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This year, once again, Alberic Bichot and technical director Matthieu Mangenot presented a selection of Bichot's domaine cuvées, all farmed organically and certified as such, complemented by some of the highlights of their négociant portfolio. The various domaine holdings are managed separately by independent teams in the Côte d'Or, divided between Domaine du Clos Frantin and the Château Gris, both in Nuits-Saint-Georges, and the Domaine du Pavillon in Pommard, reinforcing the link between the vines and the winery. As I wrote last year, the style here is elegant and understated, privileging purity of fruit and gentle extraction. In 2023, they've attained good levels of maturity, and the higher yields in Pinot Noir simply lend the wines more charm and immediate appeal. Whites are bottled under Diam technical closures to ensure consistency in aging from bottle to bottle. All in all, this is once again a very solid portfolio that reflects the house's progress over the last decade.

WHITES

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2023

91-93

The 2023 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru is another strong effort, unwinding in the glass with notes of pear, hazelnuts, mirabelle, clear honey and white flowers. Full-bodied, ample and unctuous, it's rich and glossy, with a broad, layered profile that reflects its origins in Languettes, one of the riper climats entitled to this appellation.

Beaune 1^{er} Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon 2023

91-93

The 2023 Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches is a strong performer again this year, exhibiting notes of pear, white flowers and freshly baked bread, followed by a medium to full-bodied, pure and seamless palate that's lively and precise. As readers may remember, it's derived from a parcel at the very top of the slope, below the tree line.

Meursault 1^{er} Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon 2023

90-92

The 2023 Meursault 1er Cru Charmes reveals aromas of peach, buttery pastry and white flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless palate with good density and grip.

Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 2023

88-89

Offering up aromas of honeyed orchard fruit, peach and beeswax, the 2023 Meursault Village is a medium to full-bodied, rich and generous wine, its style reflecting its origins in Corbins and Dressoles.

Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses Château-Gris 2023

90-92

The 2023 Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc Les Terrasses is trained on échalas, as this terraced vineyard's contours render conventional trellising impractical. Offering up aromas of sweet orchard fruit, white flowers and marzipan, it's medium to full-bodied, satiny and layered, with a rich attack but a chalky finish.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2023

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The 2023 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Blanc Secret de Famille offers up aromas of sweet orchard fruit and honeysuckle, followed by a medium-bodied, ample and fleshy palate that's giving and open-knit.

COTE DE BEAUNE REDS

Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2023

91-93

The 2023 Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Grand Cru is lovely, with a more polished, seamless profile than its premier cru counterpart this year (the grand cru appellation, added for Maréchaudes in 1943, bisects the parcel). Revealing aromas of dark berries, cherries and a deft touch of new oak, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and suave.

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2023

90-93

The 2023 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Clos des Maréchaudes reveals aromas of sweet cassis, plums and berries, followed by a medium to full-bodied palate with good richness and depth, concluding with a gently chalky finish.

Pommard 1^{er} Cru Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon 2023

91-93

The 2023 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens is shaping up nicely, revealing aromas of sweet berries, spices and toasty oak, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy palate that's layered and youthfully structured, with powdery tannins asserting themselves on the finish.

Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon 2023

89-90

The 2023 Pommard Clos des Ursulines, a monopole exploited by Bichot, offers up aromas of cherries, cassis and sweet spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, lively and youthfully structured wine that will round out with the end of élevage and a year or two in bottle.



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COTE DE NUITS REDS

Chambertin Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023

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Another highlight from Bichot this year is the 2023 Chambertin Grand Cru, a rich, supple wine that offers up aromas of dark berries, cherries, sweet spices, smoke and petals. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and suave, it will offer a broad drinking window.

Echezeaux Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023

91-93

Bursting with aromas of cherries, licorice, plums and petals, the 2023 Echézeaux Grand Cru is medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with a fleshy, unctuous core of fruit underpinned by sweet, powdery tannins.

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023

90-92

Revealing aromas of dark berries, petals, spices and orange zest, the 2023 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru is medium to full-bodied, ample and polished, with a suave, melting style and a sapid finish.

Vosne-Romanée 1^{er} Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023

92-94

The 2023 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts offers up aromas of cassis and plums mingled with notions of vine smoke and petals. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, it's satiny and textural, with a chassis of sweet, powdery tannins cloaked in succulent fruit. This is one of the high-points in the Bichot portfolio this year.

Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Amoureuses 2023

91-93

The 2023 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses is very pretty, bursting with aromas of peonies, rose petals and orange rind. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and suave, it's fleshy, pure and seamless, with melting tannins and a perfumed finish.

Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Chabiots 2023

89-91

The 2023 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Chabiots offers up notes of plums, dark berries, smoke and orange, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless palate, with polished tannins and pure, open-knit profile.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru Les Sorbets 2023

89-91

As usual, the 2023 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Sorbets is produced from purchased fruit by the Bichot team. Exhibiting notes of sweet red berries, orange zest and spices, it's medium-bodied, ample and fleshy, with a soft, succulent, melting profile.

Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles 2023

88-90

The 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles reveals aromas of cassis, plums and toasty oak, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy palate that's pure and giving. It will drink well young.

Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023

89-91

The 2023 Vosne-Romanée offers up aromas of cherries, cassis, vine smoke and spices, followed by a medium-bodied, ample and layered palate that's quite dense and structured for the vintage.

Fixin 2023

89-91

Bichot has just taken over four hectares of vineyards in sharecropping agreement here, and the result is the 2023 Fixin, a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy wine redolent of cassis, peonies and licorice. This charming bottling is one of the sleepers of the range.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023

86-88

Aromas of sweet cherries and berries introduce the 2023 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin, a medium-bodied, bright and succulent wine that will drink well on release. As usual, it's a domaine bottling derived from vines located around the domaine in Nuits-Saint-Georges.