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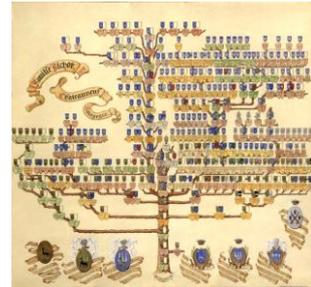
1. ALBERT BICHOT, THE EPIC STORY OF A GREAT BURGUNDY HOUSE FOUNDED IN 1831

Since 1350, the Bichot family has made Burgundy its home.

Their emblem is a deer and the family only became attached to vines and wines during the 19th century. In **1831, Bernard Bichot founded a merchant house bearing his name** in Monthélie, a couple of kilometres south of Beaune.

At the end of the 19th century, his grand-son Albert Bichot brought new impulsion to the business and definitively installed its headquarters in Beaune.

The family heritage has been perpetuated from father to son since then.



Since 1996, **Albéric Bichot (aged 52) represents the 6th generation managing the company.** Guarantor of the family tradition, he is driving the House towards its latest challenges and is adapting it to changing markets and consumer demand.

Under his momentum, an **upstream quality control strategy** was developed at the beginning of the 1990s. In the logic of getting the best fruit to create the best wine and best express terroir, **Albert Bichot has acquired vineyards in the most reputed growing areas.**

In addition to this expertise as a wine-grower, Albert Bichot carefully sources grapes in order to vinify and age its “négoce” wines and therefore control quality as far as possible.

Today, **Albert Bichot owns 6 exceptional estates which cover more than 100 hectares (247 acres) of vineyards in Chablis, Côte de Nuits, Côte de Beaune, Côte Chalonnaise and Beaujolais. All these vineyards are grown according to the principles of organic or integrated viticulture:**

- Domaine Long-Depaquit in **Chablis** (65 ha / 160 acres)
- Domaine du Clos Frantin in **Nuits-Saint-Georges** (7.3 ha / 18 acres)
- Château-Gris in **Nuits-Saint-Georges** (3.5 ha / 8.6 acres)
- Domaine du Pavillon in **Pommard** (15 ha / 37 acres)
- Domaine Adélie in **Mercurey** (4.5 ha / 11 acres)
- Domaine de Rochegrès in **Moulin-à-Vent** (5.2 ha / 12.8 acres)

Iconic names along with some monopoles have contributed to the recognition of Albert Bichot, which is now one of the most reputed wine houses in Burgundy.

Albert Bichot's wines are served on the tables of the best restaurants in France and in more than one hundred countries throughout the world.

2. SHARING THE EXCEPTIONAL HERITAGE OF AN AUTHENTIC FAMILY TREASURE

Albert Bichot considers wine as a unique product: a symbol of culture and history, of pleasure and of men (those who make it and those who share it alike). The wine of Burgundy represents the quintessence of this perfect alliance between nature, man and patrimony.

Tasting an Albert Bichot wine is an authentic moment of sharing and of emotion, out of time. It allows one to become, for a moment, the heir to a unique family heritage and to rediscover the original spirit of Burgundy: intense and genuine.

Albert Bichot's expertise is also based on the respect for terroir and nature. The House implements **sustainable vine-growing, based upon observation and prevention.** Its aim is that of protecting the nourishing earth, preserving it for the generations to come.

3. OUR ESTATES

Albert Bichot owns 6 estates located at the heart of each “côte” (the winegrowing regions that make up Burgundy).

In addition to the vines that grow there, each estate also boasts winemaking facilities devoted to a viticultural sub-region. **These facilities skilfully combine modern technology with traditional methods, allowing us to give the same attention and care to the grapes we grow as well as to those we purchase from our partner growers.**

Under the direction of Alain Serveau, Chief Winemaker, vineyard managers and cellar masters work hand in hand to craft great wines that let terroir express itself at best.

CHABLIS: DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT - 65 HA (160 ACRES)

Domaine Long-Depaquit was founded in 1791 and has built a reputation as one of the top estates in Chablis. The harmonious lines of the Château itself date from the 18th Century. The outhouses are home to the fermentation tanks and underground cellars, while the Orangery is used as a reception area. Timeless moments can be spent sitting or walking in the calm surroundings of the rose garden and the park, with its hundred-year-old trees.

