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L'esprit bio d'Albéric Bichot

Fort de ses 47 certifications, le producteur bourguignon prône un « changement de logiciel » concernant l'usage des pesticides

The organic spirit of Albéric Bichot

Proud of his 47 certifications, this Burgundian producer advocates a "change of mindset" regarding the use of pesticides.

His christian name may be unusual, but he himself tends not to put himself above the parapet. Albéric Bichot shows all the signs of disarming modesty: softly spoken, attentive, simply dressed and gently smiling. Surrounded by a group of grape pickers and sat at the end of the table, he shows no signs of being the boss. He calls them his colleagues and they, in return, speak of "our estates". He explains "there are no gurus or worker hierarchy".

Does he take on too much? He is after all one of the four largest traditional wine merchants in Burgundy: since 1996, he has been head of the house of Albert Bichot in Beaune, a family business that goes back six generations. He manages 105 hectares of vineyard and six domaines which extend from the north to the south of the region, taking in Chablis, Moulin-à-Vent, Côte-de-Nuits and Côte-de-Beaune.

He also buys in grapes from 70 partner growers across a further 350 hectares: grapes that will end up as Albert Bichot wine. No less than 137 different wines in fact, reflecting the veritable mosaic that is the Burgundy vineyard. The smallest production is of the magnificent Richebourg Grand Cru - barely 300 bottles, the fruit of a parcel of just 0.06 ha of vines. The largest is the fine Chablis that comes from Domaine Long-Depaquit (40 hectares), producing an average of 180,000 bottles a year. He employs 172 people and runs a business that turns over €60 million. What's more, he is the dominant buyer at the historic Hospices de Beaune wine auction, spending €2.8 million in 2019.

"A honeypot for big money"

He is therefore a man of stature, living in an elegant house in Pommard. However, before taking you to look at his vines, he shows you his prestigious neighbours in Morey-Saint-Denis where a steep track divides two vineyards. On the one side, Clos de Tart which belongs to François Pinault, on the other Clos des Lambrays which belongs to Bernard Arnault - two minute vineyards that these two business moguls each bought for a fortune. "This area is a honeypot for big money."

Albéric Bichot is worried about the investors who are driving land values. "When I hear that there is a vineyard for sale, it is often very expensive and too late. I would be foolish to saddle the business with debt simply for the sake of a couple of rows of vines; I prefer to buy the grapes I need". He has a saying "In Bourgogne, values are in decline but value is on the up".

One of his values is to take an active interest in his neighbours. "We live here in vineyards packed tightly side by side. We cannot just shut ourselves up in our château: we must coexist with our neighbours, respect the community. Especially because this is an oasis where we have full employment - we need to remind ourselves how lucky we are."

It has to be said that Albéric Bichot is keen to support the region as much as his own estates. For example he is patron of no less than six festivals and events, one of which is "Livres en Vignes" (Books amongst the Vines) at the Clos Vougeot. Does he feel Burgundian? "Of course! I have travelled widely, but I have my roots here……". In fact in 1983, he undertook his first expedition to the far north of Canada, accompanied by Nicolas Vanier. He also went as far as Adélie Land in Antarctica (Adélie is the christian name of his daughter), has shining eyes when he talks about the writer Jack London, spent a day in 1989 in Polynesia with Paul-Emile Victor, his childhood hero, and met Jean-Louis Etienne before his second expedition to Canada's far north in 1997.

"My convictions are a result of my travels". Key is that wine harms neither nature nor those who live in the vines. He explains "We must never forget that wine is a luxury product, not a necessity. We can get by without luxuries, especially if they are harmful. It is totally reasonable that society expects grape growers to be accountable for the pesticides they use. In the vineyard we need a change of mindset."

This is precisely what he is practising. His 36 hectares of vineyard in Côte-de-Nuits, Côte-de-Beaune and Côte Chalonnaise have had organic certification with Ecocert since 2014. The 65 hectares of Domaine Long-Depaquit in Chablis were certified Haute Valeur Environnementale (HVE) - Level 3, the highest level - in 2019. He is currently undertaking some major trials on organics there in 9 hectares of Premier and Grand Cru vineyards to understand better the nature of the soils in this coolest part of Burgundy. Furthermore, 30 hectares of the grapes that he buys in are also organically farmed, and this figure will continue to increase. As he reasons with his neighbours "If their land is treated with chemicals, we should at least talk about it!"

With wines from 47 different appellations certified as organic, Albert Bichot probably offers the largest variety of organic wines in Burgundy. But the certification has only been mentioned on the wine labels since 2018. "What point is there in making a song and dance about being organic only to revert to conventional viticulture two years later when there is a a difficult year?" 2019, for instance, was chaotic climatically and the harvest was half that of 2018. But such ups and downs will not make him change course. "We are totally committed to this, we have reviewed all our processes and we have trained our workers accordingly" explains Christophe Chauvel, vineyard manager, who adds "I have seen estates that go organic for short-term commercial advantage and end up giving up on it. Whereas here, you cannot imagine how excited I am about it."

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Tim Atkin and Alain Serveau

Albert Bichot is particularly proud and honored to be given the prestigious **TROPHY FOR CONSISTENCY** which recognizes excellence at the International Wine Challenge over a five-year period.

This great trophy rewards our team's daily efforts and the continuous attention paid to all details from the vineyards to the wineries and uncompromizing choices in terms of quality.

This award is a also tribute to Alain Serveau, who has been technical director since 1995 and is now retiring.

Over the past five years, Maison Albert Bichot has been awarded 27 Trophies, 33 Gold, 21 Silver and 6 Bronze medals at the IWC – and not a single unawarded wine!

Albert Bichot also received the awards of

- **FRENCH WHITE TROPHY** i.e. best French white wine in 2024 and 2022
- **INTERNATIONAL PINOT NOIR TROPHY** i.e. best Pinot Noir of the world in 2021
- **INTERNATIONAL CHARDONNAY TROPHY** i.e. best Chardonnay of the world in 2021
- **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIC TROPHY** i.e. best organic wine of the world in 2020

And previously

- **LEN EVANS TROPHY FOR CONSISTENCY OVER 5 YEARS** in 2019
- **RED WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR** in 2017 and 2004
- **WHITE WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR** in 2011

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2022 Côte Chalonnaise and Côte d'Or whites

2022 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay "Secret de Famille": 87
There is a whiff of the exotic to the aromas of petrol, straw and white peach. I like the texture to the succulent, round and generously proportioned flavors that contrast with the youthfully austere finale that exhibits a hint of warmth. This is a quality Bourgogne that is worth considering plus it should repay 2 to 3 years of keeping. 2026+

2022 Mercurey "Les Champs-Michaux" *Domaine Adélie:* 89
A hint of mineral reduction adds breadth to the cool and pretty aromas of apple, pear and an elegant floral top note. The middleweight flavors possess a lovely mid-palate texture while offering good density before terminating in a clean, agreeably dry and refreshing finish. This is very good for what it is and given the price Mercurey whites typically sell for, a bargain. 89/2026+

2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Terrasses" *Château-Gris*: 89 TOP VALUE WINE
(from a parcel in Les Crots; 100% chardonnay). Distinctly cool and airy aromas include those of Granny Smith apples, mineral reduction, citrus and a whiff of fennel. There is both excellent detail and vibrancy to the overtly stony middleweight flavors that conclude in a linear, youthfully austere and moderately firm finish. This attractively dry effort is quite good for a *villages*-level Nuits and one that should repay 4 to 7 years of keeping. Worth a look. 2027+

2022 Meursault *Domaine du Pavillon*: 88
(from parcels in Les Corbins, Criots, En Marcausse and Les Dressoles). A suggestion of the exotic is present in the form of tangerine peel, white peach and a touch of acacia blossom. There is both good volume and richness to the generously proportioned middle weight flavors that coat the palate with sappy extract before concluding in a lingering finish where the supporting acidity is just firm enough to maintain proper balance. Note that this is already sufficiently forward to enjoy though I would suggest holding it for 2 to 3 years first. 2026+

2022 Meursault *"Les Criots" Domaine du Pavillon*: 88
A cooler and slightly more elegant nose combines notes of pear and apple with those of citrus confit and a hint of wet stone. The slightly finer, if less generously proportioned, flavors flash more evident minerality on the lingering and slightly firmer bitter zest-inflected finale. 2027+

2022 Meursault 1er Cru "Les Charmes" *Domaine du Pavillon*: 91
(80% from Charmes Dessus). More layered if not necessarily more elegant aromas include those of white peach, lemon-lime, crushed fennel and a discreet application of wood. The rich, delicious, succulent and more refined medium-bodied flavors also exude a subtle bead of minerality on the youthfully austere and slightly more tightly wound finale. This could use better depth so a few years of cellaring would be a good ideal. 2028+

2022 Beaune 1er Cru "Clos des Mouches" *Domaine du Pavillon*: 90
(from a parcel near Montrevenots). An airy and cool though again ripe nose of pretty floral, crushed anise and essence of just sliced pear aromas is also trimmed in a discreet dollop of oak. The rich, generous and sappy middle weight flavors display good length on the balanced finale where a touch of wood tannin slowly emerges.This too could use better depth so a few years of keeping are again recommended. 2028+

2022 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Morgeot": 90
Ripe aromas feature those of pear liqueur, petrol and a hint of rosemary oil. The rich, very generous, indeed even opulent, medium-bodied flavors possess fine mid-palate concentration where the sap easily buffers the acid spine on the mildly rustic and powerful finish. 2026+

2022 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Vide-Bourse": 92
A vaguely exotic nose freely offers up its combination of dried apricot, white and yellow peach, lychee and a discreet hint of wood influence. There is better vibrancy to the equally rich but less powerful flavors that also brim with plenty of sappy dry extract while delivering better length on the bitter lemon-inflected finish wherethe only nit is a hint of warmth. 2028+

2022 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru *Domaine du Pavillon*: 93
(from a 1.2 ha parcel situated in Languettes). A vaguely Chablis-like nose features plenty of mineral reduction, oyster shell, iodine, quinine and citrus. There is impressive volume to the solidly concentrated and imposingly-scaled flavors that also exude an almost palpable stoniness on the powerful, focused and youthfully austere finish that is noticeably more tightly wound. This is lovely and a CC that should amply repay up to a decade of bottle aging. 2030+

Burghound.com 2022 Vintage Selections: The "Top Value Wines" are those that are generally available in the marketplace at a price point of no more than approximately $100 US.

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Albert Bichot: an important Bourgogne negociant and land-owner, currently making some excellent wines.

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Most people think of Albert Bichot as a negociant, but this isn't doing the full justice. While negociant activity is an important part of its business, accounting for 80% of its volume, it's also an important vineyard owner, with 100 hectares of vines across six separate estates. And the negociant activity has changed of late: they mostly buy grapes, and just a little must, and no longer buy bulk wine.

Their largest holdings are in Chablis, where they own Long-Depaquit, including 10 hectares of Chablis Grand Cru. Their La Moutonne wine is from a vineyard spanning two of the Grand Crus: it is 95% Vaudesir and 5% Preuses, and it could be its own Grand Cru with a 2.35 ha of vines.

I visited with Matthieu Mangenot, technical director (pictured above), who oversees the wines from vineyard to bottle. Founded in 1831, this is one of the few wineries in Bourgogne still in the hands of its founding family. The family is quite involved in the management, he says.

In 2000 they began farming organically, and then began the process of conversion in 2012. In 2014 they became certified for most of their vineyards, although Long-Depaquit is still in conversion – it's harder to farm organically in Chablis.

Another interest here is Aligoté, which I'm very keen on. 'We do some Aligoté on a large scale and vinify a lot,' says Matthieu. Their classic Aligoté is made in stainless steel, and is a strong seller in Canada especially in Quebec. 'But we also have single vineyard Aligoté cuvées with Domaine Adélie,' he says. Does Aligoté have a future? 'I'm sure it has,' he says. 'It was challenging for Aligoté to ripen in the past, but we see vintage after vintage that it has a future in terms of aromatics, structure and ability to age. It was not well considered and not treated as well as it should have been in the past. It is fun to see how it can adapt and how it can age, especially if you treat it like Chardonnay and work the lees. It has this green aspect that I really like.'

He adds, 'We are still exploring how Aligoté can behave with some more lees contact. We want to keep the original aromatics, but also to have a nice wide mouthfeel with some structure. We are still working with this.'

THE WINES

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir Secret de Famille 2021
Hand harvest, sorted, destemmed, with a long maceration (cold soak 6-8 days), pressed and aged 100% in oak. Beautifully aromatic with fresh red cherries and plums, showing raspberry and even a hint of beetroot. Lovely flesh here with pure fruit showing good acidity and lovely precision. Pure, with good weight and a bit of structure. So much pleasure here, with freshness and nice balance. **94/100**

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Sorbets 2020
30% whole bunch. This vineyard is just below Clos du Tart. Powerful, dense and structured with sweet ripe cherry and raspberry, as well as a slight beetroot edge. Bold and full with nice intensity. Has some sour cherry, a gravelly spiciness, and a slight bitter edge on the finish. This is a big wine with lots of impact. Fleshy and intense, it will be interesting to see how this develops. Rich and enticing, with a lovely silky texture alongside the tannic structure. **94/100**

Château-Gris Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Monopole 2020
Destemmed. Les Crots is the lieu dit, but they can call this terraced monopole Château Gris. Lots of limestone here: rocky soils. Ripe and supple with sweet, grainy, textured cherry and raspberry fruit, supported by good structure. Fleshy and delicious with nice sweet cherry, some sour cherry and a nice supple fruity quality, showing a lovely acid line. Notes of iodine, minerals and blood. So fresh and expressive, despite the weight of fruit. **96/100**

Albert Bichot Domaine du Pavillon Pommard Clos des Ursulines Monopole 2020
30% whole bunch. 3.5 hectare clos, village level, on east side of Pommard. Lovely purity here with sweet cherries and plums as well as nice grainy, grippy structure. There's a core of sweet fruit with lovely purity and good density. Grippy and fine, with lovely balance and purity. Such an expressive wine with flesh and fruit, delivering pleasure but also good structure. **95/100**

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Domaine Adélie Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard 2022
Champ Renard is just outside Mercurey. Small plot with 5000-6000 bottle production each year. In tank and also 350 litre barrels, with some lees work. Crystalline, linear and pure with lovely acidity. There's a nice depth to the pear and citrus fruit with mineral notes and a slight salinity. Juicy and fine, with some structure and depth, showing great precision and focus. Lovely purity here. **93/100**

Domaine Adélie Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard 2021
Appealing nose with some apricot and peach richness as well as bright citrus, showing lovely open, fresh fruit. There's an exotic character to the fruit, with nice freshness. Such nice presence here, with quite a bit of treble in the mix. **92/100**

Domaine Adélie Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard 2020
Nice depth and focus here with sweet pear and citrus, showing nice brightness and focus with some pear, spice and green apple. There's a touch of nuttiness and a nice structural character. Some cabbage notes in the background, finishing with some pith and herbs. **91/100**

Domaine Long-Depaquit Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons 2022
Mainly Epinots, then Lys and Beugnons. 10% of the wine is fermented in used oak. Hot vintage but lovely precision and minerality under the rich pear and apple fruit. There's some lime here, and a touch of mandarin, but also a core of good acidity. Nice concentration of flavour here. Finishes saline with some lemon zest. A bold expression of Vaillons. **93/100**

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2021
The secret is plots that are located next to famous names, but they are in the regional appellation, making interesting wines at low prices. Barrel fermented. Stony, fresh and precise with lovely bright pear and citrus fruit with some subtle green hints, and good purity. Has a slightly stony chalky mineral streak. Finishes fresh and linear. Very appealing. **92/100**

Santenay Blanc 2021
At the far end of the Côtes de Beaune, just past Chassagne. Santenay makes nice whites that are still affordable, and also some nice reds too. Barrel fermented with 20% new oak with ageing over two winters. Lovely fine toast and spice here integrated nicely with the dense, linear citrus and pear fruit. There's a good acid spine to this wine which has flesh, richness and depth, but also intensity. Fine. **93/100**

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WHITES 2023

Tasted on June 20, 2024

CHABLIS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023

90 Points

Very light, clean and fresh-tasting, this is an unoaked, straightforward and lively wine. Has a bit more body than in many years at 13% plus alcohol, with crisp apples, lemon zest and hints of bananas and pineapple. Drink now.



CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAILLONS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023

93 Points

Excellent concentration and ripe fruit are balanced by the typical Chablis mineral and citrus character and backed by vivid acidity. It's medium-bodied, well balanced, quite smooth, almost broad in texture with a lingering finish. A portion was fermented in neutral oak. Drink now or hold.

CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAUCOPINS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023

93 Points

It's a premier cru-plus in the winemaker's description, and this rather full-bodied, ripe and focused wine shows brilliant peach, crisp apple and Bosc pear flavors accented by light apricots, butter and toast. 15% was fermented and aged in barrels, adding to the rounded texture and lingering finish. Will show more minerality with age. Drink or hold.



MACON-LUGNY LES CHARMES 2023

89 Points

An easygoing, soft and rounded chardonnay that's medium-bodied, full of ripe peaches and golden apples with hints of butter and almonds. Drink now.

SAINT-VERAN 2023

90 Points

A relatively lean, racy wine with hints of leafy herbs and minerals accompanying citrus and crisp apple flavors. Nice mineral and saline notes add some complexity as good acidity keeps it fresh and appetizing. Light to medium in body. Drink now.

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WHITES 2022

Tasted on June 29, 2023

CHABLIS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 — 89 Points

Nice clarity of fruit here with aromas of sliced pears, apples and peaches. Wet stones follow on the palate. It's clean and medium-bodied, with a more simple finish. Drink now.

CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAILLONS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 — 92 Points

I like the minerality here with notes of sea shells, green apples, touch of white pepper and pears. It's medium-bodied with a creamy, sleek and fresh palate. Lovely refreshing, stony finish. Drink or hold.

CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAUCOPINS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 — 93 Points

Restrained and tight, showing notes of stones, chalk and white apricots. It's medium-bodied and light-footed with a chalky texture. Long and persistent mineral notes. Try from 2024.

