



VINTAGE 2022



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It had been some years since my last visit to this historic producer, and my tasting with Alberic Bichot and technical director Matthieu Mangenot focused on their 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 de Clos Frantin and the Château Gris, both in Nuits-Saint-Georges, and the Domaine de Pavillon in Pommard, reinforcing the link between the vines and the winery. The style here is elegant and understated, privileging purity of fruit and gentle extraction, a formula that worked well in 2022. Whites are bottled under Diam technical closures to ensure consistency in aging from bottle to bottle. All in all, as the notes attest, this is a very solid portfolio that reflects the house's progress over the last decade.

COTE DE NUITS REDS

Chambertin Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022

93-95

There are only four barrels of the 2022 Chambertin Grand Cru, but it's the king of the cellar chez Bichot, bursting with aromas of cherries, dark berries, smoked duck, exotic spices and orange rind. Full-bodied, ample and satiny, it's layered and concentrated, with a deep core of lively fruit and a long, resonant finish.

Echezeaux Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022

90-92

From a parcel that's gradually being replanted with superior vine genetics, the 2022 Echézeaux Grand Cru delivers notes of plums, berries, petals and spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, bright and fine-boned palate, with good persistence on the finish.

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022

90-92

The 2022 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru opens in the glass with aromas of raspberries, plums, spices and blood orange, followed by a medium to full-bodied, supple and layered palate that's suave and charming; indeed, it's less overtly structured than the domaine's Malconsorts.

Vosne-Romanée 1^{er} Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022

90-92

The 2022 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts opens in the glass with notes of plums, sweet exotic spices and petals, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and vibrant palate that's quite youthfully structured, as is often the case with this site.

Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Amoureuses 2022

92-94

Wafting from the glass with notes of cherries, sweet red berries, petals, licorice and spices, the 2022 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses is medium to full-bodied, satiny and pure, with a pretty, perfumed core of fruit framed by melting tannins, concluding with a saline finish.

Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru Les Chabiots 2022

90-91

Notes of petals, red berries and orange oil introduce the 2022 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Chabiots, a medium to full-bodied, ample and fine-boned wine with a pure core of fruit, lively acids and a saline finish.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru Les Sorbets 2022

90-92

Produced from purchased fruit, the 2022 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Sorbets bursts with aromas of plums, spices, raw cocoa and orange zest. Medium to full-bodied, ample and lively, it's supple and polished, concluding with a saline finish.

Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles 2022

89-91

The 2022 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles opens in the glass with notes of pretty berries, petals, orange zest and cherry. Medium to full-bodied, bright and satiny, it's lively and saline, reflecting this hillside lieu-dit's stony soils.

Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022

88-90

From Mazières and Damodes, the 2022 Vosne-Romanée offers up aromas of red berries, petals, orange zest and spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless palate that's suave and charming.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022

88

The 2022 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin derives from vines located around the domaine in Nuits-Saint-Georges. Offering up aromas of plums, cherries and spices, it's medium-bodied, supple and succulent, with supple tannins and bright acids.



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COTE DE BEAUNE REDS

Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2022 91-93

The 2022 Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Grand Cru unwinds in the glass with aromas of red berries, sweet plums, licorice and spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and layered palate that's deep, concentrated and lively, exhibiting more texture and plenitude than its premier cru counterpart.

Aloxe- Corton 1^{er} Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2022 90-92

Aromas of sweet berries, vine smoke, spices and raw cocoa introduce the 2022 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Clos des Maréchaudes, a medium to full-bodied, satiny and lively wine that's charming and precise.

Pommard 1^{er} Cru Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon 2022 91-93

The 2022 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens is one of the high points of Bichot's portfolio, offering up aromas of plums, red berries, rose petals and raw cocoa, followed by a medium to full-bodied, sweet and fleshy palate that's lively, layered and nicely concentrated.

Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon 2022 88-90

From a monopole exploited by Bichot, the 2022 Pommard Clos des Ursulines reveals aromas of red berries, plums, orange zest and smoke, followed by a medium-bodied, lively and fine-boned palate that's suave and charming, underpinned by bright acids and framed by powdery tannins.



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Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2022 92-94

Aromas of pear, waxy citrus, peach and hazelnuts introduce the 2022 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, a full-bodied, satiny and layered wine that's racy and concentrated, with bright acids and a saline finish. It's derived from a parcel in climat Languettes in Aloxe.

Beaune 1^{er} Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon 2022 91-93

The 2022 Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches is lovely, revealing aromas of crisp orchard fruit, white flowers, citrus zest and wet stones, followed by a medium to full-bodied, satiny and chiseled palate that's racy and vibrant, with bright acids and a chalky finish. 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 2022 90-91

Notes of buttery orchard fruit, white flowers and fresh pastry introduce the 2022 Meursault 1er Cru Charmes, a medium to full-bodied, broad and rich wine with a satiny attack that segues into a fleshy core of fruit, concluding with a succulent finish.

Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 2022 89

Aromas of white flowers, pear, green apple and almond paste introduce the 2022 Meursault Village, a medium to full-bodied, ample and satiny palate that's seamless, giving and charming.

Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses Château-Gris 2022 90

From some 0.70 hectares of low-yielding terraced vines comes the 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc Les Terrasses, a medium-bodied, ample and incisive wine redolent of citrus zest, white flowers and crisp orchard fruit. With impressive concentration and cut, it's a strong effort from the Bichot team.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2022 87

The 2022 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Blanc Secret de Famille derives from the Côte de Beaune. Offering up aromas of pear, honeycomb and white flowers, followed by a medium-bodied, ample and satiny palate, it's lively and mouthwatering, concluding with a delicately honeyed finish.

