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2018 Burgundy En Primeur

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2018 Vintage Report



2018 was a hot, dry year, which generally yielded large crops. Picking dates in these conditions were crucial, to obtain the desired flavour profile without overripe fruit and potentially high alcohol levels. Thankfully, the previous years abundant rain ensured much-needed water reserves, to maintain freshness through the heat of this vintage.

The wines we tasted and loved were classically styled, with alcohol levels around the 13% mark; whilst others were variable, overripe and jammy (and over 15%!). Never has the adage of following the grower been more true - great advice for 2018 Burgundies.

Of course it is early days, but for the reds, we were offered comparisons to 1990, 1999, a fresher 2015 and mix of 2003 and 2009! This is potentially a great vintage but certainly not a uniform one.

Seckford has followed the growers for you and we think the wines in this offer showcase the wonderful style of the vintage across the Cote; from Gevrey, Vosne, Morey and Chambolle, right through to our delicious Pernand Vergelleses from the rising star of Joannet.

The resulting wines we've chosen have an up-front appeal - with bright, juicy fruit, that is balanced with an energetic freshness and fine, ripe tannins. Some have a long life ahead of them and others will be 'ready to go', so please discuss requirements with your account manager and snap up these vinous gems before they are gone.

Domaine Lignier-Michelot

Morey St Denis



Virgile is a passionate and thorough winemaker, who took over from his father in 2000. Relentless work in the vineyards and cellar has paid off and his 2018s display a wonderful, soft-sweet freshness for the vintage. The wines are deep in colour, with structure and bright Pinot purity. The majority are produced using whole clusters, with 30% new oak. Sublime wines from a perennial Seckford favourite.

12 hectare holding - began picking on 8th September.

Morey St Denis, En La Rue de Vergy

£165 per 6 bottles

50 year old vines that sit just above Clos de Tart. Rich and vibrant red fruits with a silky, soft mouth-feel. Great texture, length and balance. Easily premier cru quality – excellent value.

Morey St Denis 1er Cru, Les Chenevery

£295 per 6 bottles

Only the upper part of this vineyard is classified as Premier Cru, which is where Virgile's vines are to be found. A deep core of concentrated red fruits with fine tannin grip. Wonderfully fresh with that intoxicating Pinot perfumed aroma. Superb.

Morey St Denis 1er Cru, Les Faconnieres

£295 per 6 bottles

One of the best placed Morey vineyards, sitting just below Clos de la Roche (Virgile refers to this as 'baby Clos de la Roche'). Whole bunch. From a mix of clay and limestone, this displays elegance, combined with light and pure red fruit. Fine tannins with a lip-smacking tangy finish.

Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru

£775 per 6 bottles

£795 per 3 magnums

£595 per Jeroboam

From 0.27ha of parcels bordering Les Mont Luisants, with the oldest vines planted in the late 60's. 80% whole cluster. Beautifully soft and elegant but with a great drive and firm core of cherry fruit. Truly outstanding.

Domaine Boursot

Chambolle Musigny

Brothers Romaric and Romuald Boursot are the new (15th!) generation here at this up and coming domaine in Chambolle. They are refining their methods year on year and have excelled in the 2018 vintage. Owning just over four and a half hectares, they produce stunningly pure Pinot Noir. A little new oak (around 30%) and mostly 100% destemmed, they likened the vintage to 2015 with a touch more freshness - yes please!

Gevrey Chambertin

£185 per 6 bottles

2 parcels (one north, one south). 30% new oak. Bright, vibrant red Pinot fruit with a firm, classic Gevrey structure and hint of spice. Great village Burgundy drinking.

Vosne Romanee, Vieilles Vignes

£247 per 6 bottles

From 70 year old vines, this wonderful village Vosne combines fine, silky tannins with a fresh minerality from lush, creamy red fruit. Very seductive...

Chambolle Musigny, Les Nazoires (lieu-dit)

£188 per 6 bottles

£210 per 3 magnums

Bright, clean and balanced fruit displaying a wonderful sweetness and a lovely subtle, floral nose. Premier Cru quality right here.

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru, Les Chatelots

£285 per 6 bottles

£300 per 3 magnums

Right next to Les Feusselottes, this always shows a little more warmth and perfumed Pinot on the nose. Great minerality with a nice structured grip and bright red fruits. Simply superb!

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru, Les Fuees

£345 per 6 bottles

£360 per 3 magnums

Across the path from Bonnes Mares and next to Les Cras, this old vine (60yo) Fuees shows a deep core of sweet, spicy fruit. A hint of gingerbread! The brothers' favourite wine and it is hard to disagree. A must buy for the cellar.