Tasted on June 20, 2024

CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES CLOS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 — 94 Points

Quietly powerful, with subtle fruit flavors, a full body (for Chablis) and layers of fruit, minerals and toast that build on the palate and linger in the finish. Grown on a south-facing slope in clay-based but stony soil. 30% was barrel-fermented, and it shows an opulent, rich expression underlain by a minerally, saline character. Drinkable now, but will develop much more complexity with time. Best from 2029.

Tasted on June 29, 2023

MÂCON-LUGNY LES CHARMES 2022 — 89 Points

Ripe stone fruit here with nectarines, golden apples, pears and mango stones. It's full-bodied and with some wet stone freshness to close. From the plateau of Macon-Lugny. Drink now .

SAINT-VÉRAN 2022 — 90 Points

A creamy Saint-Veran with peaches, pears, apples and pie crust on the nose, alongside a sprinkling of salted almonds. Full-bodied and satisfying. Drink now.

POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2022 — 90 Points

This has aromas of baked apples, cream, hazelnuts and lemon curd. Creamy and supple, with a full body, and nice freshness too. So drinkable. Drink now.

MERCUREY LES CHAMPS-MICHAUX Domaine Adélie 2022 — 92 Points

Apricot stones, yellow nectarines, toasted hazelnuts and mangoes here. Some salted yellow plums. Full-bodied and flavorful, with tasty fleshy yellow fruit and an energetic finish. Drink now.

Tasted on June 20, 2024

POUILLY-FUISSE 1ER CRU AUX QUARTS 2022 — 92 Points

Just the third vintage since this district has been rated as premier cru. The wine offers attractive richness and depth, with a luscious, creamy texture. Ample ripe pears, golden apples, lemon zest and a touch of minerals to keep it fresh and well balanced. Medium-bodied. Drink or hold.

BOURGOGNE COTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2022 — 92 Points

A terrific wine and a good value for Burgundy, this overflows with fresh, ripe red and black fruit aromas, leading to friendly, almost sweet fruit flavors and a rounded texture of light tannins and a medium body. Charming, bright and well balanced, it's a joy to drink now.

MEURSAULT Domaine du Pavillon 2022 — 93 Points

Luscious, suave and rich yet beautifully balanced by acidity, this wine should keep improving in the bottle for several years. Poached pear, toasted almond, vanilla bean and cream flavors spread across the palate and linger long in the finish. Fermented and aged in oak barrels, with 20% of them new. Medium to full in body, layered and creamy in texture. Drink or hold.

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU LES CHARMES Domaine du Pavillon 2022 — 95 Points

An opulent, silky and layered wine, rather full-bodied and broad on the palate, with rich poached pear, vanilla bean and toast nuances building as you sip and lingering in the finish. Balanced by a nicely tart citrus touch that keeps you coming back for more sips. Drinkable now, but best from 2028.

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon 2022 — 97 Points

A magnificent, full-bodied wine that shows power with finesse, full of ripe, luscious fruit and spices yet equally braced by fresh, vivid acidity. Grown on the south-facing side of the famous hill of Corton, it is rich in pears and crisp apples laced with subtle vanilla bean and cream nuances. Tempting now, but best from 2030.

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REDS 2022

Tasted on February 2, 2024

MOULIN-A-VENT LE ROC Domaine de Rochegrès 2022 — 91 Points

This is showing notes of raspberries, chocolate strawberries and crushed stones. Touch of clove, too. It's medium-bodied, focused and sleek with fine tannins and excellent persistency. Drink now or hold.

MOULIN-A-VENT ROCHEGRÈS Domaine de Rochegrès 2022 — 91 Points

This is a fresh and mineral Moulin-a-Vent. It's medium-bodied with aromas of sliced strawberries, citrus rind, crushed stones and wild herbs. Tight and chalky tannins. Try from 2025.

Tasted on June 20, 2024

MERCUREY EN PIERRE MILLEY Domaine Adélie 2022 — 90 Points

Solid and structured, this medium-bodied wine wraps good, firm tannins around red and black fruit and dark spice flavors while staying restrained, dry and fresh in expression. Blackberries, black cherries and hints of black pepper. Drink now or hold.

BOURGOGNE COTE D'OR PINOT NOIR SECRET DE FAMILLE 2022 — 92 Points

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BEAUNE CLOS DE L'ERMITAGE 2022 — 93 Points

Grown on very thin soil over limestone, this elegant and restrained wine is alive with acidity, moderate tannins and tangy, vivid red and black fruit. It offers lip-smacking, almost tart raspberries, cranberries and sour cherries on a light to medium body. Drink or hold.

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES PEUILLETS 2022 — 91 Points

Warm and broad in expression, this relatively full-bodied wine offers generous red and black fruit, subtle spices, balsam, maple and baked cherries. Light tannins and plenty of fruit flavor make it easy to drink now.

POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 — 94 Points

Well structured, firm and concentrated, this impressive wine is built for further aging. Deep in blackcurrants, anise and black cherries, it wraps them in fine-grained tannins that give a feeling of restraint at this young age. Medium- to full-bodied. Best after 2029.

CORTON GRAND CRU CLOS DES MARECHAUDES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 — 94 Points

Broad, generous and meaty in aromas, this full-bodied wine marries bright, charming red fruit and beef jus with riper, fuller flavors of black cherries and blackcurrants. It gains ripeness, almost sweetness, as you sip, showing good concentration and amazing length in the finish. Built to improve with extended aging. Best after 2029.

FIXIN 2022 — 92 Points

This affordable appellation that's next to Gevrey Chambertin offers vivid red and black cherries, bright acidity and moderate tannins on a medium body. Drink or hold.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS, Monopole 2022 — 95 Points

Coming from a tiny estate with terraced vineyards measuring just a few acres, this wine is intense, concentrated and vivid, bursting with energy and tension from great acidity and moderate tannins. Bright, dry, raspberry, cranberry, mineral and crushed rock aromas give way to a tight, firm texture that will need time to come around and show its potential complexity. Best from 2030.

VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 — 96 Points

Aromas of violets and black cherries lead to juicy, ripe and adorable black fruit flavors with accents of star anise, blueberries and raspberry jam. It balances ripe and delicious fruit with vivid acidity on a medium to full body for a silky, elegant expression that keeps you sipping. Coming from a great neighborhood near La Tache, it's an outstanding wine to indulge in now or drink from 2028, when it will start to gain maturity.

CLOS-DE-VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 — 96 Points

Huge in concentration and depth, lively and vivid in texture, this grand wine from a great appellation is alive with juicy red and black fruit wrapped in firm tannins, a full body and fresh acidity. So tempting to drink now, but it has the pedigree for extended aging, too.

ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 — 96 Points

Quite warm, floral and inviting at first sip, this wonderful wine tightens up on the palate, showing the depth and structure that will carry it forward for many years of enjoyment. The vines grow in an up-slope location and bring great concentration along with vivid acidity, great balance and potential for long aging. Best after 2029.



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PLATINUM MEDALS

MAZIS-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2022
Cuvée Madeleine Collignon
Hospices de Beaune
97/100

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS 1ER CRU LES SORBETS 2022
97/100



GOLD MEDALS

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1er CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS 2022
95/100

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU GENEVRIÈRES 2022
Cuvée Baudot
Hospices de Beaune
95/100



SILVER MEDALS

CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2022
Domaine du Clos Frantin
94/100

POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES 2022
Domaine du Pavillon
91/100

CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES BLANCHOTS 2022
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INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2024

4 Trophies
7 Gold Medals
4 Silver Medals

French White Trophy

for

Meursault 1ER Cru Genevrières

Cuvée Baudot Hospices de Beaune

2022

Smokey and honeyed nose. Ripe stonefruitwith candied orange. Layered and complex. Buttery toast and brioche with lively fresh fruit finish.



Burgundy White Trophy

Meursault Trophy

Gold Medal

97 points

Clos de Vougeot Trophy

for

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine du Clos Frantin

2022

Fresh and direct showing elegant beautifully foraged red cherry and raspberry fruit. Brooding and quite primary with nice depth and some tannic structure. Give this time.



Gold Medal

96 points

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Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Hazelnut and toast on the nose. Mineral driven style, with elegant but powerful lemon zest with crushed rock, and seashell on palette and long luscious finish.

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Fresh baked panettone with hazelnuts, bramley apples, orange peel, peaches and cream on the palate. Mineral finish with a hint of spice.

Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru Cuvée Madeleine Collignon Hospices de Beaune 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Perfumed floral, lush, black cherry, well integrated oak, fine grained tannin, age worthy; A bit on the lovely ripe side. Needs another year or two.

Vosne-Romanée 1ER Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Bright and herbacious, perfumed and aromatic with crushed rose petals, nutmeg and cedar oak lead to a long elegant palate.

Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Finesse on the texture, sappy herbal aromas, beautiful red cherry and wild raspberry, nicely balanced oak; pungent cassis, ripe grainy tannin, classic expression of this style/ region.

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022
Silver Medal - 94 points
Soft approachable peach and scented green apple, preserved lemons with brioche pastry mineral precision.

Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022
Silver Medal - 93 points
Pure and tightly wound core with white flowers, lemon and a hint of bergamot. Chalky, fine and demure. Rich and complex.

Chambolle-Musigny 1ER Cru Les Amoureuses 2022
Silver Medal - 92 points
Plush fruited with ripe strawberry and cherry. Delicate and bright on the palate with considered oak usage. Lovely balance.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1ER Cru Château-Gris 2022
Silver Medal - 92 points
Very perfumed floral nose. Juicy red fruit. A wine with lovely potential but needs time.





Tasting vom 25.01.2022: Anne Krebiehl MW

Mai 2024

2020 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit : 95

Eine exquisit offene Nase nach reifer Amalfi-Zitronenschale, frischer Weizenkleie und dezenter Cremigkeit. Der Gaumen wirkt ja konzentriert, straff und generös, trägt aber eine schöne Ader von Frische, die der runden Textur wunderbar entgegenwirkt. Glockenklar mit einem langen Nachhall.

2020 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon : 98

Dezenter Rauch, ganz allein in der eher schüchternen Nase. Dicht auf dem Gaumen, steinig, kreidig, kühl und pur. Konzentration und Steinigkeit, kühlende Tiefe; dazu eine wunderschöne Reinheit, die von der Frucht direkt in den Boden übergeht. Die Textur ist derzeit von subtiler Eiche geprägt, die in der großzügigen Fruchte eingebettet ist, aber der Stein wird sich mit der Zeit zeigen.

2020 Beaune 1ER Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon : 96

Rauch und Kreide, subtil aber in der Nase unverkennbar, ebenso wie eine dezente Cremigkeit. Der mittlere Gaumen ist makellos, mit wunderschön geschilderten Mirabellenfrüchten und Kopfnoten von Maishülsen. Stets und ständig kennzeichnetet eine herrliche Frische diese Höhenlage – hier macht die Frische den Wein, gewährt ihm Kontur und Haltung. Schön, resonant und lang.

2020 Meursault 1ER Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon : 96

Cremigkeit, Reduktion und Mirabellenkompott melden Reife und Komplexität in der Nase. Der Gaumen präsentiert dann eine schöne, reine Note von Amalfizitrone, in einem runden und großzügigen Körper, mit noch mehr von diesem Mirabellenkompott. Insgesamt wird diese Komponenten durch eine erlesene Frische ausgeglichen. Der Abgang ist lang, gut strukturiert und hell.



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2022 Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beaune reds

Bichot's chief viticulturalist Christophe Chauvel conducted the tasting and succinctly told me that the 2022 "was another hot and dry vintage that for whatever reason or reasons, did not produce super-ripe higher alcohol wines. We picked from the 25th of August in the Côte de Beaune and brought in essentially spotless fruit with good but not high yields and maturities. Most wines were vinified with 20 to 30% whole clusters and have been improving month by month during the élevage. We are really quite happy with the quality as the wines are refreshing with good terroir transparency plus they should age gracefully on their balance. What I find so interesting though is how a growing season such as 2022 didn't produce heavy and alcoholic wines but it didn't." Chauvel is entirely correct that while the Bichot '22s are certainly ripe, they are also balanced, delicious and refreshing.

2022 Mercurey "En Pierre Milley" *Domaine Adélie*: 88
A very pretty, fresh and expressive nose is classic pinot in style with its cool red berry, spice and soft earth nuances. I very much like the texture of the rich and generously proportioned middleweight flavors that conclude in a dusty, even slightly raspy, finish where the only nit is a touch of warmth. This could be enjoyed young though I would suggest allowing it 2 to 4 years of keeping first with the goal of rounding off the finish. 2027+

2022 Mercurey 1er Cru "Champs Martin" *Domaine Adélie*: 90
Discreet wood influence sets off slightly riper aromas that include poached plum, violet and more obvious earth influences. There is slightly better volume and mid-palate density to the nicely mineral-driven medium weight flavors that are shaped by finer tannins on the youthfully austere, balanced and sneaky long finish. This is lovely and worth checking out, especially if your cellar needs a quality short to mid-term aging red. 90/2028+

2022 Savigny-lès-Beaune "Les Grands Picotins " *Domaine du Pavillon*: 88-90
An exuberantly floral-suffused nose freely reveals its aromas of various red berries, humus and earth elements. The refined and vibrant, though not especially concentrated, middleweight flavors possess a lilting, even lacy, mouthfeel while exuding a subtle minerality on the youthfully austere finale. 2027+

2022 Beaune "Les Epenottes" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 88-91
(from the *villages* portion of the vineyard). Pretty and surprisingly elegant aromas include those of various red berries and more subtle earth nuances. Like the Picotins, the medium weight flavors are not especially dense but do offer an agreeable fleshy texture as well as good length on the refreshing finish where a hint of warmth appears. 2028+

2022 Beaune 1er Cru "Les Bressandes" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 90-93
This is more elegant still with its layered aromas of plum, spicy black cherry, violet and discreet exotic tea nuances. The caressing, delicious and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors possess better density as well as better power on the balanced, dusty, lingering and built-to-age finale. Worth checking out. 2032+

2022 Volnay 1er Cru "Les Santenots" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 90-93
(from Les Plures). This is at once riper yet more restrained with its reticent aromas of kirsch, black cherry liqueur and poached plum scents. The exceptionally rich and palate soaking bigger-bodied flavors are blessed with an abundance of sappy dry extract that does a fine job of buffering the firmer tannic spine shaping the serious, austere and very clearly built-to-age finale. Patience strongly advised. 2034+

2022 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 89-91 **TOP VALUE WINE**
(A huge 4 ha monopole of the domaine). An attractively pure nose speaks of various red berries liberally laced with earth and humus scents. There is impressive volume and intensity to the moderately dense flavors that are both delicious and vibrant before terminating in a firm, youthfully austere and lingering finish. Very good quality in a package built for mid-term keeping. 2030+

2022 Pommard 1er Cru "Les Rugiens" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 91-93
(from Rugiens Bas). Discreet wood frames the more floral-suffused aromas of plum, black pinot fruit and a pretty array of spice elements. The super-sleek and beautifully delineated, even chiseled, medium-bodied flavors exude a palpable minerality on the linear, youthfully austere and decidedly compact finale. 2034+

2022 Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 89-92
Here too the expressive nose is really quite pretty with its blend of ripe red berries, soft spice, earth and a delicate touch of wood. The caressing, if not particularly concentrated, middleweight flavors display a subtle minerality on the dusty, balanced and lingering finish. 2030+

2022 Corton Grand Cru "Clos des Maréchaudes" *Domaine du Pavillon:* 91-94
(a ~1.9 ha monopole that is split between ~.5 ha classified as grand cru and the remaining 1.4 ha as 1er). This is aromatically similar to the 1er but with a bit more wood influence. There is however more size, weight and mid-palate concentration to the bigger-bodied flavors as well as more evident minerality that adds a sense of lift to the noticeably more structured, persistent and complex finale. Often there isn't that much difference between the two but that is certainly not the case in 2022. 2034+

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2022 Côte de Nuits reds

Assistant technical director Cyrille Jacquelin (who is also responsible for the Clos Frantin wines) commented that 2022 "initially confronted us with similar concerns that manifested themselves in 2021 but because almost everyone, us included, is now pruning later, we managed to largely avoid any serious frost damage. However, our vines in Gevrey did suffer some June storm damage that had a minor effect on yields. The flowering passed reasonably well with relatively little shatter though June, which was warm and wet, did have a short period where the mildew was threatening but once the season turned dry and hot, it was quickly over. There was however some blocage due to hydric stress and as such, the véraison was extended. This also complicated picking dates so we started with the Bichot vines on the 25th of August and then followed with the domaine vines on the 30th. The fruit was clean and ripe so there wasn't much sorting necessary. Yields were the best we've had since 2018 at between 40 to 45 hl/ha with pretty much perfect potential alcohols between 13 and 13.5%. Acidities, while certainly not high, were sufficient to avoid problems and maintain the proper balance. We used from 25 to 35% whole clusters, which I think helped with the freshness that the wines are displaying today. As to the wines, I wouldn't describe them as exactly classic, they have just the right amount of ripeness and freshness to be appealing while allowing the underlying terroir to be recognizable. In sum, I really quite like the wines, both qualitatively and stylistically." I would agree with Jacquelin as these are some of the best wines I've seen from the maison side of Bichot in several vintages.

