# Wine Spectator

# VINTAGE 2018

# Côte de Nuits wines

Taster: Bruce Sanderson

#### 95 ALBERT BICHOT Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2018

Intensely aromatic, offering graphite-tinged currant, cherry, strawberry and earth flavors. Its texture is silky and the finish well-defined, even racy and long, echoing the fruit and mineral components. Best from 2022 through 2040. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### 93 ALBERT BICHOT Echezeaux Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

A densely packed, fruity style, this boasts macerated cherry, raspberry, vanilla and toast flavors. It feels balanced for the most part, with chalky tannins lining the finish that should integrate in a year or two. Vibrant and long. Best from 2023 through 2038. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### 93 ALBERT BICHOT Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

The initial aroma is the sweet, spicy oak, yet there is a core of pure cherry, black currant and violet underneath. This red is intense and expressive as the fruit gains the upper hand on the palate. Suave and balanced, it builds to a lingering aftertaste of ripe fruit, graphite and spice. Drink now through 2030. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### **95** ALBERT BICHOT Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Amoureuses 2018

This red features great purity to its rose, strawberry and cherry flavors. Spicy oak and mineral add depth, yet this is all about finesse and an ethereal quality that's distinctive. It's balanced, with bright acidity and firm, dusty tannins on the finish that are yet to be resolved. Best from 2022 through 2043. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### **92** ALBERT BICHOT Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Chabiots 2018

Vanilla and sweet spices augment the strawberry, cherry and floral notes in this elegant red. Chalky tannins ply the finish, and overall this is balanced and long. Drink now through 2027. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### **92** ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Malconsorts

#### Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

A solid backbone of tannins runs through this sleek, intense red, defining its currant, cherry and leafy, earthy notes. It's juicy, finishing with a light dusting of tannins. Best from 2022 through 2033. (Issue: Dec 31, 2020)

#### 92 ALBERT BICHOT Morey-Saint-Denis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Sorbets 2018

Bright cherry fruit is at the core of this elegant red, matched to a juicy texture and firm yet wellintegrated structure. Sandalwood, vanilla and chalk dust accents add interest and the finish takes on a chunky feel. Best from 2022 through 2032. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### 92 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

Cherry, raspberry, floral and spice aromas are perfumed and seductive in this velvety red. It displays terrific balance and harmony, with a well-integrated structure for support. It's approachable now. Drink now through 2028. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### 91 ALBERT BICHOT Gevrey-Chambertin Les Murots Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

Bright, sparkling with black currant, black cherry, mineral and spice flavors. All its components are in place and the finish echoes fruit, graphite and spice notes. Best from 2022 through 2035. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

#### **89** ALBERT BICHOT Fixin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Clos de la Perrière 2018

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There's a sweet vanilla and sawdust edge to the black cherry, blackberry and earth flavors in this rich, dense red, which is fresh and long, with power and persistence. Drink now through 2027. (*Issue: web only 2020*)

#### 91 ALBERT BICHOT Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses - Château-Gris 2018

A lush, opulent version, featuring peach, lemon tart, baking spice and butterscotch aromas and flavors. It has good underlying cut and finishes long and savory. Drink now through 2025. (Issue: Dec 31, 2020)



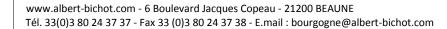






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# <u>Côte de Beaune, Côte Chalonnaise</u> and Maconnais wines

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### **90** ALBERT BICHOT Savigny-Les-Beaune 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Peuillets 2018

Pure cherry is the calling card of this juicy, linear red. Currant, strawberry and oak spice play supporting roles, backed by vibrant acidity. Fruit and spice persist on the finish. Drink now through 2027. *(Issue: Dec 15, 2020)* 

### 90 ALBERT BICHOT Beaune Les Epenottes Domaine du Pavillon 2018

Firm, even chewy, this red's cherry and raspberry flavors are locked in a grip of tannins. It's fleshy and succulent at midpalate, before the tannins flex their muscles on the compact finish. Best from 2022 through 2033. *(Issue: Dec 15, 2020)* 

## 89 ALBERT BICHOT Santenay Les Charmes 2018

An oaky note distracts from the juicy black currant and blackberry fruit, leaving a thread of drying, dusty tannins, yet the fruit prevails as this red finds a nice equilibrium by the lingering finish. Best from 2022 through 2027. (Issue: web only 2020)