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru, Les Lavrottes

£285 per 6 bottles

A very small and rarely seen site, this sits just below Bonnes Mares and next to Baudes. Clean strawberry and cherry fruit. Soft, silky, very elegant and a long, lingering finish. A star in the making.

Domaine Michel Joannet

Marey-les-Fussey

Thirty seven year-old Fabien Joannet has a quiet confidence that shows through in his wines. Under the radar and tucked away up in the Hautes Cotes, he makes simply delicious wines at an affordable price (no easy feat in Burgundy nowadays), that are pure pleasure to drink and enjoy. With an impressive 16ha holdings of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, these wonderfully bright and fresh wines showcase what can be done in the 'lesser' appellations. Oh and he makes a decent Vosne Romanee too! Now on his 12th vintage. The labels still need some work but the wines don't...

Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Nuits Blanc

£68 per 6 bottles

No new oak. A good crop in 2018 has produced a fresh and vibrant wine, with racy acidity. Linear Chardonnay precision and mineral. Wonderful drinking.

Pernand Vergelesses Blanc

£98 per 6 bottles

Sweet, exotic fruit and a racy acidity. A hint of rich oiliness, this is simply delicious Chardonnay. Drink now!

Pernand Vergelesses Rouge 1er Cru, Les Fichots

£135 per 6 bottles

£145 per 3 magnums

Just beneath Les Vergelesses, this has a deep mulberry and spice nose with a refined, flavoursome and fresh finish. Will age gracefully.

Vosne Romanee

£198 per 6 bottles

£208 per 3 magnums

From 4 separate plots of 70-80 year old vines. 50% new oak. Silky sweet with a hint of spice. Lovely dark fruit and what superb value for old-vine Vosne Romanee!

Vosne Romanee 1er Cru, Les Suchots

£295 per 6 bottles

£305 per 3 magnums

8 barrels made in 2018 – a great success. 100% new oak. Big and creamy with that wonderful perfumed nose associated with the Suchots vineyard. This is one for the cellar and one that shows great potential.



Jean-Marie Fourier

Gevrey Chambertin



Jean-Marie continues to produce some of the purest Pinot Noir in Burgundy and doesn't disappoint in 2018. We are delighted to offer a wine that punches well above its weight. His Bourgogne Rouge is available in both bottles and magnums.

Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Fourier

£250 per 12 bottles

All domaine fruit. Lovely, ripe exotic nose, but not rich. Great tension, exactly what one wants to drink. Creamy and limey finish.

Bourgogne Rouge, Jean-Marie Fourier

£295 per 12 bottles

£295 per 6 magnums

Complex and fresh on the nose with both red and dark fruits, this is as light as a daisy, yet shows seductive Pinot fruit that just makes you want to drink it. As our Chairman says, 'Beer wine'. Will age well if you can wait but will drink so well right away (always with a decent decant for JM's wines). It charmed me!

Domaine Hubert Lignier

Morey St Denis

As is customary with Hubert Lignier, he releases his wines later than others and so we are delighted to offer our new allocation of 2017s alongside a couple of 2018s. The 2017s are silky, wonderfully concentrated and with lively acidity. Hail struck the vineyard holdings so production across the domaine is down. Hubert Lignier is one of those growers who is on the move and these wines are becoming increasingly hard to find after release. An allocation we cherish!

2017s

2017 Morey St Denis

£375 per 12 bottles

Smells great! Like ripe blueberries but with the spicy, gamey MSD tang. Smooth and creamy with a mineral backbone. Vibrant. Good structure.

2017 Gevrey Chambertin

£375 per 12 bottles

Immediately more structure than the MSD. Violets and cassis. Slightly more 'open' than the MSD despite the bigger wine. Lovely acidity.

2017 Chambolle Musigny, Vieilles Vignes

£475 per 12 bottles

Made from 2 parcels. This is fab! Exotic, almost like Turkish Delight. Exuberant and fruity. Really delicious. Creamy and perfect balance.

2017 Morey St Denis 1er Cru, La Riotte

£695 per 12 bottles

This vineyard is smack bang in the middle of the village and this 2017 has a lovely expression of MSD on the nose, slightly wild blackcurrant fruit coupled with a 'struck match' quality (which I love.). Svelte tannins. Wonderful.



Domaine Hubert Lignier

Morey St Denis

2017 Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru, Les Didiers

£995 per 12 bottles

Bought at the Hospices auctions (barrels of this wine went for €15K each). Smells very good: ripe blackcurrants balanced by rich new oak. Fleshy for a NSG from this area (the Premeaux side, Didiers borders Les St Georges). Lovely texture and balance and another creamy finish.

