abundance of black hedgerow fruit with strong black cherry and dark chocolate. Long mineral-driven finish.		£498
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Charmes-Chambertin

Lovely intensity and purity. Fresh and vibrant black cherry fruit with a beautifully defined mineral backbone. Gentle tannins on a long finish.		£1,140
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DOMAINE

Faiveley Nuits-Saint-Georges

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

Corton-Charlemagne

The 80% new oak is effortlessly swallowed by the intense fruit in this powerhouse of a wine. Rich stone fruit, citrus and spice flavours, with a long elegant finish. The best Corton-Charlemagne in town.		£549
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Red

Mercurey

Vibrant red fruit, fresh and well-balanced.		£39
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Damodes

Bordering Vosne-Romanée like its neighbour Aux Boudots, Les Damodes produces wines in a softer style without the tannic intensity for which Nuits is known. Round rich ripe fruit, with great persistence and a good deal of finesse. Long smooth finish.		£147
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Mazis-Chambertin

Bright intense black fruit with notes of chocolate and spice. Juicy, powerful and long.		£375
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Chambertin Clos de Bèze

Red and black fruits, with notes of coffee, chocolate and spice. Long, pure and fine, with huge reserves of power. Really good.		£528
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DOMAINE

William Fèvre Chablis

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chablis 1er cru, Vaillons

Fine, rich and elegant, with classic mineral and citrus notes. Tight and long.		£90
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Chablis 1er cru, Fourchaume 'Vignoble de Vaurorent'

The best parcel of Fourchaume qualifies for a mention on the label and the difference in quality to the regular Fourchaume is marked. Very focussed and fine, with a lovely racy minerality, great lemony vivacity and length.		£111
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Chablis grand cru, Vaudésir

Great richness, elegance and length. Delicate floral notes with an appealing lemony freshness. Long cellaring will bring out the buried minerality. Very integrated and fine.		£180
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Chablis grand cru, Les Clos

As ever, the most elegant and refined of the <i>grands crus</i> . Tight and beautifully poised, with great concentration and length.		£192
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DOMAINE

Didier Fornerol Corgoloin

Case price per 12
bottles in bond

White

Côte-de-Nuits Villages Blanc

Still had not finished fermentation after a year. Rich, broad and elegant, with seductive aromatic fruit. Superb at this level.	12 per case	£108
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Red

Côte-de-Nuits Villages

Very fresh, with pure red fruits and a gentle underlying minerality. Excellent finesse and length. Once again, I am amazed that a wine at this level (and price!) can be so good.	12 per case	£96
	Halves	£108
	Magnums	£108

DOMAINE Fourrier Gevrey-Chambertin

A visit here is always a highlight of the tasting trip, and once again this year we were not disappointed. In a village full of superstars, it is no exaggeration that Jean-Marie Fourrier is close to the very top of the pile. Helped by their great age, his vines give some of the purest expressions of place in the commune.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin

From a vineyard to the north of the village. Old vines give <i>1er cru</i> quality: pretty red and black fruit with harmonious mineral elements.		£108
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Gevrey-Chambertin, Aux Echézeaux

From a vines to the south of Gevrey below the <i>grand crus</i> . Soft, round and ripe, with delicious intensity.		£108
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Vougeot 1er cru, Les Petit Vougeots

Intense red and black fruit. Beautifully pure and ripe. Very lovely indeed.		£150
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Morey-Saint-Denis, Clos Solon

Vibrant red fruits with firm structure.		£96
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Chambolle-Musigny

From 90-year-old vines. Pure and bright red fruit with a distinct mineral undertone. Bell-like clarity.		£108
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Gruenchers

Enormous fruit intensity: crystal clear minerality underneath fresh red cherries and blackberries. Long and fine.		£156
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Cherbaudes

Fresh ripe red fruits with great richness. Rounded supple tannins on a superbly long finish with a mineral kick.		£174
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Goulots

Jean-Marie likens this to a schoolteacher who is a strict but will reward hard work. Certainly this is more structured and less accessible at this stage, but the fresh black fruit and fine tannin promise much pleasure in the future.		£174
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, La Combe-aux-Moines

Balanced and dense, with sweet ripe red and black fruit. Fine and long.		£198
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Clos-Saint-Jacques

Pure and fine. Rich black fruit that goes on forever, with hints of chocolate and a powerful mineral tone. Will have a long life.		£324
	Magnums	£660

DOMAINE
Jean-Michel Gaunoux Meursault

Jean-Michel Gaunoux chose to pick early this year, and his wines are very pure and well-balanced.