2022 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Secret de Famille: 86 TOP VALUE WINE

Bright aromas include those of both red and dark pinot fruit, spice and a whiff of violet. There is fine richness, especially for a wine at this level, to the vibrant flavors that possess good volume that seems to build on the rustic and acceptably persistent finish. While this could be enjoyed young, I suspect that 2 to 3 years of keeping would help to add depth. 2025+

2022 Bourgogne Côte d'Or "Clos Frantin" *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 86-89

Bright and fresh aromas include those of red cherry, raspberry and an interesting hint of spiced tea. There is good volume and richness to the delicious middleweight flavors that possess a succulent mid-palate. This is a very good effort for its level and one that should repay a few years of keeping if desired. 2026+

2022 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Murots" *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 89-91

Deft but not invisible wood frames ripe and distinctly earthy and sauvage-suffused aromas that enjoy a floral top note. There is both excellent intensity and volume to the delicious medium-bodied flavors that are supported by unusually bright acidity in the context of the 2022 vintage, all wrapped in a balanced, youthfully austere and only moderately rustic finale. This crunchy effort could be enjoyed young or held for up to a decade. 2030+

2022 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Evocelles": 89-92 TOP VALUE WINE

This is the most floral wine in the range at present with a cool and restrained array of red and blue pinot fruit, violet, lavender and crushed fennel aromas. The notably refined and intense middleweight flavors also flash ample minerality on the beautifully textured and youthfully austere finale. This is an excellent Gevrey villages
and worth your interest. 2030+

2022 Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Chaînes Carteaux": 90-93

Here the wood is slightly more prominent though still discreet on the slightly riper liqueur-like aromas of red and black cherry, earth and a hint of crushed fennel. There is even better energy to the middleweight flavors that are a combination of power and seductiveness, all wrapped in a less refined but more complex finale. This is clearly from Nuits but not to the point of rusticity. 2032+

2022 Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Château-Gris": 89-92

A cool, airy and ripe nose combines notes of both red and dark currant, spice and a violet top note. There is better volume and richness than usual to the overtly mineral-driven middleweight flavors that conclude in a moderately austere and lingering finish. At least some patience should prove to be beneficial. 2030+

2022 Morey St. Denis 1er Cru "Les Sorbets": 90-92

A deft application of wood easily permits the cool and relatively perfumed aromas of red berries, dark currant and warm earth to be appreciated. The finer medium-bodied flavors are plump and round while retaining a lovely sense of vibrancy that carries over to the nicely long and balanced finish where the supporting tannins are noticeably fine-grained. 2030+

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2022 Côte de Nuits reds

2022 Vosne-Romanée *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 89-91
A spicier and less earthy combination features notes of the very pretty essence of red cherry, exotic tea and a hint of incense. There is once again and really lovely texture to the succulent and nicely refined medium weight flavors that possess fine mid-palate density where the dry extract helps to buffer the moderately firm tannic spine supporting the powerful finish. 2030+

2022 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru "Les Chabiots": 91-93
There is enough reduction present to overshadow the fruit though a touch of spice does peek through the funk. The rich and caressing medium weight flavors possess a seductive mid-palate texture that contrasts somewhat with the powerful, serious and solidly constructed finish that offers excellent length. There is a perceptible hint of warmth but overall, this is quite promising provided you cellar it for at least a few years first. 2032+

2022 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru "Les Amoureuses": 91-94 **SWEET SPOT WINE**
This is also moderately reduced at present. Otherwise there is both good richness and vibrancy to the utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors that exude evident minerality on the tightly wound, balanced and youthfully austere finale that also displays a touch of backend warmth. This is both lovely and classy though clearly in need of at least mid-term cellaring. 2034+

2022 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru "Les Malconsorts" *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 92-94
(from a large 1.76 ha parcel). Here the even spicier nose is comprised by notes of red cherry, dark currant and a lovely array of floral elements. There is excellent volume, concentration and power to the vibrant larger-bodied flavors that retain good focus on the dusty, sappy, firmly austere and compact finale. It's indisputably built-to-age and extended patience will absolutely be necessary. 2034+

2022 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru: 92-94
Enough wood to merit mentioning frames spicy, cool and airy aromas of various red berries, the sauvage, plenty of floral influence as well as a hint of wet stone character. There is again excellent volume to the impressively intense medium weight flavors that brim with both minerality and dry extract where the latter helps to buffer the firm tannins supporting the youthfully austere, compact and built-to-age finale. Good stuff but patience needed. 2034+

2022 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 91-94
(from a .72 ha parcel). More evident wood and menthol nuances stop short of fighting with the cool and surprisingly high-toned aromas of ripe essence of red currant and soft earth scents. There is impressive richness to the succulent, even seductive, medium weight plus flavors that also flash focused power on the firm, youthfully austere and highly compact finish. Like the Malconsorts, this is a 'buy and forget you own it' wine. 2034+

2022 Echézeaux Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 90-92
(from a .99 ha parcel in Champs Traversin). Relatively generous wood actually does fight somewhat with the spicy and fresh mix of mostly red cherry and lavender scents. The rich, plump and seductively textured medium weight flavors possess good punch. There is sufficient structure for this to age and improve over the next 15 years that much more depth may well develop. 2034+

2022 Grands-Echézeaux *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 92-94
(from a .6 ha parcel). An attractively spicy nose combines a wide range of elements that include red and dark cherry, raspberry, violet, exotic tea and sandalwood. The super-sleek yet solidly intense and powerful big-bodied flavors are shaped by firm yet relatively fine-grained tannins on the youthfully austere finish. This is a big wine with the structure to match and as such, it's very much going to need a long snooze in a cool cellar. 2037+

2022 Chambertin *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 92-95
Here the moderately wooded nose is sufficiently reduced as to be difficult to properly read. More interesting are the supple and caressing but quite punchy larger-bodied flavors that brim with minerality on the austere, compact and saliva-inducing finish that delivers simply huge length. This does need to develop better depth but given the extended potential aging curve, more complexity will almost certainly develop. 2037+

2022 Richebourg Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 92-95
A moderately toasty nose grudgingly offers up its aromas of exotic tea, orange peel, various red berries and a nice array of floral elements. The rich and bold yet reasonably refined larger-scaled flavors possess fine mid-palate density thanks to the mouthcoating sap that helps to buffer the very firm and austere tannic spice shaping the impressively long finale. This is borderline old school in style so it's not going to drink well early, indeed I would advise not even thinking about opening a bottle for at least 10 years. 2037+

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2022, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Neon yellow in color, this vibrates with youthful energy and quivering acidity. The richly fruited medium body tastes of pluots and nectarines layered with sweet spices. The pastry crust flavors of the finish go on and on. As usual, this is a dynamo of a wine. It's impressive now but will only become more enticing.

95

2022, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

The pristine clean fruit soars from the glass: sweet yellow plums, ripe jackfruit and lemon zest. The medium body is finely balanced by tightly wound acidity. Fresh mushroom and chalk undertones break into the solid finish.

95

2022, Chablis Bougros Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Incredibly floral with delicate spring flowers, this turns into liberally spiced baked peaches and crumble topping on the palate. Voluptuous, layered and vibrant, this was the most immediately charming of the Grand Crus at this domaine. But its marked concentration shows that it will show well down the road, too.

95

2022, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

This shows an enticing apple cider and tarte tatin nose. The attack is broad and showy with excellent juiciness and ample concentration. The structure is finessed and seamless, effectively hidden behind all of the baby fat. This will be a crowd pleaser!

94

2022, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Italian lemon ice, baked puff pastry and kitchen spice sing on the nose. The fruit purity is impressive, and the sculpting acidity gracefully structures the medium body. Gimonnet says this wine tends to firm up once it has been in bottle for a while. So try one early if you can't resist, but then let the others sit for several years.

94

2022, Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Neon yellow in color, this has a dashing, forward nose of toasted spices, pie crust and juicy pears. The palate is tantalizingly smooth, and the acidity is fresh but integrated. The finish adds on a light pastry cream note.

94

2022, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Clean and fresh with golden apple core, sea salt and Brazil nut, this is layered, nuanced and compelling. Winemaker Louis Gimonnet says that the grapes here—on vines sitting on a 45% slope–are microscopic in size!

93

2022, Chablis Montmains 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Notably ripe and flatteringly fruity, this is a mouthful of succulent cantaloupe and buttered, toasted brioche. The palate has a lightly custardy feel, but there is ample, supporting acidity. This is a rather voluptuous Premier Cru that is good for those looking for a less chiseled bottling.

92

2022, Chablis Les Lys 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Fresh brie and chalk start off the aromas. The medium-bodied palate has good flavor concentration with generous, earthy undertones. The medium finish has a crunchy texture, making this a great wine for the table.

92

2022, Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

This smells of dried spices. The supple palate has good, apple-driven intensity before the finish layers on water crackers and raw oatmeal.

92

2022, Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Few producers declare Les Beugnons on the label. Tucked into the end of the Valvan valley, it offers a relatively cool expression of the bigger and generally sunny Vaillons climat. Yellow apple skin, freshly-drawn milk and almonds mesh on the crisp, lively palate.

91

2022, Chablis, Domaine Long-Depaquit

Surprisingly textured on the attack for a wine that sees only stainless steel, this feels bright with acidic tang. Herbs, straw and flint dominate the nose and palate, giving this a leaner profile than many of the more fruit-driven Chablis village wines in this vintage.

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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 1er 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 1er 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 1er 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 1er 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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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 1er 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 1er 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 1er 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 1er 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.

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Burgundy 2022: Chablis Report

2022, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 94-95

La Moutonne is a 5.8-acre (2.35ha) plot, 95% in Vaudésirs and 5% in Les Preuses, on the warm slope at the mouth of the Vaudésir valley. Elegance and tension combine with greater harmony than Vaudésir. It is silkier and more instantly at ease, and the finish is intensely lingering, with bright fluidity. 2028–2040.

2022, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 95

From three plots about 60, 30, and 29 years old. Caramel and flowers. Rich and generous up-front, neatly woven with ripe fruit and slicing freshness. A complete and balanced wine, with supple generosity and intensity. Powerful but so elegant, fresh, and sophisticated. 2028–2040.

2022, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 94-95

Almost warmer than Les Clos, and at the top it is much riper than at the bottom, with a 40–50% slope. Picked all together. Rich aroma. It is seductive and ripe up-front, and super-intense, but not broad. Quite the opposite. Incredibly focused and powerful on the finish as if squeezed into a tube. Exceedingly long and very salty. This really needs time. Probably the richest, but also one of the best, 2022 Vaudésir that I tasted. 2028-2040 .

2022, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-94

Full, elegant, and airy. This is breezy fresh. Fine, slivery quality. Volume and intensity, yet it sparkles on the delicate and persistent finish. 2028–2035.

2022, Chablis Bougros Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-94

From vines more than 70 years old, and 9,000 vines per hectare, on the Côte de Bouguerots. It's rich, generous, and punchy. Powerful shoulder, savory minerality and intensity to finish. 2028–2036.

2022, Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92-93

The parcel is on the plateau. Floral aromas, white peach, scented. All matured in 500-liter barrels. Silky and seductive and ripely rich, yet it has very lively, fresh acidity. Flows across the palate to a long and satin-textured finish. 2028–2036.

2022, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92

A thin topsoil, with a depth of 32 inches (80cm) at most, all on a 35–50% slope. Massal selection, planted in the 1950s and '60s. Tiny concentrated berries. Usually this parcel yields only 35hl/ha, and in 2022 it was just 25hl/ha. Uses a touch of oak to give some roundness, as this is very mineral. Straight, focused, and concentrated; it has good tension and wet stone to finish. Vitality and tight edges. Channeled. Love it. 2027-2035.



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Chambertin Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin: 96

Bichot's 0.17-hectare holding at the top of the slope has produced an evocative, lovely wine with a forward pomegranate and red plum fruit with hints of spice, smoke, and earth. The texture is silky and more approachable than the 2020 vintage at a similar point. The vines are worked by horse and farmed organically, with everything done by hand—truly 'à l'ancien' in the best way. The results speak for themselves since this is a delicious wine. It will be drinkable reasonably early on but has the substance for long-term ageing.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Sorbets: 94

Very 'Côte de Nuits' in style, this lovely wine features a rich blackberry fruit aroma with hints of earth and spice. The texture is rich and dense, with a pleasant persistence to the finish. The grapes are purchased from a large plot down-slope from the Clos des Lambrays and Clos de Tart on the other side of town in the premier cru. Some producers spell this climat Les Sorbès. The grapes are partially destemmed and gently fermented before ageing in cask (one-third new).

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon: 94

The Rugiens from Domaine du Pavillon enchants with its subtle depth of plummy fruit aromas and hints of earth and smoke. The texture is tannic but not overly so, and there is an interestingly supple quality to the texture that makes this wine intriguing. The grapes come from a third of a hectare located next to the Hospices parcel, just above Chaponnières. The wine is mainly destemmed and carefully fermented before ageing in cask (half new). Wait three to five years before opening for optimal results.

Pommard Clos des Ursulines, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon: 94

Picked early but not excessively so (3 – 6 September), this monopole of Bichot's Domaine de Pavillon has produced a wine with bright plum and cherry aromas and a hint of fresh violets. The texture is silky and approachable, yet it does not lack the tannin one looks for in Pommard. The vineyard team made several passes through the vineyard to ensure that the wine retained a charming freshness, and the result was lovely.

Savigny-Les-Beaune Les Grands Picotins Domaine du Pavillon: 93

This lively, expressive wine has bright notes of blue and purple fruit — plums, blueberries, fresh violets — and an attractively lively texture with light body and medium pressure. Alain Serveau relates that he has always had a 'defensive strategy' on extraction, preferring a delicate expression of Pinot, ideally suited to this elegant terroir. The domaine organically farms 0.57 hectares in this climat on the alluvial soils of the Rhoin; the grapes are mostly destemmed and gently fermented before ageing in cask over two winters (20% new).

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon: 94

Bichot owns a parcel of just over a hectare in the slightly reddish soils of Corton Languettes that produces this alluring Corton Charlemagne with aromas of ripe apricot, quince, and a suggestion of acacia flowers and spice. The texture is dense, almost chewy – Alain Serveau notes, 'It has almost the structure of a red'. In fact, the parcel was one planted to Pinot, but Serveau prefers the Chardonnay, which they pick early (4 September in 2022) to preserve freshness.

Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon: 94

The initial attack of the Meursault Charmes from Domaine du Pavillon is rich with aromas of ripe apple and peach with hints of flowers, butter, and hazelnut. On the palate, the richness continues with a delightful depth. The wine, however, is not heavy since it is balanced by fresh acidity and an almost tannic tactile sense that makes the wine 'chewy' and helps propel it to an elegantly lingering finish. The grapes are from three parcels that total 1.17 hectares; two are in Charmes Dessus, and a small one is in Charmes Dessous.

Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses, Monopole, Château Gris: 94

Les Terrasses is Bichot's proprietary name for their 0.67 parcel of Chardonnay atop the lieu-dit Les Crots. In this cool, steep site in a former limestone quarry, the Chardonnay is planted on individual stakes (en echalas) and worked by hand. The wine it produced has a lovely, crisp, lemony acidity, even in a hot year like 2022. The grapes are picked by hand and carefully sorted before pressing and fermentation in cask (one-third new), where the wine will age over two winters.

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Red wines

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 Chambertin GC**
This has some brawn and grip compared to the other, more gentle Bichot Grand Crus, which is just what one would expect of a Chambertin. Black plums and black cherries are dappled with firepit and savory scents. The full, rich body is kept buoyant with high-arching acidity and sleek tannins. Whereas Bichot tends to have good-sized chunks of terroir, here there is a mere 0.17 hectares. It's worth trying to score a bottle.



95 **Albert Bichot 2022 Latricières-Chambertin GC**
Delicate yet intense aromas of rosewater, raspberries and watermelon push from the glass. Balletic vinosity, gently dry tannins and mouthwatering acidity mesh on the palate. The effect is that its medium body actually feels as light as a feather. While airy and doily-like, this is far from fragile.

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 Clos-de-Vougeot GC**
Potpourri, dried mulberries and baked blueberries stir up the nose. Hints of fireplace smoke and cocoa creep into the palate, too. The generous but low-intensity tannins gently corral the wholesome fruit core while reverberating acidity lights up the pleasantly long finish.

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 Echézeaux GC**
Hailing from Champs Traversins and its well-drained, gravelly soils, this is a taut, compact Echézeaux with crunchy red berries galore. There is a big wad of fruit in the mid-palate that is nicely focused by tangy acidity and lithe, crunchy tannins. The extended finish lets in some crushed stone minerality, too.



95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 Vosne-Romanée PC Les Malconsorts**
There is a generous 1.75 hectares in one big block on the southern edge. This is a serious but open Malconsorts with excellent vinosity and a balletic but muscular frame. Dense but hardly heavy, this is lifted by effortless acidity and tender tannins. Berry cobbler, grated spices and a dusting of cocoa seep into the palate and long finish.

94 **Albert Bichot 2022 Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chabiots**
Being the northern neighbor of Les Amoureuses is not a bad place to be, even if your climat name is less well-known. Matthieu Mangenot explained that this sits right on the bedrock with very little top soil. Despite this, the wine is strikingly beautiful with sweet mulberries, Christmas spices and dried lilies. The tannins show very fine grit and are nicely corraled.

94 **Albert Bichot 2022 Morey-St-Denis PC Les Sorbets**
This starts with a suspicion of pleasant reduction followed by cherry compote, cassis and savory spice. A touch of balsamic laces through the palate, too. The mild tannins are nicely corraled by brisk acidity, keeping this medium-bodied wine on an even keel. There is no evident new oak here.



94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 Corton GC Clos des Maréchaudes Monopole**
This is a satisfyingly rich Corton with baked cherries, vanilla cream and crushed chalk for starters. The palate is impressively creamy with good fruit density. Perky acidity leads the structure as the sculpted tannins rest in the background. There is a small cliff between this and the Aloxe PC with the same clos name.

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White wines

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 Corton-Charlemagne GC**
Subtle spices lift from the glass before the palate delivers a full-on blast of crushed apples and pear compote dusted with limestone chalk. This is smartly balanced between elegance and approachability, and the solid, harmonious finish is so very dignified.

94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 Beaune PC Clos des Mouches**
Remarkably bright and light with aromas of chamomile, verbena and succulent pear, this is not to be missed. The mid-weight concentration is sublimely balanced by fireworks-like acidity that neatly wraps everything up into a graciously long finish.

94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 Meursault PC Les Charmes**
Toasted hazelnuts, crushed pears and buttered brioche work from the effusive nose onto the broad and creamy palate. Impressively for Meursault, there is real acidic backbone here. The finish turns a bit stony and firm in a good way. Put this away for several years so that it can flesh out once bottled.



93 Albert Bichot, Château Gris 2022 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses Monopole

92 Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2022 Meursault

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95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis GC La Moutonne Monopole**

This pops off with a bang of dense sweet spice followed by succulent yellow plums and golden raisins. The ample body creeps onto the palate then nests in the center as the long, toasty finish lingers. Apricot pit and sweet peaches abound.



95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis GC Bougros**

This is an aromatically delicate Bougros with its lavish scents of tree blooms, verbena and donut peach. The palate is notably more concentrated than the airy nose lets on, delving into properly ripe orchard fruits. This is immediately enjoyable but should surely be shoved away into the cellar for at least five to seven years.