2017 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru, Les St Georges

£1295 per 12 bottles

Spicy and jammy nose. Lovely black fruit character. Firm and tannic but very ripe, real depth of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit. Super balance and silky finish.

2018s

2018 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain

£105 per 12 bottles

Up-front, gorgeous red fruit. A wine to drink and enjoy young. Lovely minerality adds freshness to the ripe red fruit. Excellent.

2018 Bourgogne Pinot Noir

£190 per 12 bottles

Superb red fruit on the nose. The palate is concentrated and rich with red fruit. The pedigree really shines through, this will drink well out of the blocks.

Domaine Louis Boillot

Chambolle Musigny

Owning significant holdings in the Cote de Beaune and Cote de Nuits, Louis Boillot has some wonderful sites; a lot of small plots of very old vines, he is making stunning wines. Sharing the cellars in Chambolle with his wife Ghislaine Barthod and producing for his own label since 2003, this is a domaine producing first class results and in our opinion, flying a little under the radar. Don't miss these wines.

Harvest begun on the 25th August. Wines are 100% destemmed, with around 20% new oak.

Volnay 1er Cru, Les Angles

£276 per 6 bottles

From 0.61ha of 45yo vines. South-east exposure (warm site) - a great Boillot vineyard. Very clean, transparent red fruit with a soft floral note and the silky smooth taste of pure cherries. Well balanced, ripe tannins and a fresh finish. A gorgeous Volnay from the consistent Angles vineyard. 13%.

Volnay 1er Cru, Les Brouillards

£276 per 6 bottles

From 0.28ha of 65yo vines on the Pommard side. Fine, creamy and delicate Volnay fruit. Lovely, ripe tannins, a hint of rose and a delicious cherry mouthfeel. From 0.18ha of 50yo vines, this has a lovely balance of power and finesse; silky smooth and wonderfully balanced. Superb Pinot from one of the best sites in Volnay.

Nuit St Georges 1er Cru, Pruliers

£390 per 6 bottles

From 0.27ha of 90yo vines. Gorgeous in weight and texture, as you'd expect in Nuits, though still maintaining the fresh, deft touch that showcases wonderful red Pinot Fruit.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru, Champonnet

£348 per 6 bottles

From 0.19ha of 45yo vines and reaching up towards Ruchottes Chambertin. Refined and elegant, this shows notes of cherries and plums, countered with a lovely, deep and concentrated length. One for the cellar that will showcase both the power and freshness of the vintage.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru, Cherbaudes

£435 per 6 bottles

From 0.17ha of 90yo vines and sitting just below Mazis Chambertin, this is a stunning wine from Louis. Very fresh and vibrant. Silky tannins and fine, cherry fruit. A classic beguiling Gevrey with wonderful depth and Pinot richness. Delicious.

Louis Boillot

Beaujolais

Not content simply on making top class Burgundy, Louis and his son Clement are making some of the most extraordinarily delicious wines you'll find in Beaujolais. Cru wines with their own unique characters - these are stunning wines and exceptional value for the quality.

After purchasing the sites in 2013, the 2014 vintage was their first. Now really hitting their stride, these are wines made with all the care and attention of his Burgundies, and Louis is quite rightly very proud of the results. We think you'll be pleased too...

Fleurie, Grille Midi

£150 per 12 bottles

£165 per 6 magnums

Wonderful creamy nose. Deep, structured and vibrant, with silky tannins. Lovely to drink on the young side but like all of these, will age effortlessly in the cellar too.



Moulin a Vent, Les Rouchaux

£150 per 12 bottles

£165 per 6 magnums

A concentrated structure with great minerality, a little spice and deep core of bright cherry fruit. Beautiful energy, well balanced and really fine, lush drinking.

Moulin a Vent, Plantier de Favre

£184 per 12 bottles

£199 per 6 magnums

A fine 'Burgundian' Gamay nose, concentrated and creamy. Bright red fruit with a floral hint. Very vinous with a superb intensity and long finish - simply stunning.

Terms & Conditions

Prices

Prices are delivered to Seckford Cellars excluding UK duty and VAT. All wines are sold subject to remaining available and final confirmation.

Payment

Payment is due on invoice. For non-approved trade accounts, goods will not be despatched until funds have cleared and payment has been received in full. We reserve the right to charge interest at 5% (ex VAT) over bank lending rate.

Orders

Please note very carefully that if any wine ordered is not available due to events outside of our control and/or due to the negligence of the producer etc then we will refund in full any monies paid by the client only to the value of amounts paid by the client at the time of ordering.

Delivery

We expect these to be delivered to Seckford in 2020.