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Meursault

Rich and round, with firm mineral flavours.	£85
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Gouttes d'Or

Fresh ripe fruit and mineral flavours. Very closed, and will need time to come round.	£144
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Meursault 1er cru, Les Perrières

Mineral-driven, with fresh vibrant zesty fruit. Will need time in bottle.	£156
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DOMAINE
Geantet-Pansiot Gevrey-Chambertin

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Gevrey-Chambertin, Les Jeunes Rois

Bright intense black fruit flavours, long dense finish.	£114
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Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes

Rich dark fruit with sappy tannin and a long fruit-driven finish.	£120
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Gevrey-Chambertin, En Champs

From 104-year-old vines. At this age there is a good deal of <i>millerandage</i> , where the fruit does not set properly and bunches have very small grapes with highly concentrated juice. Tight and closed, with huge reserves of power. Great finesse and length.	£150
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Chambolle-Musigny, Vieilles Vignes

Silky almost creamy fruit, primarily red cherry. Fine tannins and a bright long finish.	£126
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Feusselottes

Intense black fruits with a hint of spiced plum and powerful mineral notes. Juicy, bright and fine.	£198
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Baudes

More structured than the Feusselottes, but still fine and silky with a strong mineral kick. Very long focussed finish.	£198
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Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru, Les Poissenots

Black, ripe and intense with a tight knot of fruit at the core. Long and juicy, with a sweeping fruit-driven finish.	£186
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Charmes-Chambertin

A bit muted now. Fresh vibrant soft black fruit, powerful and fine, with mineral and chocolate coming through. Will run and run.	£288
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DOMAINE
Jean Grivot Vosne-Romanée

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Vosne-Romanée

Rich and very ripe red and black fruits. Elegant and full, with a long, pretty finish.		£120
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Chambolle-Musigny, Combe d'Orveaux

Intense fine fruit and mineral elements. Superbly long and elegant, with silky fruit notes on the finish.		£138
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Pruliers

Fat, intense and fine, with appealing freshness. Distinct mineral notes in mid-palate, washed away by a strong hedgerow fruit finish.		£240
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Aux Boudots

Silkier than the Pruliers, but still with great power, and a coiled spring of fruit at its core. Excellent length.		£240
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Rouges

Enormous power here, but the fruit is fine and almost delicate in its purity. Ripe fine tannins. Lovely.		£222
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Beaumonts

More introverted than the Rouges, with more mineral elements, and more structured tannins, but overlaid with beautifully fine hedgerow fruit.		£240
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Clos Vougeot

Powerful, tannic and rich. Big red fruit. Lots of waiting to be done here.		£282
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DOMAINE
Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

White

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

Not tasted		£234
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Red

Nuits-Saint-Georges

Lovely dark fine fruit, with excellent length.		£96
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Chaignots

Vibrant and rich, with soft enveloping tannins and hints of chocolate and mineral on the finish.		£147
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Clos-des-Porrets

Firm and rich with vivid black fruit and chocolate notes. Long and fine.		£147
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Pruliers

Big and firm, and bursting with ripe black fruit and mineral flavours. Very long juicy finish. One of the best ever.		£150
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Vaucrains

Fantastic intensity. Rich, long and ripe. Manages to remain absolutely pure right through.		£234
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Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru, Les Saint-Georges

Once again, the deepest, finest and most powerful of all the wines here. Complex interplay of black cherry, chocolate and minerals. Beautifully integrated and long.		£240
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DOMAINE**Anne Gros Vosne-Romanée**Case price per 6
bottles in bond*White***Bourgogne Blanc Hautes Côtes de Nuits, 'Cuvée Marine'**

Aromatic citrus and honey notes on this elegant package. Vibrant and delicious.		£72
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*Red***Bourgogne Rouge Hautes Côtes de Nuits**

Forward ripe and fresh, with vivid red fruit.		£69
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Bourgogne Pinot Noir

More depth, with more rounded fruit and more persistent tannins. Will need a bit of time.		£69
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Chambolle-Musigny, La Combe d'Orveaux

Fresh and pure red fruits and minerals, with silky elegance and great length. This is of fine <i>1er cru</i> quality as ever.		£144
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Vosne-Romanée, Les Barreaux

Lovely juicy red and black fruit with a fine mineral streak. Dense and ripe, with typical silkiness on the palate.		£198
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Clos Vougeot, Le Grand Maupertui

Sweet ripe black fruit with a chocolate notes. Very vibrant, fine and long.		£348
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Richebourg