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis GC Les Clos**

This is a surprisingly electric Les Clos that pops with enticing, light tropical tones and ample pomelo zest. In contrast, there are classically Burgundian, earthy undertones. The structure is firm but balanced with mouth-cleansing acidity on the finish.

94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis GC Les Blanchots**

This is firmly Blanchots with its feisty freshness and rippled mid-palate texture. The tangy array of citrus fruits makes the mouth water, too. This hails from a large 1.5-hectare parcel. Louis Gimmonet suggests not popping the cork too early as this tends to close down in bottle for several years.



94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis GC Les Preuses**

Vibrant—even glowing—in its yellow boldness in the glass, this is an aromatically dynamic Preuses. Crushed pears, tarte tatin and toasted hazelnuts lace onto the palate. There is lots of charisma and good concentration. This is from a small, 0.25 parcel, the tiny bit of Preuses here that doesn't go into La Moutonne.

94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis GC Les Vaudésirs**

Sitting up next to Moutonne, this is just about as much of a dynamo. Spice drawer and apple cobbler dominate from start to finish. There is lots of mid-palate concentration and just enough balancing acidity. All of the vines sit on the south-facing, or l'endroit—as the locals call it, side of the valley.



93 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis PC Les Vaucopins**

92 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis PC Les Lys**

92 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis PC Montmains**

91 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis PC Les Beugnons**

90 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis PC Les Vaillons**

88 **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022 Chablis**

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REDS FROM COTE DE NUITS



2022, Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 94-97

Picked by the Bichot team on 5th September. This looks and smells like it was picked at the right moment. A fine mid purple with a wealth of luscious red fruit balanced by good acidity. Full of energy, a quality fresh but deep raspberry, with length as well. Drink from 2030-2040.

2022, Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin 94-96

Rich mid purple. The nose offers a regal suave density. Very complete, an exciting very balanced wine. The fruit returns in little waves of red fruit and there is a decent persistence. Drink from 2030-2040.

2022, Clos-Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-96

An attractive bright purple. Little fruit on the nose because Clos Vougeot doesn't do that in youth. Fills the mouth in its well-structured way, a shaving of coconut, very intense pure raspberry fruit, absolutely portraying a clean-cut, lantern-jawed image. Drink from 2032-2040.

2022, Echezeaux Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin 92-95

One of the slightly darker purple colours, with a ripe and dark edged fruit. I sense the whole bunches more here than in the Clos Vougeot. Becomes more nuanced further back on the palate, with greater energy to the fruit. I was not sure from the nose but the palate works with a good balance between the slightly riper fruit profile and the acidity. Drink from 2030-2038.



2022, Vosne-Romanée Malconsorts 1er Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-96

A fine deep purple, with brilliance. The bouquet has the energy which we expect with that extra note of headiness. The Malconsorts opens out gorgeously and is kept fresh by a good thread of acidity. Pure, long, fine, lifted, medium plus bodied but there is a little bit of majesty here nonetheless. Drink from 2030-2038.

2022, Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots 1er Cru 90-93

A fine mid crimson purple. This has an underlying elegance, and an acidity which, with the colour, indicates an early harvest or at least less ripe grapes. Still, that works with me. Pretty and quite good length. Drink from 2028-2035.

2022, Morey-St-Denis Les Sorbets 1er Cru 91-93

More crimson than purple. A delightful nose, not too oaky, savoury in the good sense. Fine intensity, a little sucrosity, interesting wine with its own Morey character. There is a nobility which starts to emerge. Drink from 2029-2036.



2022, Vosne-Romanée, Domaine du Clos Frantin 90-93

A blend of Damodes du bas and Basses Maizières, picked on 3rd and 7th September. Attractive mid purple. Some nobility to the nose but in a discreet way. This is happily balanced with excellent class, heady Vosne fruit, even some spice, then a firmer tannin, but this works really well. Damodes gives the lift, Maizières the body. Drink from 2028-2035.

2022, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles 90-92

A pleasing rich purple. The bouquet has an agreeable succulence. Very slightly raisiny on the nose, but with enough acidity to work on through. A few tannins. The grapes come in from two producers, one of whom picks late (14th September), more than a week after the other, which one can see in the wine at this stage. Drink from 2028-2033.

2022, Bourgogne Côte d'Or, Domaine du Clos Frantin 88-89

Fresh mid purple. Quite a lively nose. Some whole bunches here on the best pinots. There is quite significant density here, with a slightly more astringent finish, but good length, it is almost as if one can taste different pinot plants. Quite an interesting wine, I would enjoy drinking this. Drink from 2025-2027

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REDS FROM COTE DE BEAUNE, COTE CHALONNAISE AND BEAUJOLAIS

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

A dense dark colour, with oak and clearly a bit of reduction at the moment. A significant weight of fruit, on the cusp of red and black, with an excellent energy. Drink from 2029-2037.

2022, Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 92-95

The holding is next to the Hospices de Beaune in Les Rugiens Bas. A solid mid purple. The bouquet does not immediately speak, though the fruit is evidently adequately ripe. There is a massive sense of power on the palate, all in a lifted red fruit. This Rugiens shows the intensity of the lower part, but more the red fruit idiom of above. Excellent intensity to finish, very promising! Drink from 2030-2038.

2022, Pommard Clos des Ursulines, Domaine du Pavillon 89-92

Mid purple with a lighter rim. The bouquet displays primarily a clean red fruit of some class, with a touch of coconut from the oak. The mix of oak and Pommard tannins leaves a little youthful bitterness, and there are some blackcurrants in the fruit, so maybe a touch of reduction. Still, I am left with a positive feeling from the harmony and the quality of the fruit. Drink from 2028-2036.

2022, Mercurey Champs-Martin 1er Cru, Domaine Adélie 89-90

Lovely bright purple, lots of energy here. A fine quality of pinot fruit in this Mercurey, good density, a tighter finish with some tannins but not excessive. Ripe and dark fruit caught at the right time. Drink from 2025-2028.

2022, Rochegrès Moulin-à-Vent , Domaine de Rochegrès 92

No deeper in colour than the straight Moulin-à-Vent but here the particularity of the terroir comes out more easily on the nose, despite oak ageing. Destemmed, which worked well with the straight Moulin-à-Vent, but here there is more of everything, some plummy red fruit but a little more in black, a fine firm structure and good length. Much more complex at the finish. Drink from 2037-2032.

2022, Moulin-à-Vent, Domaine de Rochegrès 88-90

A very dense purple, almost opaque. Rich and punchy, might this be overdone? The palate says no. Super-succulent but more in a vivid red fruit than black, good grains of tannins, a little point of acidity and fine length. Stays with you. Drink from 2026-2030.

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

Grapes grown in Les Languettes, picked on 4th September. Clear lemon yellow. This is not one of the more opulent wines, more a clean white fruit intensity. Very powerful on the palate, slightly taking over from the detail at the moment. Plenty of oak. Perhaps a little four square, though there is clearly a proper wine beneath. Drink from 2030-2036.

2022, Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 92-93

Fresh bright yellow. Very Charmes on the nose and here the oaking absolutely matches the wine. Very intense, adequate power, a little biscuit touch, enough acidity, and a clarity in the fruit profile. Weight, length, charm, all that we expect. Drink from 2029-2035.

2022, Beaune Clos des Mouches 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 91-93

Mid yellow colour. Plenty of sunny opulence on the nose. Just a bit four square, maybe a 161/49 issue, with a spicy richness, a mini feeling of Alsace Pinot Gris, without exaggeration. A wine which is true to its own particular style. Picked early on 30th August. Drink from 2027-2033.

2022, Nuits-St-Georges Les Terrasses, Château Gris 90-91

Les Terrasses includes a plot converted from 1er cru red where it didn't ripen well enough. Excellent intensity, a slight banana touch, a little oak behind. Well-made and with some character. Austere but rich. Drink from 2026-2029

2022, Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux, Domaine Adélie 88-90

Mid lemon yellow. 15-20% new wood shows on the nose, but will integrate. Pure white fruit, then coconut from the oak, before refining to a slimmer finish, with good length. Just needs time for fruit and oak to integrate then will make a fine white Mercurey. Drink from 2025-2028.

2022, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 88-90

A fuller yellow colour. The sunshine shows a little more than usual on the nose, ripe yellow plum fruit on the palate, a little warmth behind, then good acidity. A touch of toast from the barrel, very good length. This is an avowedly opulent style. Drink from 2025-2027.

2022, Mâcon-Lugny Les Charmes 89

Mid lemon yellow. The bouquet offers very typical Mâconnais sunny, southern chardonnay, fruit. Does what it says on the tin, with good flesh, enough acidity and just a touch of the muscatty style to finish, yet also some underlying stones as well. Drink from 2024-2026.

2022, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard, Domaine Adélie 87-88

Pale lemon. A proper Aligoté nose with some energy behind. Very promising. A little bit of barrel delivers some weight behind, this will make an attractive wine with some keeping capacity. Flesh is present but well contained. Drink from 2024-2027.

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2022, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-96

Mid lemon yellow. A chiselled nose, powerful yet without perfumed. Picked on the right day. A little suggestion of passion fruit here, which adds complexity without taking us over the top. Moutonne has harnessed the ripeness very well and delivers a clear-cut intensity, as well as the ripeness of the fruit. Drink from 2030-2040.

2022, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92-95

Bright full lemon colour with greener notes behind. Floral though with more latent power than that suggests. There is no doubting the intensity of white fruit across the palate, lemons and apples joining the white fruit at the finish, then a more headily perfumed note at the very end, muscat and passion fruit, which suggests that it was time to pick these grapes. Drink from 2028-2035.

2022, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-94

Glowing primrose colour. Evidently a fleshier wine, that is apparent from the nose. Very classy, a whisper of coconut from the oak, a surge of attractive fruit behind, not too much tension but certainly intensity. Good length with appley notes appearing at the very back. Drink from 2027-2034.

2022, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93

Picked 1st September, to kick off the harvest. A lemon touch to the colour but the bouquet is in pure white fruit. The fruit is clearly ripe enough, in fact perfectly judged and the pure white apple fruit extends very nicely at the back. The limestone speaks and we answer, yes please. Drink from 2025-2030.

2022, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92-93

Mid lemon and lime colour. The bouquet is more reticent than the 1ers crus. This has elegance on the palate though plus a surprising sucrosity, not always typical of Blanchot. Quite intense, white fruit more than flowers, fair length. Drink from 2026-2033.

2022, Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92

Pretty lemon yellow. Some stony energy to the fruit, attractively ripe on the palate, properly nuanced behind, very good length and the yellow fruit continues through, attached at the hip to the mineral qualities. Drink from 2025-2030.

2022, Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92

Mid lemon yellow. A fine bouquet with fruit weight, and a real quality on the nose with some depth of fruit behind. Quite intense, not yet showing everything. Excellent fresh acidity behind, then a softer finish to the fruit. Drink from 2025-2030.

2022, Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 87

Mid lemon yellow. Quiet at first but soon the Chablisian character emerges. Plenty of weight here, quite juicy. Drink from 2024-2027.



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Reds

Moulin-à-Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2022 : 16.5
Polished, serious. Really complete and refreshing for quite long ageing. Still quite firm tannins on the end. Drink 2024-2030.

Mercurey 1ER Cru Les Champs Martin Domaine Adélie 2022: 16
Bright garnet. Very direct, open, raspberry fruit with some very fine tannins. Drink 2024-2029.

Savigny-Les-Beaune Grands Picotins Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 16.5
Bright garnet. Broad and plummy. Fun and accessible. Although underneath there is structure too. Promising! Drink 2024-2029.

Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 16.5
Oddly for this appellation, this tastes quite evolved! Very polished and almost drinkable now. Interesting mulchy character underneath. Reverberates on the finish. Chapeau! More Côte de Beaune than typical Pommard, and Bichot admit this is almost more Volnay. Drink 2024-2030.

Corton Grand Cru Clos des Marechaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 17
Deep garnet. Rich perfume. Neat and fresh and balanced. Really very charming indeed. Drink 2024-2035.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1ER Cru Les Sorbets 2022: 17.5
Garnet and pale rim. Lift and perfume. Beautiful balance. Silky, appetising and so charming already! Long. It's already so gorgeous. Drink 2024-2034.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1ER Cru Château-Gris 2022: 16.5
Deep, vibrant crimson. Powerful nose. Still quite dominated by oak but lots of very pretty fruit underneath. Sinewy, muscular. (Bichot also make an unusual white village-level Nuits, Les Terrasses, from the vineyard next door.). Drink 2027-2037

Vosne-Romanée 1ER Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022: 17
Just above the grands crus. Bichot is the largest owner of Malconsorts.
Mid crimson. Not a showy nose but it suggests some hidden depths. Racy and pacy. Wait for this to bloom. Quite a bit of optimistic fine tannin on the long, throbbing finish. Good potential! Drink 2028-2040.

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2022: 17.5+
Mid garnet. Rich nose with some delicacy. This dances! Very fine tannins. Still embryonic but the fruit is convincingly well balanced. Very pretty, true example of the climat. Quite delicate. Drink 2028-2040.

Clos-de-Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022 : 17.5+
Shaded garnet. Introvert but convincing nose. Then a great spread of complex fruit on the palate. Still very young but pure and promising even if not showy. Drink 2029-2042.



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BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ CHAMP RENARD Domaine Adélie 2022: 16

Quite a powerful nose. Stewed-pears flavour and quite a bit of acid on the end. Drink 2023-2025.

MÂCON-MILLY LAMARTINE 2022: 16

Cooler and slimmer than many a Mâconnais wine, a characteristic of Milly-Lamartine apparently. Fresh and crisp. Mid length. Well behaved. Drink 2023-2026.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR CHARDONNAY SECRET DE FAMILLE 2022: 16.5

Very important cuvée for the house as it allows them capacity to produce affordable wine for consumers. There's very little Meursault and Puligny, for example, available – as well as it being expensive. The Bourgogne Côte d'Or appellation demands lower yields and higher vine density than AOC Bourgogne. Some bought-in grapes, especially from outlying areas of famous villages.

Strong lime notes and oak savour. Pretty well structured and long. Should age a while. Definitely no lack of freshness from the hottest vintage ever! Still a little chewiness on the end. Drink 2023-2027

POUILLY-FUISSÉ 1ER CRU CLOS REYSSIÉ 2022: 16.5

Commercial director Benoit Bruot comments that the new Pouilly-Fuissé premiers crus mean that Pouilly-Fuissé sells in more markets as an alternative source of premiers crus to the villages to the north. Though technical director Matthieu Mangenot noted that not all producers use the premier cru designation as they find the yield restrictions too strict. East-facing slope in Chaintré, historically superior.

Quite rich nose and then very citrus on the palate. Restrained, not that full-bodied, but with good ageing potential. Drink 2024-2029.

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon 2022: 17

Rich and tense on the nose – good! Much nervier than most. Lots to chew on and nothing too sweet. Drink 2026-2034.

CHABLIS GRAND CRU MOUTONNE Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022: 17

Surprisingly ripe nose. Though deep-breathing reveals some of the stony character and fine acidity. Chalky finish. Vibrant. Drink 2024-2030.



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Chablis 2022: top-scoring wines

Chablis lovers can delight in 2022, hailed as a year to snap up. Those who got it right produced wines with both freshness and ripe fruit flavours, alongside crispness and signature salinity.



② TOP-QUALITY PRODUCER

Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit, Grand Cru Moutonne Monopole — **96**

The unofficial 'eighth grand cru climat', Moutonne is a very exciting wine in 2022. Very sophisticated, with purity, lift and precision on nose and palate, freshened with saltiness and iodine notes to finish. Concentrated with ripe fruit character and a lovely balance between power and elegance. Needs time before broaching. Tank sample, tasted blind. **Drink** 2026-2037

Domaine Long-Depaquit, Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos — **95**

Quite subtle and restrained on both nose and palate. Plenty of warmth of fruit, but as yet quite restrained. Lovely, salty, zesty notes promise a lot in the future. Ripe peach fruit characters develop with a few minutes in the glass. This will be a great example of Les Clos once in bottle. Tank sample.

Domaine Long-Depaquit, Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins — **93**

Domaine Long-Depaquit is the Chablis arm of the Bichot family. Vaucoupin is one of their signatures and in 2022 it shows a great combination of sun-ripened peach fruit on the palate, balanced by zesty acidity and a hint of white pepper. Lovely purity here. Manages to be both powerful and elegant at the same time. Already drinking nicely, this has the concentration to age very well.



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2022 Chablis

As I noted last year, long-time régisseur (estate manager) Matthieu Mangenot has been kicked upstairs as the saying goes to join the Bichot team in Beaune. He has been replaced by the young Louis Gimonnet, who took over the direction of the domaine as of July 2021. If the family name seems familiar to Champagne fans, it should as he is a member of the Gimonnet family. Gimonnet's take on the 2022 vintage was that the "growing season was much less complicated than that of 2021 though we did have four consecutive nights of frost that did cause some damage. What saved us is that the contre-bourgeons (base or secondary buds) developed, which wasn't the case in 2021. While the flowering passed reasonably well, the vines did suffer some shatter. Thereafter the summer was very hot and dry but in contrast to 2019 and 2020, we basically had very little sunburned fruit. Véraison was relatively homogenous, which obviously is a good thing from the standpoint of picking as one can go quickly due to the fact that the fruit is uniformly ripe. We picked from the 1st of September and the fruit could not have been cleaner, which also helped with respect to picking quickly. However, on the 4th it rained between 30 and 40 ml and it was remarkable how fast the vines took up the water and transferred it to the fruit. It was almost as though there were two different types of fruit, that picked before versus that picked afterwards and not surprisingly, they produced two different kinds of wine. That picked early had better acidities, potential alcohols and concentration while the later picked fruit was the reverse. Yields were good without being high and potential alcohols varied between 12 and 13.2%. As to the wines, they keep changing month by month and while I don't think 2022 is going to produce classic Chablis, they are utterly delicious and I suspect most of them are going to be enjoyed young for their seductive fruit."