It is at Château Long-Depaquit, situated at the heart of the village of Chablis that the grapes from the estate’s 65 ha (160 acres) of vines are vinified. The 10 ha (24.7 acres) of Grands Crus (i.e. 10% of the total grand cru area) and the 15 ha (37 acres) of Premiers Crus are grown according to environmental friendly practices. Compost and ploughing have progressively replaced fertilisers and weed killers. Restricted yields and non-interventionist winemaking help to create authentic, mineral and elegant wines.



The wines from Domaine Long-Depaquit

GRANDS CRUS (10 ha / 24.7 acres)

Moutonne, Monopole
Les Vaudésirs
Les Clos
Les Blanchots
Les Preuses
Bougros

PREMIERS CRUS (15 ha / 37 acres)

Les Vaucopins
Montée de Tonnerre
Les Lys
Les Vaillons
Les Montmains
Les Beugnons

CHABLIS (40 ha / 99 acres)

COTE DE NUITS: DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN IN NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES - 7.3 HA (18 ACRES)

The Domaine du Clos Frantin covers **7.3 ha (18 acres)**, including **8 ha (20 acres)** of **Premier and Grand Crus**. The vineyards are grown according to the principles of organic viticulture. The respect of the soils, rigorous pruning and green harvesting when necessary help to obtain good quality fruit in limited quantities.

In a historical building located at the entrance to Nuits-Saint-Georges, we vinify our estate wines and red wines made from purchased grapes, the majority of which come from the Côte de Nuits. In our "cuvierie" the use of gravity has replaced mechanical procedures in view of respecting the grapes quality and aromatic potential.



The wines from Domaine du Clos Frantin

GRANDS CRUS

- Richebourg Grand Cru
- Chambertin Grand Cru
- Clos-de-Vougeot Grand Cru
- Grands-Echezeaux Grand Cru
- Echezeaux Grand Cru

PREMIERS CRUS

- Vosne-Romanée 1^{er} Cru "Les Malconsorts"

VILLAGE APPELLATIONS

- Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Murots"
- Vosne-Romanée
- Nuits-Saint-Georges

Key additional Albert Bichot wines from Côte de Nuits vinified at Domaine du Clos Frantin

- Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru
- Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru
- Clos-de-la-Roche Grand Cru
- Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru
- Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru "Lavaux-Saint-Jacques"
- Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru "Les Sorbets"
- Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru "Les Amoureuses"
- Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru "Les Chabiots"

COTE DE NUITS: CHATEAU-GRIS IN NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES - 3.5 HA (8.6 ACRES)



The Château-Gris castle was built in the 18th century in the middle of its 3.5 ha (8.6 acres) walled vineyard, giving this Nuits-Saint-Georges Premier Cru vineyard its name. After the vines were destroyed by phylloxera, the roof of the castle was covered with grey slate although tiles are the traditional material used in Burgundy. The people of Nuits-Saint-Georges therefore began to refer to it as Château-Gris (the grey castle) and the name stuck. The vineyard is planted in terraces to hang on to the slope of the hillside at a 280 meters altitude, where both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are grown.

The wines from Château-Gris

PREMIER CRU

- Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru "Château-Gris", Monopole

VILLAGE APPELLATION

- Nuits-Saint-Georges (white) "Les Terrasses", Monopole

COTE DE BEAUNE: DOMAINE DU PAVILLON IN POMMARD - 15 HA (37 ACRES)

Our Domaine in Pommard (3 km south of Beaune) extends across **15 ha (37 acres)**, including **8 ha (20 acres)** planted in **Chardonnay**.

The estate is characterised by an organic approach to growing, a respect for nature, and a limited production. **The winemaking cellar is situated at the heart of a 4 ha (10 acres) property – Clos des Ursulines – at the edge of Pommard.**

Red wines from the Côte de Beaune are vinified at the Domaine du Pavillon winery. They are then aged in a cellar that is over a hundred years old and boasts perfect architectural proportions.