Closed, but after a quiet start, builds effortlessly with rounded fresh black and red fruit. Long fruit and mineral finish.		£798
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DOMAINE
Hudelot-Noëllat Vougeot

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chambolle-Musigny

Fresh, vibrant and juicy, with pretty red fruit and a mineral kick. Lovely.		£114
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Charmes

Beautiful core of pure sweet silky red fruit, soft and rich, but with firm structure and a mineral-driven finish.		£225
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Suchots

Pretty red fruit with a spicy black notes and mineral undertone. Supple tannins and a long fine finish.		£180
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Beaumonts

Much bigger this year than the Suchots, with dense ripe black fruit and great intensity. Fine and pure on a long finish.		£180
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Vosne-Romanée 1er cru, Les Malconsorts

Almost explosive ripe dark fruit with strong chocolate and mineral flavours. Long and rich.		£240
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Clos-de-Vougeot

Rich and very bright sour red cherry fruit with gamey notes. Elegant and long.		£330
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Romanée-Saint-Vivant

Intense, perfumed and elegant, with vibrant red fruit and great length.		£741
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Richebourg

Very closed, but one can sense the power. Elegant and fine with black fruit and minerals growing on the palate to an endless finish.		£765
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DOMAINE
Vincent et François Jouard Chassagne-Montrachet

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chassagne-Montrachet

Almost tropical fruit flavours on this silky Chassagne. Round and long.		£75
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Le Champs-Gain

Rich, round and long, with ripe stone fruit flavours and a toasty finish.		£117
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Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Chaumées Clos de la Truffière

Enormous silky peach and tropical fruit flavours. Stylish mineral finish with notes of white flowers. Very long.		£120
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DOMAINE
des Lambrays Morey-Saint-Denis

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru

As selection becomes more rigorous for the <i>grand cru</i> , a greater quantity of better grapes goes into the <i>1er cru</i> . The results are impressive: superb ripeness, complexity and length.		£195
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Clos-des-Lambrays

Much more intense and serious. Pure and intense red and black fruits. Good definition and balance, and very long.		£300
	12 Halves	£606
	Magnums	£606

DOMAINE
Lafarge Volnay

Case price per 12
bottles in bond

Volnay

Lovely knot of pretty red fruit, with fine persistent tannins and excellent length.	12 per case	TBC
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Volnay, Vendanges Selectionnées

Much more intensity with lovely fresh red fruit, silky tannins and great length.	12 per case	TBC
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Beaune 1er cru, Les Aigrots

Very structured, with charming red and black fruit that builds to a strong finish.	12 per case	TBC
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Beaune 1er cru, Les Grèves

Structured and pure, with lovely ripe warm fruit. Long finish.	12 per case	TBC
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Pitures

<i>Terre blanche</i> gives great structure and body. Lovely red fruit and great finesse.	12 per case	TBC
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Mitans

<i>Terre rouge</i> gives a more silky impression, with blacker fruit notes, and very fine persistent tannins.	12 per case	TBC
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos-du-Château-des-Ducs

Pure and powerful black fruit with a racy freshness and elegance. Long rich finish.	12 per case	TBC
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Volnay 1er cru, Les Caillerets

Fresh strawberry and crushed raspberry fruit, with ripe mineral notes and a very fine long finish. Superb.	12 per case	TBC
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos-des-Chênes

Amazing richness and finesse. Tightly packed with ripe black fruit, with a smooth power and elegance that reminds one of Vosne.	12 per case	TBC
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DOMAINE
Prince Florent de Mérode Ladoix-Serrigny

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Ladoix, Les Chaillots

Lively crushed raspberry and blackcurrant fruit with a well-integrated mineral component. Fresh and long.		£48
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Aloxe-Corton 1er cru

Elegant and fine with vibrant red fruit and a long sweeping finish.		£108
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Corton-Bressandes

Great depth of red and black fruit, some minerality, much finesse and intensity. Lovely balance, and a long fresh fruity finish.		£156
	Magnums	£324

Corton-Renardes

Rather more structured and at backward for the moment. But heaps of red and black fruit and lovely mineral edge. Excellent length and intensity.		£159
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Corton Clos du Roi

Dense and closed. Huge reserves of power, though, with intense black fruits and a fine minerality. Beautifully poised and fresh. Very fine.		£177
	Magnums	£366

DOMAINE
Louis Michel Chablis

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chablis

Floral fruit, with zesty lemon and mineral flavours. Very vibrant		£43
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Chablis 1er cru, Vaillons

Fine, with citrus and floral notes. Long mineral finish.		£72
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Chablis 1er cru, Montée de Tonnerre