2022 Chablis *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 87-89

A ripe, fresh and bright nose features notes of various white orchard fruit, citrus and iodine. The rich, fleshy and plum middleweight flavors offer reasonably good depth and persistence on the clean, moderately dry and bitter lemon rind-inflected finish. This could be enjoyed young or aged for 4 to 7 years as desired. 2026+



2022 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 90

A more elegant and more complex nose offers up its combination of sea breeze, just sliced apple, mineral reduction and hint of zest. There is again good richness and concentration to the medium weight flavors that conclude in a sneaky long and youthfully austere finish that delivers better depth. This isn't exactly classically styled but it's attractive all the same. 2027+

2022 Chablis 1er Cru Les Beugnons Domaine *Long-Depaquit*: 90

A slightly riper nose is otherwise quite compositionally similar to the Les Lys. The sleek and nicely detailed medium-bodied flavors also conclude in a youthfully austere finale where a touch of bitter lemon slowly emerges. This could use better depth but a few years of keeping should help. 2027+

2022 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons Domaine *Long-Depaquit*: 91

Subtle but still perceptible wood is present on the aromas of prominent mineral reduction, white pepper and poached ripe pear. The super-sleek, delicious and vibrant middleweight flavors possess an unusually refined mid-palate mouthfeel that contrasts markedly with the borderline rustic if impressively long finish. This could also use more depth though again a few years of keeping should prove beneficial. 2027+



2022 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains Domaine *Long-Depaquit*: 90-93

There is a bit more wood influence on the slightly exotic nose of white peach and lychee with a pretty floral top note and just enough Chablis typicity to be interesting. The concentrated and tautly muscular flavors possess fine mid-palate density as well as outstanding length on the balanced and moderately dry finale. This possesses fine development potential and it is noticeably more structured than the Vaillons. 2030+

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2022 Chablis

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 91-94
Here too moderately generous wood is present on the ripe and layered aromas of pear confit, wet stone and the hallmark floral top notes. I very much like both the refined texture and intensity of the precise medium-bodied flavors that display focused power on the impressively long, balanced and dry finale. Fine potential here. 2030+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 92-94
While hardly subtle, the oak regimen is a bit tamer on the pure, cool and elegant nose of ripe essence of pear, apple, spice and ocean breeze scents. The caressing yet quite intense middleweight flavors possess a lilting mouthfeel before culminating in an agreeably dry and overtly stony finale. This is excellent and as with all of the best examples of the appellation, a wine of finesse. 2030+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Bougros *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 92-95
Very generous wood openly fights with the exotic and ripe yet quite fresh nose that freely offers up a combination of white and yellow fruit aromas that are laced with hints of iodine, shellfish and mineral reduction. There is terrific, indeed almost painful, intensity to the bigger-bodied yet still refined flavors that exude an evident stoniness on the powerful and superbly long finale. This firm age-worthy effort is also excellent. 2032+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 92-95
Here the wood treatment is far more subtle though again, by no means invisible on the cool, pure and unmistakably Chablis-like nose of quinine, petrol, spice, iodine and citrus confit aromas. Once again there is really beguiling texture to the succulent yet solidly intense and powerful medium-bodied flavors that deliver outstanding length on the youthfully austere, balanced and Zen-like finale. This too is quite impressive. 2032+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 91-94
Generous wood and vanilla nuances wood frame cool and exuberantly fresh aromas of citrus, apple and ocean brine. There is borderline painful intensity to the imposing and tautly muscular larger-scaled flavors that retain a lovely sense of refinement on the powerful, balanced, bone-dry and built-to-age finale. As is usually the case with this wine, it's going to require at least a few years of patience to develop better depth and better integrate. 2032+

2022 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: 91-94
More moderate wood influence more easily allows the softly exotic aromas of white and yellow peach, apricot and sweet almond paste along with limited Chablis typicity. The rich and quite full-bodied flavors also possess a beautiful texture that is succulent and generously proportioned while retaining good punch and balanced on the sneaky long finish. This is very much built-to-age and it's a wine with a proven track record for successfully doing so. 2032+



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Neal Martin

Producer: Domaine Long-Depaquit

The **2022 Chablis Montmains 1er Cru** is aged 20% in barrel for nine months. It has a pretty nose of yellow fruit, combining nicely with wet stone and subtle fern-like scents. The palate is well-balanced with fine acidity, good concentration and a discrete pepperiness coming through towards its cohesives finish. This a well-made, flavorsome Montmains. **90**



The **2022 Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru** sees 15% aged in barrel and the rest in stainless steel for nine months. It has a bright nose with yellow fruit, wet stone and light beeswax aromas. The palate has an insistent grip on the entry, a pleasing, slightly waxy texture with just the faintest honeyed note on the finish. Just a quite delicious Vaucopins to enjoy over 6-10 years. **90**

The **2022 Chablis Bougros Grand Cru** aged entirely in barrel for nine months, has a fine, primal, honeysuckle and beeswax-scented bouquet that opens nicely in the glass. The palate is well-balanced with a fine line of acidity, quite precise with peace skin and tangerine touches, an underlying spiciness coming forth with aeration. This should meld together nicely with time in bottle. **91-93**



The **2022 Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru**, sees 25% aged in barrel and the remainder in stainless steel for nine months, plus five months where the entire blend is aged in stainless steel. The nose has a surprising steeliness that other Grand Crus found difficult to manifest: focused and mineral-driven. Not austere, but reserved. The palate is well-balanced with a fine bead of acidity, citrus-fresh with touches of pear and nectarine. Again, quite reserved and holding back on the finish. This represents a competent combination of classicism and the vintage's exotic tendency. **91-93**

The **2022 Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru** aged entirely in barrel for nine months, feels a bit muted on the nose with grapefruit, lime and touches of crushed stone. You just want more presence and vitality. The palate is more promising, with some lovely peach and mango notes and a taut line of acidity, finishing with a degree of tension. There is more to give here; I would tuck bottles away for 3-4 years. It's biding its time. **90-92**



The **2022 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru** is two-thirds aged in stainless steel and the remainder in wooden barrel for nine months, plus five months, whereby the entire blend is raised in vat. The nose has good intensity: green apple and light kiwi fruit, leesy at the moment but well defined. The palate is taut on the entry with fine depth, well-judged acidity, and smooth in texture with hints of Conference pear mixed with a quite spicy peppery notes towards the finish. Good potential. **90-92**

The **2022 Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru**, the 2.25ha monopole of Long-Depaquit, is matured 75% in stainless steel and the remainder in barrel for nine months, plus five months in stainless steel. It has an attractive bouquet with more mineralité and Chablis DNA than the Les Preuses, with touches of oyster shell coming through with time. The palate is well-balanced with a crisp line of acidity, red apple, pear and grapefruit, finishing with a dash of spice. Primal in style, so cellar this for 3-4 years. There's good potential. **91-93**

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CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAUCOPINS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022

Score: 93 Points

Restrained and tight, showing notes of stones, chalk and white apricots. It's medium-bodied and light-footed with a chalky texture. Long and persistent mineral notes. Try from 2024.

CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAILLONS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022

Score: 92 Points

I like the minerality here with notes of sea shells, green apples, touch of white pepper and pears. It's medium-bodied with a creamy, sleek and fresh palate. Lovely refreshing, stony finish. Drink or hold.



CHABLIS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022

Score: 89 Points

Nice clarity of fruit here with aromas of sliced pears, apples and peaches. Wet stones follow on the palate. It's clean and medium-bodied, with a more simple finish. Drink now.

MERCUREY LES CHAMPS-MICHAUX Domaine Adélie 2022

Score: 92 Points

Apricot stones, yellow nectarines, toasted hazelnuts and mangoes here. Some salted yellow plums. Full-bodied and flavorful, with tasty fleshy yellow fruit and an energetic finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.



POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2022

Score: 90 Points

This has aromas of baked apples, cream, hazelnuts and lemon curd. Creamy and supple, with a full body, and nice freshness too. So drinkable. Drink now.

SAINT-VÉRAN 2022

Score: 90 Points

A creamy Saint-Veran with peaches, pears, apples and pie crust on the nose, alongside a sprinkling of salted almonds. Full-bodied and satisfying. Drink now.

MÂCON-LUGNY LES CHARMES 2022

Score: 89 Points

Ripe stone fruit here with nectarines, golden apples, pears and mango stones. It's full-bodied and with some wet stone freshness to close. From the plateau of Macon-Lugny. Drink now .



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RED WINES





94 ALBERT BICHOT Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2021

Published on February 29, 2024

Rich, if a touch rigid today, exhibiting cherry, raspberry, sandalwood, earth and spice aromas and flavors. Shows a solid core of fruit, with a mineral element emerging as this extends on the lingering finish. Best from 2027 through 2045.

94 ALBERT BICHOT Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon 2021

Published on November 30, 2024

Ripe and lushly textured, this red features succulent cherry, raspberry, floral, spice and mineral aromas and flavors. Offers understated power, a silky texture and a terrific aftertaste that echoes the fruit and spice notes. Drink now through 2038.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021

Published on November 30, 2023

A supple yet solidly built red, revealing black currant, black cherry, licorice and black pepper aromas and flavors. Dense, picking up a hint of new oak as this winds down on the lengthy finish. Best from 2026 through 2042.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Chabiots 2021

Published on November 30, 2023

This red Burgundy is highlighted by a spicy edge, which frames the core cherry, raspberry, floral and mineral flavors. Reveals vivid acidity that marshals everything to the long conclusion, where the sequel of fruit and spices emerges. Best from 2026 through 2042.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Château-Gris 2021

Published on November 30, 2023

Shows tart cherry and berry fruit flavors wrapped in toasty oak, with vibrant acidity and supple texture, all of which add up to fine harmony and an accessibility that's atypical for young red Burgundy. Offers excellent length, too. Drink now through 2036.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Gevrey-Chambertin Les Murots Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021

Published on May 31, 2024

Silky and stylish, boasting macerated cherry, strawberry and sandalwood aromas and flavors, plus a hint of licorice. This firms up, boding well for its future development, yet remains lively and long on the mineral-tinged finish. Best from 2026 through 2042.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021

Published on November 30, 2023

A savory, elegant red marked by bright cherry, rose, sweet spice and withering underbrush flavors. Turns more ethereal as this plays out on the lingering finish. Drink now through 2029.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Aloxe-Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2021

Published on February 29, 2024

Spicy, with vanilla-tinged oak shading a core of cherry and strawberry fruit. Gains detail from sandalwood and leafy vegetal accents as this persists on the vibrant finish. Shows excellent balance and length. Best from 2026 through 2040.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Beaune Les Epenottes Domaine du Pavillon 2021

Published on February 29, 2024

Lively and toasty, this red features cherry, boysenberry and sandalwood aromas and flavors. Turns leaner and more defined as this builds to the juicy finish. Shows fine balance and length. Drink now through 2033.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Mercurey En Pierre Milley Domaine Adélie 2021

Published on December 15, 2023

A firmly structured red highlighted by mint, macerated cherry, strawberry, floral and spice flavors. The compact finish is a bit shrill today, with lingering earth and vegetal accents. Give this a year or two. Best from 2025 through 2032.

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92 ALBERT BICHOT Meursault 2021

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A vibrant style, this white has fine tension that resonates the peach, apple and toasty oak flavors. Shows butter, vanilla and mineral accents, which add depth as the lemony finish leaves a mouthwatering impression. Drink now through 2030.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru Clos Reyssié 2021

Published on June 17, 2024

Though ripe, with apricot, honeydew melon and pineapple flavors, this white also offers intensity and complexity, with spicy oak and mineral elements. Shows excellent balance and length. Drink now through 2029.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux Domaine Adélie 2021

Published on October 15, 2023

This has an attractive edge of citrusy acidity framing the peach, lemon tart, vanilla and toasty oak flavors. Verges on creamy in texture, with fine balance and a fresh, succulent finish. Drink now through 2028.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Saint Véran 2021

Published on June 17, 2024

This juicy white verges on tropical, with fruit flavors of mango and papaya that settle into nectarine, pear and honeysuckle notes. Fresh in the end, with sneaky mineral length. Drink now.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Aligoté 2021

Published on October 31, 2022

A tangy white marked by apple and lemon flavors, with vivid acidity keeping this well-defined through the finish, where a saline, mineral note lingers. Shows fine balance and length. Drink now.

88 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2021

Published on July 24, 2023

A racy style, boasting apple, lemon and stone flavors. Firm, picking up a hint of oak on the moderately long finish. Drink now through 2027.

88 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits 2021

Published on July 24, 2023

A steely white, with lemon pie, vanilla and floral notes backed by a spine of acidity. Reveals earth and stone details on the moderately long finish. Drink now through 2027.





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PLATINUM MEDALS

GRANDS-ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU 2021
Domaine du Clos Frantin
97/100

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1er CRU LES MALCONSORTS 2021
Domaine du Clos Frantin
97/100

MEURSAULT 1er CRU LES CHARMES 2021
Cuvée Bahezre de Lanlay
Hospices de Beaune
97/100



GOLD MEDALS

CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU 2021
Domaine du Clos Frantin
95/100

POMMARD 1er CRU LES RUGIENS 2021
Domaine du Pavillon
95/100

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES LES TERRASSES 2021
Château-Gris
95/100



SILVER MEDALS

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1er CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS 2021
91/100

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1er CRU CHAÎNES CARTEAUX 2021
91/100



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INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2024

4 Trophies
7 Gold Medals
4 Silver Medals

French White Trophy

for

Meursault 1ER Cru Genevrières

Cuvée Baudot Hospices de Beaune

2022

Smokey and honeyed nose. Ripe stonefruitwith candied orange. Layered and complex. Buttery toast and brioche with lively fresh fruit finish.



Burgundy White Trophy

Meursault Trophy

Gold Medal

97 points

Clos de Vougeot Trophy

for

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

Domaine du Clos Frantin

2022

Fresh and direct showing elegant beautifully foraged red cherry and raspberry fruit. Brooding and quite primary with nice depth and some tannic structure. Give this time.



Gold Medal

96 points

May 2024

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2024

4 Trophies

7 Gold Medals

4 Silver Medals

Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Hazelnut and toast on the nose. Mineral driven style, with elegant but powerful lemon zest with crushed rock, and seashell on palette and long luscious finish.

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Fresh baked panettone with hazelnuts, bramley apples, orange peel, peaches and cream on the palate. Mineral finish with a hint of spice.

Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru Cuvée Madeleine Collignon Hospices de Beaune 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Perfumed floral, lush, black cherry, well integrated oak, fine grained tannin, age worthy; A bit on the lovely ripe side. Needs another year or two.

Vosne-Romanée 1ER Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Bright and herbacious, perfumed and aromatic with crushed rose petals, nutmeg and cedar oak lead to a long elegant palate.

Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2022
Gold Medal - 95 points
Finesse on the texture, sappy herbal aromas, beautiful red cherry and wild raspberry, nicely balanced oak; pungent cassis, ripe grainy tannin, classic expression of this style/ region.

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022
Silver Medal - 94 points
Soft approachable peach and scented green apple, preserved lemons with brioche pastry mineral precision.

Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots Domaine Long-Depaquit 2022
Silver Medal - 93 points
Pure and tightly wound core with white flowers, lemon and a hint of bergamot. Chalky, fine and demure. Rich and complex.

Chambolle-Musigny 1ER Cru Les Amoureuses 2022
Silver Medal - 92 points
Plush fruited with ripe strawberry and cherry. Delicate and bright on the palate with considered oak usage. Lovely balance.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1ER Cru Château-Gris 2022
Silver Medal - 92 points
Very perfumed floral nose. Juicy red fruit. A wine with lovely potential but needs time.

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CHABLIS

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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A rich, creamy style, boasting lemon cake, peach and spice flavors. As this evolves, a palpable stony essence emerges, along with ripe orchard fruit and lanolin. Drink now through 2030 .

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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A lemon-infused white, with fine depth backed by a spine of mouthwatering acidity. Shows floral, vanilla, oyster shell and stone notes midpalate, before a wave of acidity defines the long finish. Drink now through 2030.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Bougros Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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A brisk, tangy white, delivering generous lemon pie, lanolin, mineral and spice flavors. This is defined by racy acidity, with a long, bracing aftertaste. Best from 2025 through 2032.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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A mineral-driven white marked by a whiff of oyster shell and iodine, with persistent yellow plum, melon, fresh herb and lemon flavors. Shows fine balance overall. Drink now through 2027.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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Round and juicy, this white offers peach, yellow plum, floral and dried herb flavors. Tangy, with a light tactile feel on the finish. Picks up a stony element in the end. Drink now through 2027.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis 1er Cru Les Beugnons Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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A ripe version, this boasts peach, melon, floral and flinty notes aligned with a round, juicy profile. Firm, picking up a slight chalky feel on the lingering finish. Drink now through 2027.

88 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

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A racy white, featuring lemon, green apple and green plum flavors, with a clean attack and a stony finish. Drink now through 2025.



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CHABLIS Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021

Score: 90 Points

An aromatic wine for a regular Chablis, with plenty of fresh-lemon, white-peach and tarte-au-citron character. Cooler and crisper on the palate than the nose suggested, but that makes it very clean and refreshing. Good length, the finish nicely supported by a touch of tannin. Drink now.

SAINT-VÉRAN 2021

Score: 90 Points

There's plenty of ripe mirabelle and melon fruit here, but the acidity is quite crisp at the front of the medium-bodied palate. Good depth and length. A touch of positive tannin at the finish. From the northern part of this appellation, where the soils are quite similar to those of Pouilly-Fuisse. Drink now.

MÂCON-LUGNY LES CHARMES 2021

Score: 89 Points

Plenty of ripe mirabelle and apricot fruit gives this round and lively Macon plenty of appeal, and almost completely masks a hint of rusticity. You only feel it directly right at the finish, but this still has very satisfactory harmony, in fact it is very round. From the plateau of Macon-Lugny. Drink now.



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FLEURIE LA MADONE 2021

Score: 89 Points

A light-bodied Fleurie that's got plenty of pretty floral aromas, but also a gentle touch of tannin and a crisp stony acidity. Drink now while the red berry fruit is still lively.

MOULIN-A-VENT LE ROC DOMAINE DE ROCHEGRÈS 2021

Score: 90 Points

A solid Moulin-a-Vent that has the black fruit and delicate earthiness we look for in the wines from this appellation. Lively acidity on the quite bold palate. Long finish with plenty of licorice character. Drink or hold.