### 91 ALBERT BICHOT Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2018

Vanilla and butterscotch accents frame the peach and apple pie flavors in this lush white. Though fluid, there is good cut behind the creamy texture, along with harmony and length. Offers a lingering, spicy finish. Drink now through 2026. (Issue: Sep 30, 2020)

### 89 ALBERT BICHOT Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 2018

Floral, pear, lemon and earth flavors are defined by vibrant acidity. Finishes with a subtle grapefruit peel bitterness. Offers a tad more intensity and length than its peers. Drink now through 2024. *(Issue: web only 2020)* 

### 88 ALBERT BICHOT Meursault 2018

A fruity style, offering peach, apple and buttered popcorn notes. Ripe and heady, with very good length. Drink now. (Issue: web only 2020)

### 88 ALBERT BICHOT Santenay 2018

Lean, this delivers lemon cake, vanilla, nutmeg and clove flavors backed by tangy acidity and a spicy aftertaste. Drink now through 2024. (Issue: web only 2020)

### 89 ALBERT BICHOT Mercurey Les Champs Michaux Domaine Adélie 2018

A good dose of toasty oak frames apple and lemon cake flavors in this sleek white, which comes together nicely on the languid finish, buoyed by the brisk acidity. Drink now. (Issue: Nov 30, 2020)

# 90 ALBERT BICHOT Pouilly-Fuissé 2018

This white walks a line between round and sleek, courtesy of the vibrant structure. Yet these are good bookends or the peach, apple and citrus flavors. Fine harmony and length. Drink now through 2024. *(Issue: Dec 15, 2020)* 

# 87 ALBERT BICHOT Viré-Clessé 2018

Here is a creamy, opulent white, featuring peach, butterscotch and quinine aromas and flavors. A hint of rosewater and spice as it winds down on the moderately long finish. Drink now. (Issue: Dec 15, 2020)

# **86** ALBERT BICHOT Macon-Villages 2018

Apricot and honey are the main flavors in this round white. Straightforward, with moderate length. Drink now. (*Issue: Sep 30, 2020*)









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# Régional « Bourgogne » wines

### 88 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2018

A subtle version, this reveals lemon, floral, yellow plum and mineral flavors. It's vibrant and long, leaving a mouthwatering impression. (Issue: Dec 15, 2020)

## 88 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits 2018

This white leans a bit more to the earthy, stony side of the flavor equation, evoking apple and lemon fruit to match. It has subtle intensity and fine overall balance and length. Drink now. (Issue: Dec 31, 2020)

### 88 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes de Chardonnay 2018

Rich yet lively, this harmonious white delivers apple, white peach and pastry aromas and flavors, lingering with a cleansing citrus element. Drink now. (Issue: Dec 15, 2020)

## 86 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Aligoté 2018

Sharp, pungent aromas of wild herbs and almond settle into apple and almond flavors. It's crisp and mouthwatering. Drink now. (Issue: Nov 30, 2020)

#### **87** ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes de Pinot Noir 2018

Cherry, strawberry and earth flavors are set against firm chalky tannins in this red. It's sinewy, with a smoky finish. Drink now through 2024. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

# **Beaujolais wines**

### 93 ALBERT BICHOT Rochegrès Moulin à Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2018

Medium-bodied, with open-knit layers of rose petal, licorice-tinged cherry and raspberry flavors that are infused with clove and vanilla details. Supple tannins show nice integration through the long, mineral-infused finish. Delicious. Drink now through 2028. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

### **90** ALBERT BICHOT Fleurie La Madone 2018

This bright red offers cherry and raspberry notes detailed with dried herb, white pepper and woodsy accents. A firm, tangy acidity keeps focus through the grippy, mineral-laced finish. Nice energy. Drink now through 2025. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

### 87 ALBERT BICHOT Moulin à Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2018

A brooding Gamay with dried blackberry, mocha and leather notes that are matched with spice, licorice and herb details. Smoky finish. Drink now through 2023. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)

# 87 ALBERT BICHOT Morgon Les Charmes 2018

Currant and blackberry notes are matched with leather, earth and mocha details in this plush red, with a spice-tinged finish. Drink now through 2023. (*Issue: web only 2020*)

### 86 ALBERT BICHOT Beaujolais-Villages Château de Varennes 2018

Fresh brambly fruit flavors are mixed with spice, herb and mineral notes in this tangy, light-bodied red. Light, integrated tannins. Drink now. (*Issue: Dec 31, 2020*)