Structured, with the minerality dominating at present. Lovely purity and intensity. Long zesty finish.		£84
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Chablis grand cru, Vaudésir

Gentle broad strokes of lush ripe fruit on the surface with intense mineral flavours under the mantle. Tremendous potential.		£120
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Chablis grand cru, Les Clos

Very fine and elegant as ever. Floral, citrus and mineral notes, all seamlessly integrated. Will be superb in a number of years.		£141
	Magnums (3 per case)	£147

DOMAINE
Mugneret-Gibourg Vosne-Romanée

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Rouge

Round and rich, balanced by supple tannins. Fresh and long.		£69
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Vosne-Romanée

Bright red fruits with a delicious minerality. Long sweet finish		£126
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Gevrey-Chambertin

The last year these young vines in Ruchottes will be sold as a <i>village</i> . Next year this will be labelled <i>Ruchottes Jeunes Vignes</i> , and will carry a different price tag. Rounded and powerful with rich black fruit and good length.		£162
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Feusselottes

Explosive soft ripe red fruit with a mineral hit. Charming, refined and elegant, with extraordinary length.		£198
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Echézeaux

Great intensity of fruit and real finesse.		£282
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Ruchottes-Chambertin

Lots of rich ripe fruit with enormous power lurking underneath. Long mineral finish.		£348
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Clos de Vougeot

As usual, the biggest wine in the line-up. Bright red fruit, with rounded tannins and a hint of wood. Long rounded finish.		£348
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DOMAINE
Frédéric Mugnier Chambolle-Musigny

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

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

Packed with soft red with spicy notes, and hint of blackberries. Very elegant tannins as ever, and gorgeously fresh. Extraordinarily fine and long.		£165
	Magnums	£336

DOMAINE
Paul Pernet Puligny-Montrachet

Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

White

Puligny-Montrachet

Rich and ripe, zesty mineral notes and fresh flower flavours.		£98
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Folatières

Broad powerful flavours, with great depth and intensity. Racy and appealing.		£162
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Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru, Les Pucelles

As ever, the most elegant of the 1er crus here. Lovely citrus fruit with a fine minerality. Very long.		£222
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Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet

Powerful and rich with great intensity and some fatness, supported by vibrant acidity. Strong mineral finish.		£312
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Bâtard-Montrachet

Powerful and focussed. Enormous weight of fruit, with a long elegant finish.		£378
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Red

Beaune 1er cru, Les Reversées

Forward red fruit framed by vigorous ripe tannins. Well-structured and long.		£63
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Pommard Noizons

Dark red fruit with a hint of licorice and chocolate, with persistent fine tannins.		£75
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DOMAINE
de la Pousse d'Or Volnay

Case price per 6
 bottles in bond

Santenay 1er cru, Clos Tavannes

Very old vines, largely planted in 1920, give superbly concentrated red and black fruit with spicy gamy notes. Long soft finish.		£99
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Volnay 1er cru, Clos de la Bousse d'Or

Bursting with red and black fruits, with a hint of tobacco and backed by fine silky tannins. Delicious intensity and length.		£192
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Volnay 1er cru, En Caillerets 'Clos des 60 Ouvrées'

Always the best wine in the cellar here. Rich primarily black fruit, with seamlessly integrated silky tannins. Glides effortlessly across the palate.		£198
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DOMAINE
Guy Roulot Meursault

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Bourgogne Blanc

Fresh and zesty, with the forward ripe fruit of the vintage. Hard to believe this is not good village Meursault.		TBC
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Bourgogne Rouge

Forward, very bright ripe red fruit with a fresh finish.		TBC
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DOMAINE
Roumier Chambolle-Musigny

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Chambolle-Musigny

Lovely sweet ripe red fruit, great purity and charming elegance. Vibrant fruit-driven finish.		£117
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Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru, Les Cras

Dense core of precisely defined intense red cherry fruit, long fresh finish.		£204
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Morey-Saint-Denis 1er cru, Clos-de-la-Bussière

Ripe red and black fruit, persistent fine tannins and excellent length. Very charming.		£144
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DOMAINE DU
Clos de Tart Morey-Saint-Denis

Case price per 6
bottles in bond

Clos de Tart

Very powerful rich red fruit, backed by superfine tannins and fresh minerality. Very long indeed.	GUIDE PRICE ONLY – TBC	£900
	Magnums (3 per case)	£927

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2. All prices are in bond London.
3. Minimum quantity one dozen bottles. These wines are mostly sold in six-packs, which can be ordered by the case only.
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