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Tasted by Andy Howard MW

CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES CLOS Domaine Long-Depaquit: 94

Cool, understated with plenty of concentration and structure waiting to flesh out over the next three to five years. A restrained Les Clos with plenty of smoky characters emphasising the vibrant notes of orange zest on the palate. Very subtle wood adds to the complexity. A fine wine in the making and a very good result for new winemaker Louis Gimonnet.

CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAILLONS Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91

A fine blend of white peach and pear fruit on the palate, some lifted floral notes and plenty of drive on the finish. New winemaker here, Louis Gimonet, is bringing his own interpretation to this significant domaine, part of the important Bichot group. Should age well for three to four years.

CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES LYS Domaine Long-Depaquit: 91

A plush, rounded Les Lys with plenty of acidity to keep the palate in check. Mineral notes on the finish. Plenty going on here - this wine will benefit from at least six months ageing in bottle as everything is still very primary. But there is no shortage of concentration and the wine will continue to develop well.



Tasted by Charles Curtis MW

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU LES CHARMES Domaine du Pavillon: 92

The Charmes from Domaine du Pavillon is slightly closed at first but opens with time to show a lush, ripe fruit with more honeyed character than the village-level wine. The texture shows the concentration from the low yields (17 hl/ha) —it is dense with extract, but the acidity is concentrated as well, and the overall balance is vibrant and lively. The grapes come from three parcels that total 1.17 hectares, two in Charmes Dessus and one in Charmes Dessous.

MEURSAULT Domaine du Pavillon: 92

The village-level Meursault from Domaine du Pavillon boasts ripe aromas of quince, lemon peel, spice, and butter on the initial attack. The flavours continue with impressive definition and depth, leading to a remarkably well-balanced texture with fresh acidity, plenty of extract, and enough stuffing to carry it to a lingering finish. The grapes come from five parcels totaling 2.3 hectares, all located in the northern part of the village between the town and the border with Volnay.



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Reds



Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021: 16.5+
Some real pace on this wine and quite a bit of tannin too. A little bitter on the end but good fruit on the way there.

Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021: 16
Rich and solid – not quite as pacy as a typical Vosne. Some depth and pleasure here already.

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Château-Gris 2021: 16.5
Rich, layered, dramatic, verging on flashy! Lots going on here – who says Nuits is dull…?! Quite a powerhouse! Tannin currently in evidence but the fruit should come to the fore eventually.

Corton Grand Cru Clos des Marechaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2021: 16.5++
Rich, dense and somehow rather sparkling-bright on the nose! The note of bitterness on the end is positive rather than negative in this case. But it tapers to a point on the end at the moment. Needs time.



Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir Domaine du Clos Frantin 2021: 16
Light and very much leaning in to the vintage character. There is some ripeness and even richness as well as the very modern transparency. Nice!

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir Secret de Famille 2021: 15.5
Sweet and seems a little simple after all the energy of the Moulin-à-Vent! But there is pure black-cherry fruit – less funky, and perhaps more mainstream, than the Clos Frantin counterpart.

Moulin-à-Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2021: 16.5
Edgy and lively with real punch, fruit and direction. Long, quite impressive.

Whites

Chablis 1er Cru Les Montmains Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021: 16
Bone dry and mineral – true to Chablis. A little riper than some, and maybe a little too ripe for Chablis purists?

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit 2021: 16.5
Lots of edge and life with excellent energy and definition. Too young now.



Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon 2021: 16.5
Both rich and precise – well done! Lots of pleasure delivered. Definitely has premier-cru, if not grand-cru, weight. All stops pulled out for maximum impact and length.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2021: 16
Broad and creamy with a streak of lime to keep it zippy. Lots of acidity in here!

Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard Domaine Adélie 2021: 16
A bit ordinary on the nose. Sufficient fruit and breadth on the palate – quite a surprise in fact! Grip and ripe fruit with a hint of passion fruit.

Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux Domaine Adélie 2021: 16+
Lots of fruit here. With acidity and more precision than many Côte Chalonnaise whites.

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2021: THE VINTAGE REPORT



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2021, Clos-Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-95

The bouquet offers a mix of intelligent oaking with a certain amount of raspberry fruit. The detail, as ever in young Clos Vougeot, is more muted. Yet there is an impressive weight on the palate with a light pepperiness at the finish. I like the way the fruit builds towards the back, and this should emerge well hereafter. Drink from 2027-2033.



2021, Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts, Domaine du Clos Frantin 93-95

Pure beautiful purple, with the nose of exceptional hedonistic class associated with this vineyard. One can detect the remains of a little reduction in the mouth, which holds it back a fraction at this stage, but this is still a really good wine underneath and will be thoroughly exciting. It has the Malconsorts magic. Drink from 2026-2032

2021, Vosne Romanée, Domaine du Clos Frantin 88-91

Quite an elegant bouquet, with perfumed alpine strawberries. This continues through on the palate, softly elegant, few tannins behind, will be ready relatively early, and attractive. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021 Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots 1er Cru 90-92

Rather attractively perfumed. Sensual red fruit in a softer style, a slight toughening of tannins behind, but the rest of the barrel maturation should sort that. Discreet yet charming finish. Should be good. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 90-93

There is a little more oak showing on the nose which holds the fruit back. However, it does emerge, especially on the mouth, and fills the mouth quite nicely in a similar flavour profile to Ursulines, perhaps a little more raspberry than cherry. Drink from 2027-2031.



2021, Pommard Clos des Ursulines, Domaine du Pavillon 89-91

An immediately delicious bouquet with some depth, ripe cherry and raspberry, very good. Enough structure to prove its Pommard origins but just the right amount of high class fruit alongside with fine acidity. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Aloxe-Corton Clos des Maréchaudes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 89-92

A slight coffee grain toasty reduction to the nose. Then more depth of red fruit on the palate. One expects suppleness in the Maréchaudes but the wood and or reduction has slightly tightened up the framework. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin, Domaine du Clos Frantin 88

There is some weight of sound pinot fruit on the nose. In fact, I find an impressive depth in the mouth, strawberry with a touch of raspberry, and good acidity. Plenty to like here. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Meursault Les Charmes 1er Cru, Domaine du Pavillon 89-92

The bouquet is backward, but the fruit works well on the palate with good acidity to back it up. Quite full bodied, predominantly white fruit, a little citrus. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 88-90

A little touch of coconut on top of some fatter fruit. Significant density, good acidity, while the personality still awaits development, but this should make a sound full-bodied Meursault. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021, Nuits-St-Georges Les Terrasses, Château-Gris 88-90

Unusually, this is mostly Gobelet pruned though they are switching to Guyot with much better results. Fresh yellow colour, and once again quite oaky. The oak adds a lactic note to the palate. Plenty of fruit density too with a slightly spicy finish.

2021, Mercurey Les Champs Michaux, Domaine Adélie 86-88

There is some weight of fruit on the nose, and some oak. Fleshy with just a touch too much oak at the moment but this may be tidied up by the bottling.

2021, Bourgogne Chardonnay Côte d'Or Secret de Famille 87

In bottle. Relatively high-toned nose. Yellow and white fruit with a crystalline note to refresh the finish. There is good intensity here, they have worked hard to produce an impressive blend this year. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard, Domaine Adélie 87

In bottle. This is a softly perfumed Aligoté with peaches on the palate. Rather delicious, the acidity is folded into the generous weight of the (not frozen) fruit. Delicious, more than classical, though some more typical greengages return to finish. Drink from 2023-2026.

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2021: THE VINTAGE REPORT - CHABLIS WINES



2021, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-95

Clear bright lemon yellow. There is a weight here in quite a different style to the intensity of Les Clos. Really mouthfilling, with no feeling of a more difficult year. This year's Moutonne has a complex finish with generous white fruit, some citrus, just avoiding the vegetal, perhaps more Côte d'Orien fruit weight, and very persistent. Extremely good. Perfect acidity as well. Drink from 2026-2033.

2021, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92-95

Mid yellow colour. White fruit infuses the bouquet. This has a classical Chablis structure, with intense kimmeridgian energy at the back. The fruit is medium bodied for Les Clos but the balance is perfectly in place and the finish pleasingly persistent. A step up here. Nervy lemons at the very back. Drink from 2026-2032.



2021, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 91-94

Pale primrose colour, a little more fruit showing, then greater generosity on the palate, and a well balanced mouthfeel ending in some saline notes at the back. There is adequate tension to support the fairly generous white fruit. Drink from 2026-2030.

2021, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 90-93

Pure pale yellow. Not so much on the nose, light white fruit. Not so floral as Blanchots can sometimes be. Quite refined on the palate, linear rather than rounded, a light dash of citrus at the back, quite persistent. Drink from 2025-2029.

2021, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 91

Pretty mid lemon yellow. There is a little more power to the bouquet, and fruit weight behind. Indeed, I can find a lot more on the palate. Juicy with some exotic aromatics, peaches and ripe pears, and then a fine clean finish with a light coating of minerals. More flesh than the stony Vaillons. Drink from 2024-2027.

2021, Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 90

Fine pale lemon. The bouquet has a vegetal reduction which soon blow off to leave the stones beneath. Soft white fruit through the middle, then a more biting acidity, lightly lemon scented at the back. Will make a sound Vaillons for drinking moderately soon. Drink from 2024-2026.

2021, Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 91

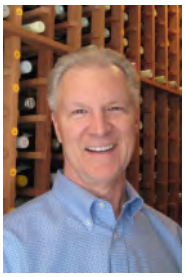
Pretty mid lemon yellow. Quite perfumed with some citrus notes, and some lees feel. Pretty on the palate though softer than in a classic year. This Beugnons shows the priceless quality of making the palate salivate. Drink from 2024-2027.

2021, Chablis, Domaine Long-Depaquit 87

Mid lemon yellow. Properly Chablisian austerity on the nose and a suggestion of some fruit weight, a little bit leaner in the mouth, all made in tank but a light toasty feel nonetheless. Lemongrass notes, agreeable. Drink from 2023-2025.

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2021 Chablis

Long-time *régisseur* (estate manager) Matthieu Mangenot has been kicked upstairs as the saying goes to join the Bichot team in Beaune. He has been replaced by the young Louis Gimonnet, who took over the direction of the domaine as of July 2021. If the family name seems familiar to Champagne fans, it should as he is a member of the Gimmonet family. Gimmonet's take on the 2021 vintage was, like most of his peers, that the "growing season was really complicated. A mild winter and early bud break were the perfect conditions for damage from an April frost and thus we protected the vines for 6 nights. Thereafter there were attacks of both mildew and oidium and because the summer was often wet, it made getting into the vineyards to apply treatments very tricky. Remarkably, we even had oidium post-véraison, which is unusual but even more unusually, it attacked the bunches which obviously makes sorting all the more difficult. September was sunny but maturities seemed largely stuck and we were then hit by an attack of botrytis, which was an increasing concern before we finally started picking on the 21st of September. We continued through to the 3rd of October where we finished up with our parcel of Blanchots. It was necessary to seriously sort and then press gently because the skins were so fragile from the botrytis. Pressing gently isn't really a problem but it does take more time and when you're in a hurry, it's an inconvenience if you don't have multiple presses. Then it was necessary to do an equally serious lees settling, which was complicated by the fragile skins which tended to break into small pieces. All of these factors contributed to yields that were only 30% of normal, which is to say that they ranged from 14 to 23 hl/ha. Overall, my take on the 2021s is that they are a work in progress because they change from month to month. Happily, they seem to be getting better, which bodes well for their ultimate quality."

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (89-91)
A cooler nose reluctantly offers up its array of iodine, oyster shell, floral and much more discreet citrus wisps. There is good volume and richness to the vibrant and delicious medium-weight flavors where the more persistent, clean and moderately austere finish is also shaped by bright but not drying acidity. 2026+

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Les Beugnons *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (89-91)
A slightly riper nose flirts with exoticism in the form of white peach and lychee that adds breadth to the aromas of citrus confit and quinine. There is more volume and power though not the same finesse to the caressing and punchy flavors that also culminate in a clean, dry and solidly long finale. 2027+

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (90-93)
Here too the expressive nose plays on the edge of exoticism though there is a bit more classic Chablis character present in the form of seashore, shellfish, white pepper and pretty floral wisps. The rich and generously proportioned medium bodied flavors possess a beguiling texture thanks to the abundant dry extract. It is promising and worth considering. 2028+

2021 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (89-92)
This too displays a phenolic element to the citrus-inflected aromas of tidal pool, acacia and essence of pear. The generously proportioned flavors possess excellent volume before concluding in a caressing but punchy, stony and bitter lemon rind finish where a touch of wood slowly emerges. 2028+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (90-93)
A somewhat troubled nose displays post-malo aromas of lactic and reduction. More interesting are the sleek, fresh, delicious and overtly mineral-driven bigger bodied flavors that exhibit fine length on the compact, primary and sneaky long finish. This too will undoubtedly benefit from additional *élevage* as it's promising. 2029+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (91-94)
This is also mildly funky aromatically while exhibiting an interesting touch of pineapple. Otherwise, there is almost painful intensity to the refined and beautifully delineated middleweight flavors that possess an almost delicate texture while terminating in a compact and primary finish where a touch of wood surfaces. This notably firm effort is already more complex than the Blanchot and a wine that should age well over the next decade. 2031+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (91-93)
Here too the nose is somewhat difficult with its aromas of generous wood, menthol, lactic nuances and exotic fruit. The succulent, round and seductively textured flavors are delicious while the lingering and mildly warm finish is shaped by lemon-tinged acidity. This will need at least a few years to develop better depth. 2029+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (91-94)
An interesting and mildly atypical nose displays notes of orange peel, pineapple, oyster shell and wood nuances. The impressively concentrated and powerful broad-shouldered flavors possess excellent size and weight along with almost painful intensity on the bone-dry and hugely long finale. 2031+

2021 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne *Domaine Long-Depaquit*: (92-94)
A very pungent nose consists of firm reduction and wood toast. The larger-scaled and impressively rich flavors brim with dry extract that helps to buffer the notably firm acid spine shaping the bone-dry, austere and powerful finish. This too should age effortlessly over at least the next decade. 2031+

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ROCHEGRES MOULIN-À-VENT *Domaine de Rochegrès* 2020

94 POINTS

The wine from the best parcels in the Rochegrès vineyard has ripe tannins along with great black-cherry fruits and a serious character. The wine's acidity and spice are great elements in this powerful wine. It should definitely be aged further. Drink from 2024.



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MOULIN-À-VENT *Domaine de Rochegrès* 2020

93 POINTS

The Domaine de Rochegrès has produced this rich, full-bodied wine. It is packed with fruit and a firm core that will allow it to age. Drink from 2024.



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FLEURIE LA MADONE 2020

92 POINTS

The wine is rich, structured and full of ripe berries. It is an ebullient wine—rich, but also with a fresher side. The wine is dense and will age further. Drink from 2023.



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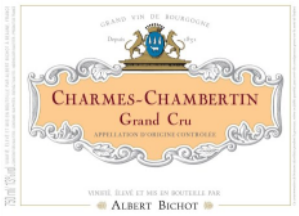
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CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2020

98 Points

Very complex nose with lots of spice and some savory notes. Deep and densely structured, but so refined. Builds to a bold crescendo, yet is always very precise, making a strong argument for why the Grand Crus of Gevrey-Chambertin have gained a special reputation. Drink or hold.



ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 — Score: 96

A very elegant and refined Echezeaux that nimbly moves over your palate. Underplayed power and very fine tannins make this a shy beauty, but if you give it time and attention then you will be amply rewarded. Very silky and delicate, long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 — Score: 95

Striking nose, with delicate herbal notes, as well as great sour-cherry fruit. Suave and succulent, this flows over the palate in a great arc, in spite of the firm core. Very long and classically elegant finish. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU CHÂTEAU-GRIS, Monopole 2020 — Score: 95

A stunningly sensual Nuits-Saint-Georges with stacks of red-fruit character. Such a beautiful balance of fine tannins and ripe fruit, the finish very refined and precise. Just glides off into the distance. From a 5-hectare terraced vineyard. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

FIXIN 2020 — Score: 93

This is a strong argument for taking this underrated appellation a lot more seriously. The depth and ample body of a very good Gevrey-Chambertin is married to a degree of freshness that those wines don't always have. The serious, beautifully integrated tannin structure drives the long finish. Drink or hold.

ALOXE-CORTON 1ER CRU CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 — Score: 94

Very fresh sour-cherry nose with a hint of hibiscus. Ripe and concentrated, but with sleekness and coolness that make it compelling. Stacks of ripe tannins give this very clear contours right through the long, generous finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES, Monopole, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 — Score: 94

Black is black! Intense blackberry, damson-plum and bitter-chocolate aromas. Generous, powdery tannins that easily carry the ample body and are beautifully balanced by the sweet black fruit. Very long, ripe finish that's intense and complex, but does not push the envelope a jot too far. From organically grown grapes in a 4-hectare clos, a real one with walls around it. Drink or hold.

SANTENAY 1ER CRU CLOS ROUSSEAU 2020 — Score: 91

What a subtle red-fruit nose this Santenay Premier Cru has. Firm structure, but the wine handles it well. Medium-bodied with pleasantly dry tannins that are married to bright cassis fruit. Drink or hold.

BEAUNE CLOS DE L'ERMITAGE 2020 — Score: 95

Very expressive nose of sour cherries and summer flowers! Stunning fruit and freshness, the palate feeling a lot lighter than it really is, and that helps it move so gracefully over the palate. Long, very clean and bright finish. From a site above Beaune Clos des Mouches with very stony soils. Drink or hold.

SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 2020 — Score: 92

A joyful Savigny-Les-Beaune! Full black cherry with a touch of mulberry and hibiscus on the nose. And the tannins are correspondingly ripe on the generous palate. I love the zesty freshness at the long finish. Drink or hold.

MERCUREY 1ER CRU CHAMPS-MARTIN Domaine Adélie 2020 — Score: 90

Attractive sour-cherry and cassis nose leads you into this medium-bodied and quite tannic Mercurey 1er Cru. Stacks of fruit and lively acidity, the long finish firm and quite mineral. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR SECRET DE FAMILLE 2020 — Score: 92

Such a joyful red Burgundy. Bursting with black cherry fruit, this has a wonderful harmony of effusive fruit and healthy yet discreet tannins. Long finish with fine tannins and lively acidity. A rather little-known appellation that only exists since 2017 and this wine comes mainly from vineyards around Nuits-Saint-Georges, Chambolle-Musigny and Morey-Saint-Denis. Drink or hold.