The wines from Domaine du Pavillon

GRANDS CRUS

Corton Grand Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" - Monopole
 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru (white)

PREMIERS CRUS

Aloxe-Corton 1^{er} Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" - Monopole
 Beaune 1^{er} Cru "Clos des Mouches" (white)
 Pommard 1^{er} Cru "Les Rugiens"
 Volnay 1^{er} Cru "Les Santenots"
 Meursault 1^{er} Cru "Les Charmes" (white)

VILLAGE APPELLATIONS

Aloxe-Corton
 Beaune "Les Epenottes"
 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" – Monopole
 Meursault (white and red)

Key additional Albert Bichot wines from Côte de Beaune, vinified at Domaine du Pavillon

GRANDS CRUS

Montrachet Grand Cru (white)
 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru (white)
 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru (white)

PREMIERS CRUS

Savigny-Les-Beaune 1^{er} Cru "Les Peuillets"
 Beaune 1^{er} Cru "Les Champimonts"
 Chassagne-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru "Morgeot" (white)
 Chassagne-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru "Vide-Bourse" (white)

COTE CHALONNAISE: DOMAINE ADELIE IN MERCUREY – 4.5 HA (10 ACRES)

Our Domaine Adélie is made up of 3 vineyards that produce delectable red and white wines. **The estate was named after Albéric Bichot's daughter who was born in 2003**, thereby anchoring the presence of the Bichot family in Burgundy from generation to generation.



The wines from Domaine Adélie

PREMIER CRU

Mercurey 1^{er} Cru "Champs Martin" (red)

VILLAGE APPELLATIONS

Mercurey "En Pierre Milley" (red)

Mercurey "Les Champs Michaux" (white)

BEAUJOLAIS: DOMAINE DE ROCHEGRES – 5.2 HA (18.8 ACRES)

The most recent Albert Bichot estate is the Domaine de Rochegrès. This estate which was acquired in 2014 is located in the heart of one of the Beaujolais' most prestigious Crus, Moulin-à-Vent.

Covering a single 5.25 ha (12.8 acres) block within the 660 ha (1,630 acres) of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation, our vines are ideally located at the heart of one of the 18 recognized single vineyards, "Rochegrès", where, as its name "grey rock" suggests, the granitic parent rock is visible at the surface of the soil amid the vines.

The wines from Domaine de Rochegrès

Moulin-à-Vent

Rochegrès Moulin-à-Vent



4 . COMBINING TRADITION AND INNOVATION WITH UTMOST RESPECT FOR THE TERROIRS

Respect for the vines, passionate men

At each estate, a team is devoted to working the vines and the soil in the vineyards, thereby guaranteeing thorough knowledge of each vineyard and what is planted there. Our vines are 30 years old on average, though some vineyards have vines that are up to 60 years old as in Le Clos des Ursulines in Pommard. Each year, approximately 2 to 3% of the vinestocks are replaced in order to ensure that the vines are always at their optimal age and in excellent condition.

Since 2012 all our vineyards in Côte-d'Or and Côte Chalonnaise are organic certified by an official authorized and independent body of control (Ecocert).



Vinification: work that demands expertise and passion

In our « cuveries », grapes of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir which have been picked by hand and carefully sorted out are transported in small buckets. This avoids the use of pumps that can damage the grapes which better preserve their aromatic qualities when left intact.

The making of the white wines.

The bunches of grapes are left entire; they are pressed gently and evenly, for a rather long time (3 hours). It is necessary to use pneumatic presses to monitor pressure and to taste the freshly pressed must in order to account for the subtleties of each vintage and the origin of the grapes.

Alcoholic fermentations tend to be rather long: 3 weeks in vats or 1 to 1 and a half month in barrels. Temperatures are monitored to avoid fermentations that are too chaotic and rapid. Our objective is to preserve as much fruit as possible.

Malolactic fermentation is systematically carried out. It lends aromatic complexity and allows for flavours that are complementary to those derived from the grape itself and from alcoholic fermentation to be developed.

The making of the red wines.

The grapes are not crushed. They are totally or partially destemmed (depending on appellations and vintages). There is a 4-to-6 day period of cold pre-fermentation to intensify and develop the fruitiness of the Pinot Noir grape and obtain an intense colour.

