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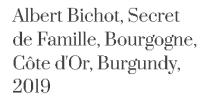
Affordable Burgundy: top 30 buys

The headlines may be full of rarified names with stratospheric auction price tags, but don't despair – it's still possible to get highly enjoyable Burgundy whites and reds at realistic prices. Here we pick 30 of the best available right now at £25 or less.



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Maison Bichot has produced this fine example of Bourgogne Côte d'Ôr from grapes sourced from Meursault, Puligny and Saint-Aubin. In 2019, low-yields add extra concentration, with 35% of the blend aged in oak for eight months (10% new oak) for extra depth while retaining crisp acidity and crystalline fruit flavours. A whiff of struck-match reduction on the nose gives this more than a hint of village-level Puligny or Meursault - impressive for this newly created quality tier.

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Albert Bichot, Santenay, Burgundy, 2014



The quality of wine from Maison Albert Bichot continues to rise, as shown by this Santenay - an elegant wine from the cooler 2014 vintage. With a fragrant, precise texture of spiced berry fruit on the palate balanced by crisp acidity, this appealing Santenay is a great advert for the wines from the south of the Côte d'Ôr. With very subtle oak ageing and autumn leaf character, there is appealing maturation here. 2014 is not the richest of recent vintages but there is plenty of substance here, albeit in a less overt way.

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