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Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2020 — Score: 96

Not at all the austere Corton that the old wine books lead you to expect! Plenty of orange-zest and orange-blossom aromas, but also flinty and earthy notes. Rich and creamy at the front, but then it turns in a much more serious and stony direction. However, even here the structure is wrapped in ripe stone-fruit character. From organically grown grapes from the southeastern side of this famous site. Drink or hold.

Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020 — Score: 94

Deep, smoky nose with fine mirabelle and candied-lemon notes, plus a hint of fresh nuts. Rich and creamy, with excellent concentration, the chalky minerality building beautifully at the complex finish. Zero new oak and just 25% vinified in oak barrels. Drink or hold.

Chablis 1ER Cru Les Vaucopins Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020 — Score: 93

Lovely lemon-curd and tarte-au-citron aromas with hints of spring flowers. As ripe as it is elegant, with a silky mid-palate for Chablis, but everything fits together very neatly. Long, mineral finish with a hint of oak tannin giving it some firmness. From an almost 5-hectare holding in the steep part of this site. Drink or hold.

Meursault 2020 — Score: 91

This Meursault makes quite a statement. Bold nose of mirabelle and candied orange with a touch of toast, then an equally bold palate, in which the oak underlines the ample body, giving the wine an emphatic dryness that some may find a bit much, while other chardonnay fans will delight in it. Drink or hold.

Beaune 1ER Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon 2020 — Score: 92

A rich white Burgundy, showing plenty of pineapple and a touch of grapefruit with some vanilla from oak. Impressive tannin structure that compensates well for the moderate acidity on the fleshy palate. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Meursault 1ER Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon 2020 — Score: 95

All you want in wine from this famous Meursault Premier Cru site! Rich and creamy with tons of stone fruit and every bit as much chalky minerality, and together they really dance across your palate. Wonderful, citrusy freshness at the very long, ripe yet elegant finish. Very polished. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2020 — Score: 92

A serious white Burgundy that's easy to understand. Full nose of fresh hazelnut, toast and pear. I love the complex texture of the this well-structured wine, in which fruit, body and fine tannins are neatly interwoven. A rather little-known appellation that only exists since 2017, and this wine only comes from vineyards directly on the Cote slopes around Meursault and Puligny-Montrachet. Drink or hold.



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A Bullseye for Bichot

By Michael Apstein

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The house of Albert Bichot made an outstanding line-up of both red and white Burgundies in **2020**, no mean feat since the growing conditions made success with both colors difficult because of the heat. Many critics, myself included, have raved about the overall success of the 2020 vintage for white Burgundies. I was equally enthusiastic about the reds initially, but now, having tasted a greater range of them, I realize that there is enormous variability among them. Some are spectacular and others, reflecting the heat of the growing season, are overblown, heavy, and alcoholic. However, my enthusiasm for the whites, from the Chablis in the north to the Mâconnais in the south, remains strong.

I tasted only two wines from Bichot during my three visits to Burgundy in the fall of 2021 and March 2022, a stellar **Corton -Charlemagne**, and an equally superb **Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes**, so I was especially pleased when they sent me a dozen samples nicely packaged in glass-stopper-sealed 200-ml bottles. Among the samples was **Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes**, which showed just as beautifully from the 200-ml tasting sample as it did from the normal 750 -ml bottle from which it was poured in March. It reinforced my opinion of the stature of the wine. It also assured me that the samples overall were in good condition and accurately reflected the wines.

Founded in 1831, Albert Bichot, still a family-run business, is one of Burgundy's venerable négociants. Like other top houses such as Maison Louis Jadot, Maison Louis Latour, and Maison Robert Drouhin, they both own vineyards throughout Burgundy and buy grapes or must from growers. The wines Bichot makes from their own vineyards are bottled under the names of six different domaines, which are, moving, from north to south, the 165-acre Domaine Long-Depaquit in Chablis, the 18.5-acre Domaine du Clos Frantin and almost 9-acre Château Gris in Nuits-St.-Georges, (both in Côte du Nuits), the 38-acre Domaine du Pavillon in Pommard (Côte de Beaune), and the almost 20-acre Domaine Adélie in Mercurey (Côte Chalonnaise) and the 13-acre Domaine du Rochegrès in Moulin-à-Vent (Beaujolais).

Not only was Bichot successful with both colors, they succeeded with both their négociant bottlings and their domaine wines.

Bichot's charming **Fleurie La Madone** had just the right amount of spice and energy to balance its fruitiness **(90 pts)**. It's delicious now.

With a seamless combination of red fruit and earthy notes, their floral **Beaune Clos de l'Ermitage** showed just how enticing a village red wine can be in 2020 **(93 pts)**. Enjoyable even now, a few years in the cellars with amplify its charms.

Bénigne Joliet, owner of the famed **1er Cru Clos de la Perrière** monopole in **Fixin** sells a bit of his harvest to Bichot. In 2020 Bichot made an elegant wine showing the darker-fruited and alluring character of the Côte de Nuits **(93 pts)**. This one will benefit from up to a decade in the cellar.

From the Domaine Adélie comes a delightful **Mercurey En Pierre Milley** delivering bright, cherry-like fruit offset by a hint of stoniness that makes it ideal for current consumption **(90 pts)**.

In contrast, the Domaine du Pavillon's velvety **Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots**, needs time. It's poised, possessing lovely structure and concentration without a trace of heaviness **(94 pts)**.



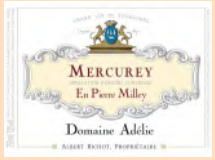
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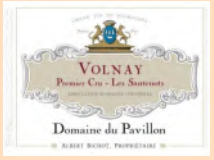
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The Clos de Maréchaudes vineyard on the east-facing side of the hill of Corton is emblematic of the complexities of Burgundy: a portion is classified as Grand Cru, whereas another portion was only awarded Premier Cru status. Bichot's youthful **Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes** (1.3-acre monopole of the Domaine du Pavillon) displays an appealing iron-tinged character. Layered and luxurious, it is truly worthy of its Grand Cru status. It's explosive, yet not heavy, with invigorating acidity that keeps it fresh **(96 pts)**. You will be rewarded for a decade of cellaring.

Turning to the whites, we come to Bichot's lip-smacking **Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard** from Domaine Adélie. Though ripe for Aligoté—here, again, the vintage speaking—it nonetheless has the great verve you'd expect from that grape. It's a refreshing white that's sure to cut through this or next summer's heat and humidity **(91 pts)**.



Bichot's white, **Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits**, may lack the breeding of the best Côte de Beaune whites, but it has good density, is amiable and refreshing, and will be more affordable than its Côte de Beaune cousins **(90 pts)**.

If you needed more evidence that village wines should be embraced, look no further than **Domaine du Pavillon's Meursault**. Rich, creamy and energetic, it towers above many lesser producers' Premier Crus **(93 pts)**. With its 165 acres, the Domaine Long-Depaquit is a long-time leader in Chablis.

Their monopole, **Moutonne**, a nearly 6-acre plot, 95 percent of which lies in Vaudésir and the remainder in Les Preuses, is unique, spanning two Grand Cru vineyards in the heart of the appellation, but carrying the name of neither. Though I didn't taste it this round, it's always one of their top Chablis.

Domaine Long-Depaquit's youthful and penetrating **Chablis Les Vaudésirs** is ripe yet stone-y and tight as a coiled spring **(94 pts)**. Chablis-lovers should put this in their cellars for a decade. In the meantime, look for their floral and mineral **Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins**, which is seemingly delicate, but amazes with its presence and length **(93 pts)**.

In short, judging from these samples, you can close your eyes and point when buying Bichot's 2020 and be very happy. These wines are pure, reflective of their origins, balanced and—most important—energetic. Not a single one is hot, disjointed or overdone.



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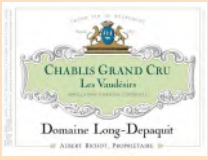
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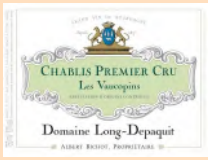
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PLATINUM MEDAL

CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU
Hospices de Beaune
***Cuvée Cyrot Chaudron* 2020**
97/100

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GOLD MEDALS

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS 1ER CRU LES SORBETS 2020
96/100

FIXIN 1ER CRU CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE 2020
95/100



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SILVER MEDALS

VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU LES MALCONSORTS 2020
Domaine du Clos Frantin
93/100

BEAUNE 1ER CRU CLOS DES MOUCHES 2020
Domaine du Pavillon
93/100

CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES PREUSES 2020
Domaine Long-Depaquit
91/100

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU LES CHARMES 2020
Hospices de Beaune Cuvée Albert Grivault
90/100

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7 TROPHIES
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FRENCH WHITE TROPHY

for

MEURSAULT 1ER CRU LES CHARMES

Hospices de Beaune Cuvée Albert Grivault 2020

Aromatic and intense with mealy, spicy citrus fruits on the nose. The palate is rounded, concentrated and expressive with a mineral core and a tapering, spicy finish.

WHITE BURGUNDY TROPHY

MEURSAULT TROPHY

GOLD MEDAL

97 points



INTERNATIONAL PINOT NOIR TROPHY

for

CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU

Hospices de Beaune Cuvée Cyrot Chaudron 2020

Intense brooding aromatics of sweet crusted raspberries and spice. This has a wonderful intensity of ripe fruit but there's a hint of over ripeness, it's bold and structured with great balance of ripe fruit and savoury structure.

RED BURGUNDY TROPHY

CLOS DE LA ROCHE TROPHY

GOLD MEDAL

96 points



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Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses 2020

Gold Medal & Chambolle-Musigny Trophy

Youthful, deeply coloured still primary dark fruits, lemons and raspberries, smoky spice, quite concentrated with youthful plumpness a tight core and a long finish. **95 points**

Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020

Gold Medal

Dark plum with a hint of violet and toasted oak. Smoky clove with raspberry and blueberry. Caressing tannins and a lingering finish. **95 points**



Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Sorbets 2020

Gold Medal

Spicy, smoky oak aromas with black plums. Fruit cake and exotic spices; Finessed acidity and well integrated oak ending with a long finish. Better to keep 10 years! **95 points**

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Gold Medal

Butter, toasted hazelnut. Bruised peach, apple and guava. Savoury marmite notes, well balanced elegant finish. **95 points**

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Silver Medal

Elegant with flinty and mineral acidity, slight under ripe green banana, textured with citrussy edge. Creamy and medium bodied with great balance. Long lasting with integrated ABV. **94 points**

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Silver Medal

Super bright, fresh honey baked apples, poised fruity acidity, with nutty complexity. Textured. **92 points**

Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru Clos Reyssié 2020

Silver Medal

Lemon gold colour. Fresh and fragrant with citrus oil and apple notes. Lemon meringue on the palate and a creamy underbelly. Luscious. **92 points**

Fixin 1er Cru Clos de la Perrière 2020

Silver Medal

Deep colour, strawberries, raspberries and cedar oak spice. Black plums and graphite minerality and soft red fruits with toast on finish. **92 points**

Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Silver Medal

Youthful and backward but with a plush dark fruity core and a firm but fine backbone. Wait for it. **92 points**

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COTE DE NUITS REDS



93 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Rouges Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020

Succulent and layered, revealing cherry, black currant, violet, mineral and toasty oak aromas and flavors. Lithe and defined, with a vibrant structure and a long fruity, minerally aftertaste. Best from 2024 through 2038.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Fixin 1er Cru Clos de la Perrière 2020

A classy red, with supple cherry, strawberry, floral and mineral flavors underscored by a deft touch of new oak. Balanced, with the refined structure exerting itself as this winds down on the lingering, spicy finish. Impressively elegant. Best from 2024 through 2040.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020

Packing a mix of floral, red fruit and spice aromas and flavors, this red boasts cherry, strawberry, rose, cinnamon, oak and earth notes. Firms up on the finish, suggesting short-term cellaring. Drink now through 2032.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles 2020

A succulent, even tangy red, exuding blackberry, boysenberry, earth and spice flavors. Delivers dusty tannins, along with a flash of tobacco on the finish. Drink now through 2032.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Bourgogne Côte d'Or Clos Frantin 2020

A suave, velvety Bourgogne, expressing black cherry, blueberry and earth flavors, with integrated tannins and fine, spicy length. Drink now.

COTE DE BEAUNE REDS



94 ALBERT BICHOT Corton Grand Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Delivers depth, with a well of black cherry shaded by earth, sweet spice, vegetal and iron notes. Balanced, approachable even, with a supple texture and terrific length. A mineral underpinning gathers steam through the finish. Best from 2024 through 2040.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Volnay 1er Cru Les Santenots Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Oaky, yet there is a beam of dark berry fruit underneath as well as a mineral component. The structure is marked by both high acidity and dusty tannins. Racy and intense overall, with a long black cherry and blackberry aftertaste. Best from 2024 through 2040.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon 2020

A sleek, intense style, with ripe blackberry, pomegranate and earth flavors accented by oak spice. This has a graphite edge, too, accentuated by bracing acidity. A bit compact on the finish for now, yet lingering. Best from 2025 through 2043.



92 ALBERT BICHOT Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2020

A round wine, saturated with black cherry, blackberry, iron, earth and violet aromas and flavors. Shows well-defined structure throughout, and finishes long and compressed. Best from 2024 through 2036.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Beaune 1er Cru Les Bressandes Domaine du Pavillon 2020

This graceful red is highlighted by ripe black cherry, blackberry, vanilla and resinous oak aromas and flavors. Vibrant acidity drives the long finish, where firm tannins emerge. Best from 2024 through 2040.

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COTE DE BEAUNE & COTE CHALONNAISE REDS



91 ALBERT BICHOT Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Peuillets 2020

Packed with juicy black cherry and blackberry fruit, this red is firmly structured and lively. Delivers violet, mineral and oak spice details, which add depth as this cruises to the lingering finish. Best from 2024 through 2033.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Beaune Les Epenottes Domaine du Pavillon 2020

A fluid, polished red, offering cherry, blackberry, floral and spice flavors. Firm and linear, with a solid line of tannins on the lingering finish. Fine balance overall. Best from 2024 through 2036.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Beaune Clos de l'Ermitage 2020

A tightly wound version, this reveals black cherry, blackberry and wood shavings in the grip of sinewy tannins. The iron fist, velvet glove analogy fits this red. Best from 2024 through 2038.



90 ALBERT BICHOT Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Les Fournières Domaine du Pavillon 2020

A rich version, this sports black cherry, plum and earth flavors backed by dense tannins and bright acidity. Closes up slightly on the finish for now, where spice elements linger. Best from 2023 through 2030.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Aloxe-Corton Domaine du Pavillon 2020

A balanced, flowing red highlighted by bright black cherry and blackberry flavors. Shows a touch of spice from the oak treatment, with lively acidity driving the juicy finish. Drink now through 2030.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Grands Picotins Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Rich and vibrant, this red is laced with cherry, blackberry and spicy oak flavors. Open-knit, displaying balance and fine length, with a hint of blood orange on the finish. Best from 2023 through 2032.



90 ALBERT BICHOT Meursault (red) Domaine du Pavillon 2020

Offers black cherry and blackberry flavors embraced by resinous oak, leaving a coating of tannins. This has a nice core of blackberry, black cherry and violet flavors. Two hours of aeration brought this into better focus, so decant now or age 2-3 years. Best from 2025 through 2037.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Chorey-Lès-Beaune 2020

Bright and fruity, sporting black cherry and blackberry flavors and a kiss of oak spice. Light tannins line the finish, and this is charming and enjoyable now. Drink now through 2028.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Mercurey En Pierre Milley Domaine Adélie 2020

A bright red, offering pure cherry, raspberry and violet flavors. Elegant and balanced, ending in a mouthwatering impression. Drink now through 2030.

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COTE DE BEAUNE & COTE DE NUITS WHITES



93 ALBERT BICHOT Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon 2020
Shows ample concentration and structure, framing the peach, citronella, butterscotch and clove flavors. The texture verges on oily, just pulling back as this turns more precise on the citrusy aftertaste. Best from 2024 through 2030.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2020
Lean and infused with lemon, earth and mineral flavors. Balanced and racy, picking up chalk dust and a tactile feel on the lemony finish. Best from 2024 through 2032.



91 ALBERT BICHOT Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses Château-Gris 2020
An almost ethereal white, with white flowers and lemon serving as the main flavor themes. This has a texture that verges on creamy, with an underlying mineral element. Fine length. Drink now through 2028.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon 2020
Delivers a mix of lemon and melon flavors accented by star fruit and oak spice. Reveals an earthy, stony element that adds another dimension as this fades gracefully. Drink now.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 2020
A sleek, crisp white, revealing peach, apple, lemon and a touch of honey. Open-knit yet firm, with baking spices adorning the lingering finish. Drink now through 2026.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux Domaine Adélie 2020
Delivers delicate floral, lemon and apple flavors wrapped in toasty oak and supported by a bracing structure. Long? with an aftertaste of oak spice. Drink now through 2026.



90 ALBERT BICHOT Viré-Clessé 2020
Creamy in texture, boasting apple pie, baking spice and earth flavors. Broad and expansive on the finish, ending with an almond cake accent. A fine thread of acidity keeps this balanced. Drink now through 2025.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Pouilly-Fuissé 2020
Ripe, featuring peach, apple pie and sweet spice aromas and flavors. The acidity is buried beneath the broad, slightly viscous texture, lending softness. Firms up on the compact finish. Drink now through 2028.

88 ALBERT BICHOT Saint Véran 2020
A bright, open-knit style, this offers floral, peach, apple and lemon aromas and flavors backed by precision and cut. Lingers on the lemony finish. Drink now.