Average vatting time: 3 weeks, or as long as it takes to obtain a fine, balanced extraction. Here again, it is important to know how to make the best use of time. Vinification is carried out under carefully monitored temperatures to make fermentation last longer, with the help of indigenous yeasts. Punching of the cap is performed as needed, with varying frequency and intensity depending on each individual case.

Finally, depending on vintage, appellation and tasting, the intensity of the pressing is determined case by case.

Ageing: Burgundian specificity and the excellence of the House

The wine is fed by gravity from the vats or barrels to barrels in the cellars where it is aged for several months. It is during this key period that time and know-how come together to give our wines their structure and bring out all of their potential.

We use oak barrels of different origins (Tronçais, Allier, etc.) and with varying degrees of toast to obtain discreet, complex, and always elegant well-integrated hints of oak.

Since Albert Bichot was founded in 1831, ageing has been an art demanding patience, tasting, and respect for all of the upstream work.

Our style: respect for the terroir

Our wines are always highly characteristic of their terroir and the village they hail from rather than conforming to a house style. Nevertheless, year after year we strive to offer consumers fine, elegant, complex white wines and expressive, fruity red wines with well-integrated tannins. More than following rules, the winemaker works towards letting terroir express itself at its best.

In the heart of Beaune, the Colbert winery

The Colbert winery located in the centre of Beaune is devoted to the vinification and ageing of regional appellations, as well as certain villages appellations. Completely renovated in 2008, it replicates the same respect for the wines and the methods that function so well at our estates. Our objective: to guarantee the quality of all of our wines regardless of their appellation.

All of the wines that bear the Albert Bichot signature are produced with the same precision and attention to detail. Under the direction of Alain Serveau, Chief Winemaker, Albert Bichot vinifies 100% of its Premier and Grand Crus, 80% of its village appellations, 60% of its regional appellations, and ages 100% of its wines.

5 . FOUR GEMS: THE CROWN JEWELS FROM THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS CRUS

These four wines encompass the quintessence of our expertise and our style. Produced from our estates in Chablis, Côte de Nuits, Côte de Beaune and Beaujolais, **they all have got that “extra soul”**.

Chablis Grand Cru “Moutonne”, Monopole – Domaine Long-Depaquit

The jewel amongst the vines of the Cistercian Abbey of Pontigny for a number of centuries, the **“Moutonne “ is a vineyard of only 2.35 ha (5.75 acres), well-exposed at the heart of the amphitheatre formed by the Vaudésirs and Preuses Grand Crus.**

On steep hillsides, the strong presence of Kimmeridgian marl creates a **remarkable micro-terroir** translating to a refined wine: **lengthy aromas, ageing capacity, extremely elegant. It is a Monopole of the estate.**



Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru “Les Malconsorts” – Domaine du Clos Frantin

“Les Malconsorts” is an exceptional Premier Cru of Vosne-Romanée. Adjacent to Grand Cru “La Tâche”, it shares the noble quality of the soils (brown limestone soils on a Middle Jurassic parent rock), yet asserting its unique elegant character, revealing a dense, full bodied and spicy wine.



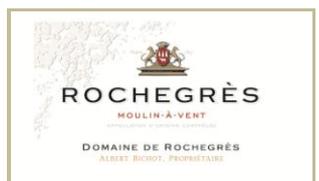
Corton Grand Cru “Clos des Maréchaudes”, Monopole – Domaine du Pavillon

Corton Grand Cru “Clos des Maréchaudes” is the sole clos in Burgundy divided in 2 levels of appellations (Corton Grand Cru and Aloxé-Corton 1er Cru) on a surface of only 2 ha (4.90 acres). The 0.54 ha (1.35 acres) vineyard of Corton Grand Cru “Clos des Maréchaudes” faces directly east on the hill of Corton. Boasting mild spicy notes, consistently generous and full-bodied, this Monopole is particularly suitable for ageing.



Rochegrès Moulin-à-Vent – Domaine de Rochegrès

“Rochegrès” is crafted from grapes that grow on old vines (80 to 100 years old) located exclusively at the heart of the climat “Rochegrès”, where the parent rock shows through at the surface. In this pure, lean, pink granitic soil, the vines must plunge their roots deep down in search of the nutrients necessary for their growth. Being located at the epicentre of the appellation along with the significant leanness of the soil give this wine all of its complexity, density and minerality.



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