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2013 BURGUNDY

ALBERT BICHOT (DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN)

Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru Les Malconsorts

SB | Raspberry coulis nose. Rich, supple, and concentrated, with firm but ripe tannins. Still discreet and not very expressive, but driven by a long, spicy finish. 17

Echézeaux Grand Cru

SB | Delicate floral nose. Supple attack, sleek but concentrated, spicy, with fine acidity that gives finesse rather than power. Good length. 17+

Chambertin Grand Cru

MR | Tight, closed, very fresh, plenty of weight, plus accuracy and detail. 17





DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT (BICHOT)

Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne

ME | An unofficial grand cru straddling Vaudésir (95%) and Preuses (5%). This parcel is at a high altitude and prone to frost but is protected with great care by the owners. Acidity is always high here, and even more in later-picked 2013. But the fruit tastes healthy, the flavors pure and crystalline. Very much for the patient collector, much in contrast to most '13s: One puts down the glass confident that it will be worth it in 2020. Some concentration from the small crop. 17

Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésir

ME | From a 2.6ha (7-acre) site at the heart of this south-facing cru to catch regular, maximum sunshine. Shows more reined richness than others in '13, a "cold" vintage. The combination of opulence and benign mineral austerity should make for an interesting wine by 2018. 17

Chablis Premier Cru Les Vaucopins

ME | Something of a hidden jewel, this right-bank Chichée *lieu-dit* has a southern exposure and classic Kimmeridgian outcrops: this '13, more than most, has core, substance, and the capacity to age; there's grip and elegance of *calcaire*/marl and a fine well of ripe fruit that will blossom. A keeper. 17+

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos

ME | From the middle and higher slopes contributing latent rich fruit and "shoulders," plus an *aérien* racy aromatic character. Naturally, the wine is closed now, but bags of promise. | 16.5-17

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14.5-16.5 Very good wine, with some outstanding features

17-18.5 Outstanding wine of great beauty and articulacy

19-20 Great wine of spellbinding beauty and resonance, leaving the drinker with a sense of wonder