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94 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Linear and focused, exhibiting lemon, mirabelle plum, quince and apple aromas and flavors, with a lingering element of mineral. Balanced, if angular in style, with a hint of herbs on the finish. Best from 2024 through 2030.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Elegant, featuring peach, melon, yellow plum and floral flavors aligned to a fresh, succulent structure. Revealing richness balanced by mouthwatering acidity, this ends with a fruity, minerally aftertaste. Best from 2024 through 2030.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

A mellow white, with a light touch of vanilla and clove accenting peach, apple tart and honey flavors. Well-delineated and balanced, with honey, spice and mineral accents on the finish. Best from 2024 through 2030.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Leads wit lemon, lemon oil and vanilla aroma and flavours, with an underlying stony note. Borders on oily in txture, with a hint of lanolin. The lemon theme returns on the finish. Drink now through 2029.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

A deftly balanced white highlighted by apple, yellow plum, floral and stone aromas and flavors. Offers a rich and supple texture, making this almost seamless from start to the finish, where a stony element emerges. Drink now through 2028

91 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

Intense and complex, featuring lemon cake, apple, yellow plum and mineral flavors. Bright and fresh, with a lemon-infused aftertaste. Drink now through 2027.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020

This brisk white walks a line between crisp and rich, creating tension to display lemon, apple and mineral flavors. Balanced and lingers, with notes of lemon verbena on the finish. Drink now through 2026.



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Bruce Sanderson's Recommended 2019 Red Burgundies

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For lovers of red Burgundy, the past decade has offered almost nothing but good news. A nearly unbroken string of excellent vintages—some of them superb—have produced an array of choices from the Côte d'Or, as well as plenty of great options from the region's outlying areas.

The current crop of wines, primarily early releases from the hot, dry 2019 vintage, indicate another spate of brilliant Pinot Noirs that should provide allure and pleasure for decades to come, while offering instant gratification in some cases as well. That's because the vintage features ripe fruit flavors that are beautifully defined, plus silky textures and plenty of flesh to cover the wines' underlying structures at this stage.

In terms of quality, the 2019s equal the refined and elegant 2016s, though they are closer in character to the powerful 2015s or 2005s, the latter another hot, dry year. These comparisons will become clearer as many more 2019s are released this spring.

Black cherry, blackberry, black currant and occasionally plum fruit are the main themes, with some versions revealing red fruit notes, augmented by accents of violet, sandalwood, licorice, iron, mineral and spice. Overall, the wines are intense and vibrant, alternating between power and grace depending on the appellation.

Matthieu Mangenot, assistant technical director for Albert Bichot in Beaune, notes that the temperatures over the summer were about 4 degrees F higher than the 20-year average, with 20% more sun and 30% to 50% less water. Nevertheless, Bichot fielded two classic-rated wines, plus another 13 at the outstanding level, among the estate's 2019 reds.

Mangenot cites better viticulture as the key to mitigating warmer vintages. Across Burgundy, various vineyard management and vinification techniques are being used to achieve balance and vibrant structures in the region's wines, including lowering yields; reducing leaf removal, if doing any at all; keeping the top of leaf canopies wider for more protection from the sun; careful plowing to keep the soil as moist as possible; and, in hotter years, retaining 15% to 25% whole clusters to maintain freshness.

Among the other classic-rated 2019s are a handful of 96-pointers that nicely showcase the strengths of the vintage. The intense Albert Bichot Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses combines elegance and power, delivering black currant, blackberry, violet and mineral flavors;



Workers harvest grapes at Maison Albert Bichot, whose Côte de Nuits vineyards yielded a number of exceptional reds in 2019.

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ALBERT BICHOT

Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses 2019

Score: 96

WS Review: Intense, with earth and vegetal accents boosting the core flavors of black currant, blackberry and violet. Combines elegance with power.

Latricières-Chambertin 2019

Score: 95

WS Review: Floral, cherry, raspberry, mineral and spice flavors are the hallmarks of this silky red, which is graceful and persistent in a subtle way.

Top Values

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Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes 2019

Score: 89

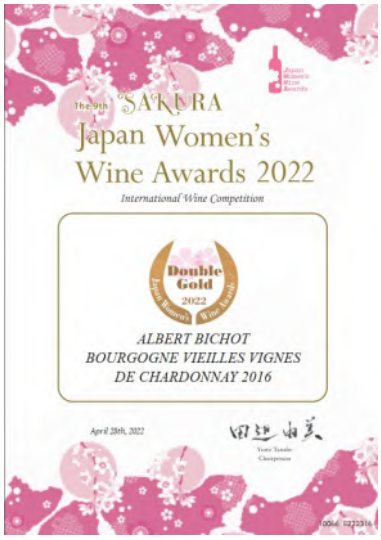
WS Review: Supple, with a smoky accent to the black cherry and blackberry fruit.



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The 9th “SAKURA” Japan Women’s Wine Awards judging was held in Tokyo (at Hotel Gajoen Tokyo on April 4th) and Osaka (at Hotel Nikko Osaka on April 13th).

A total of 430 judges, all women in the Japanese wine industry, judged 4,652 wines from 25 countries.

286 wines were awarded “Double Gold”, 1,425 wines were awarded “Gold”, 614 wines were awarded “Silver”.

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Antarctica, underwater view of arched iceberg GETTY

Twisted and squeezed by the force of the rapids in the river, the hand crafted canoe took on a banana shape as food and a rifle fell out into the swiftly moving river as the two 18-year-old young men paddling the vessel were grabbed by the current that carried them against their will 1,000 feet away to shore. Still fiercely determined to continue their seemingly crazy journey along the desolate trail beginning from the indigenous village of Schefferville in the North East section of the Canadian province of Quebec to the even further north indigenous area of Kangiqsualujjuaq to meet the Inuit people, the young men went back upstream, jumping in the freezing cold water to find their supplies. Nothing could be found and hence they were left with a big decision to make that would forever shape their lives.

This mission involved a total of four French young men who had the opportunity to meet a French explorer named Alain Rastoin in the early 1980s, who they saw on the TV show *Les Carnets de L'Aventure*; they were fascinated with his attempted journey to reach Kangiqsualujjuaq, known as Port Nouveau Québec in French. The last part of the trip that would take two months of travel time had a tragic turn for Alain Rastoin as a rapid with huge waves flipped their canoe, and his photographer, who was accompanying him, died. He never finished the trip and these young men told him they would finish the journey for him. "You are all mad," exclaimed Alain to the young men and he warned them that they had no idea of the treacherous terrain that awaited them.

A few years later, these young men attempted the unsuccessful final segment of Alain's journey and the accident among the rapids left them only one tent, half the amount of intended food, no rifle to hunt with and only one canoe but they decided to continue and hike the rest of the way instead of going back to safety.

Unfortunately, they couldn't find the fishing camp drawn on a map for them by Alain Rastoin himself, and so eventually stranded with no food, they climbed up a hill where hopefully they could signal one of the aircrafts that passed monthly along the path to supply the Kangiqsualujjuaq village. They could have just missed the monthly aircraft, or maybe they were located where they were still not visible but that didn't stop them from making fires day and night that might be noticed from the sky.

An overwhelming wave of guilt washed over one of the young men, Albéric Bichot, as he regretted all the decisions that led him to possibly die of starvation or hypothermia while his parents were back in France with no idea of his fate. Why didn't he heed Alain's warning? Why didn't he at least turn back when the canoe accident happened? Over and over again, he replayed these moments in his mind wishing that he could relive them. As he imagined the tremendous amount of lifelong pain his unexpected death would cause his parents, he begged the universe at that moment for a miracle, and if the miracle came, he swore he would never come back to that part of the world again.

Luckily, a helicopter noticed them as it was part of a mining exploration that had been in the area for four months. Albéric Bichot went back home completely traumatized from the experience while one of his friends, Nicolas Vanier, stayed and Nicolas would become a famous French explorer, writer and film director.

But despite the fear, something was awakened in Albéric during that journey and a few years later he found himself taking on the same journey and successfully accomplishing the mission the second time around as well as traveling to remote areas of Polynesia and finally making a trip from Quebec to Ushuaïa, the southernmost tip of Argentina, with only the equivalent of $1,000 in his pocket.



Schefferville in Canada, Quebec with the Aurora Borealis over a lake GETTY

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Burgundy Wine Estates

To his family's relief, Albéric joined his family's business in 1996, Domaines Albert Bichot, which today owns six estates, a.k.a. domaines, ranging from Burgundy's north, Chablis, down to Beaujolais just south of Burgundy – five in Burgundy and one in Beaujolais. The Bichot family traces their roots in Burgundy as far back as the mid-1300s and Albéric certainly takes the idea of devotion to sense of place to the next level as he believes that each area of vineyards should have its own dedicated team that lives and breathes those vineyards every day.



Horse ploughing at Albert Bichot's Château Gris FLORE DERONZIER

Having "small passionate and fully dedicated teams" at each location is critical in preserving the "typicity of each vineyard," Albéric explained.

Domaines Albert Bichot and Tara Ocean Partnership

Recently, Albéric has taken on a major project that combines his love for the exploration of the ocean, as well as the land, with the Tara Ocean Foundation. The foundation had a sailing ship (schooner) leave for a 43,000-mile journey in December 2020 that is currently studying the invisible marine microorganisms in the ocean. Since there is a partnership between Domaines Albert Bichot and the Tara Ocean Foundation, Albéric was able to join the crew for ten days in December of 2021 that included the section from the South Atlantic to Antarctica.



Albéric Bichot in Antarctica © MARIN LE ROUX / POLARYSE - FONDATION TARA OCEAN

Albéric, who has been committed to organic viticulture since the early 2000s, has taken a serious interest in how climate change is melting icebergs that will not only change entire ecosystems but could potentially release a significant amount of CO2 trapped within the soils underneath their several layers of packed ice. He notes that Burgundy has evident climate change, with more erratic climatic events increasing every year.

One of the studies that Domaines Albert Bichot is conducting with the foundation directly links to their wines as 12 magnums of wine, representing six ideal expressions of their top vineyard from each estate, is currently evolving among the powerful influences of such a journey while other magnums of the same wine rest peacefully in their historical wine cellar in Beaune, Burgundy in France. When the ship returns in October of 2022, a unique comparative tasting will occur.



Tara Ocean Foundation sailing ship (schooner) in Antarctica © MARIN LE ROUX / POLARYSE - FONDATION TARA OCEAN

As Albéric looks back at that moment when he thought that he would die a brutal, slow death in a desolate place all those years ago, he knows that it forever changed him. At first, he thought the trauma would force him to live a life of fear, never seeking out adventure again, but he could not immediately comprehend that it unlocked something deep inside that gave him the strength to overcome such a terrifying event.

The gift of experiencing how fragile life can be, at only 18 years old, has made him determined to make his life matter. Bringing attention to the concerning changes in Antarctica, by using resources from Domaines Albert Bichot, will hopefully open more eyes to the worrying distress signals Mother Nature is giving in the most remote areas of the world.

Even when all hope should have been lost all those years ago, Albéric and his friends found a way to go on, and he is taking that same fierce perseverance to find a way to save the planet even when others are saying all is lost.

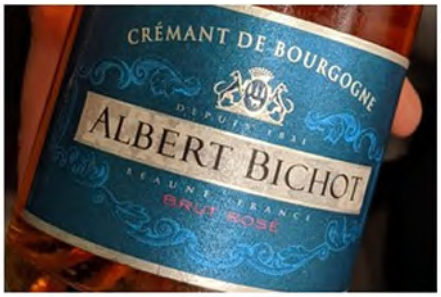


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NV Albert Bichot, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Réserve CATHRINE TODD



NV Albert Bichot, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Rosé CATHRINE TODD



2020 Albert Bichot, Horizon de Bichot Pinot Noir CATHRINE TODD



2018 Domaine du Pavillon, Pommard 1er Cru 'Les Rugiens' CATHRINE TODD

As of the 2018 vintage, Domaines Albert Bichot wines from the Côte d'Or (Domaine du Clos Frantin, Château Gris and Domaine du Pavillon) as well as their Côte Chalonnaise property (Domaine Adélie) are all certified organic. The name Adélie comes from the territory Adélie Land (Adélie Terre) on the continent of Antarctica. Albéric not only named his property in Chalonnaise after it when he purchased it in 2005 but he also named his oldest daughter Adélie.

NV Albert Bichot, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Réserve, Burgundy, France: 60% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Noir. A traditional sparkling wine with notes of croissants and white flowers that has tiny bubbles on the palate with a stony minerality on the sustained finish.

NV Albert Bichot, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Rosé, Burgundy, France: 80% Pinot Noir and the rest made-up of Chardonnay and Gamay. This traditional sparkling rosé has a spicy white pepper note with freshly picked strawberries and bright acidity.

2020 Albert Bichot, Horizon de Bichot Pinot Noir, France: 100% Pinot Noir. Enchanting nose with floral notes mixed with ripe raspberries that has juicy fruit on the palate and baking spices in the background.

2019 Albert Bichot, Chassagne-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France: 100% Chardonnay. Zingy on the nose with lemon zest and fierce limestone minerality that has good energy on the palate with lots of vitality.

2018 Domaine du Pavillon, Pommard 1er Cru 'Les Rugiens', Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France: 100% Pinot Noir. Black cherries with hints of upheaved earth and tree bark that had an electric body with notes of rhubarb finishing with lingering forest floor.

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ERFOLGREICH VERWELTLICHT

FÜR DIE DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT IN CHABLIS GABEN IN DER FRANZÖSISCHEN REVOLUTION ZWEI MÖNCHE IHRE GEISTLICHEN PFLICHTEN AUF UND SCHUFEN DIE BASIS FÜR FEINFÜHLIGEN TERROIR-CHARDONNAY

Von BIRTE JANTZEN Fotos LEIF CARLSSON

Zehn Uhr morgens, sieben Grad unter null. Rebzeilen zeichnen geometrische Muster in die schneebedeckten Weinberge von Chablis, und Matthieu Mangenot, seit 2017 stellvertretender technischer Leiter der Maison Albert Bichot, strahlt mit dem blauen Himmel um die Wette, während er durch die Grand-Cru-Lagen stapft.

Seit Anfang der 1970er-Jahre gehört das heute 65 Hektar große Gut Long-Depaquit zum Reich von Albert Bichot, einem der bekanntesten Weinproduzenten in Burgund. Das Handelshaus, 1831 von Bernard Bichot in Monthelie gegründet und seit 1912 in Beaune ansässig, kauft nicht nur überall in der Region Trauben, um sie selbst zu keltern, auszubauen und abzufüllen. Es besitzt auch sechs Güter mit mehr als 100 Hektar Weinbergen, verteilt über ganz Burgund, von Chablis bis ins Beaujolais. Als größtes von ihnen ist Long-Depaquit mit seinem klassizistischen Herrenhaus aus dem 18. Jahrhundert und dem Jardin à la française eine architektonische Ausnahme im eher bodenständigen Örtchen Chablis. Doch so aristokratisch es wirkt, die Tür steht jedem Besucher offen, und die Weine sind im Hofladen ganz unkompliziert erhältlich. Gastfreundschaft gehört bei der Familie Bichot einfach dazu.



Matthieu Mangenot selbst hat Long-Depaquit von 2007 bis 2017 geleitet, er kennt das Gut in- und auswendig. »Die Geschichte des Anwesens ist amüsant«, sagt er, »sie ist eng mit der Zisterzienserabtei von Pontigny verbunden.« Jahrhundertelang betrieben die Mönche in und um Chablis herum Weinbau,

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bis die Französische Revolution dem ein Ende setzte. Damals waren zwei Brüder, Jean und Simon Depaquit, als Mönche für das Kloster verantwortlich. Als der französische Staat 1791 die kirchlichen Güter beschlagnahmte und anschließend versteigerte, nutzten sie die Gunst der Stunde, warfen ihre geistlichen Aufgaben über Bord und kauften über einen Herrn Mignard als Mittelsmann die Weinberge der Abtei. Dazu gehörte unter anderem La Moutonne, eine 2,35 Hektar kleine Monopollage und inoffiziell der achte Grand Cru von Chablis.

So schufen die Brüder das Weingut Depaquit und gründeten Familien. »Einer von ihnen blieb kinderlos«, erzählt Mangenot, »und adoptierte einen seiner Neffen, Auguste Long. Als der das Anwesen erbte, fügte er einfach seinen Namen hinzu, und dabei ist es dann geblieben.« Erst Anfang der 1970er-Jahre hat der letzte Nachfahre der Familie, Doktor Louis Long-Depaquit, wegen gesundheitlicher Probleme und mangels Erben das Gut an die Bichots verkauft. Noch heute erinnern sich die Älteren im Dorf an diesen Herrn – und an den imposanten Ledersessel, in dem er seine Besucher empfing.

»Damals wurde die Familie Bichot ausgelacht«, erzählt Mangenot: »›Was wollt ihr denn in Chablis?‹, fragte man sie. Denn was heute vielleicht verrückt erscheinen mag – damals war Chablis Brachland. Nur wenige verstanden das Potenzial dieser kristallinen, säurebetonten, mineralischen Weine, diesen ganz besonderen Ausdruck des Chardonnay.« Das Gut war damals nur zehn Hektar groß, hauptsächlich in Grand-Cru-Lagen. Heute umfasst es 65 Hektar, zehn davon in Grand-Cru- und 15 in Premier-Cru-Lagen. »Seit Anfang der 1970er-Jahre ist Chablis wieder gewachsen«, sagt Mangenot, »von etwa 550 auf mehr als 5800 Hektar.« Technische Fortschritte in Anbau und Keller, effektive Lösungen zur Frostbekämpfung und schließlich der wirtschaftliche Erfolg hätten der Region den lang erhofften Rückenwind gegeben.

Für Matthieu Mangenot liegt das Besondere des Chablis in seinem vielfältigen Terroir und in der wandelbaren Natur der Rebsorte Chardonnay: »Long-Depaquit produziert 13 verschiedene Weine – sechs Grands Crus, sechs Premiers Crus und einen Ortswein, den Chablis. Jeder hat seine ganz eigene Signatur und Persönlichkeit. Es ist faszinierend! Im Rebberg und im Keller wird alles darangesetzt, die Unterschiede so präzise wie möglich herauszuarbeiten.« Manch einen mag diese Vielfalt verwirren, doch das Terroir von Chablis ist eben voller Feinheiten.

Die Aufteilung und Klassifizierung der Lagen kommt tatsächlich nicht von ungefähr, sie beruht auf jahrhundertelangen Erfahrungswerten. »Da sind zum Beispiel die beiden Premiers Crus Vaucopain und Les Lys«, erklärt Mangenot: »Beide sind wundervoll, und doch liegen Welten zwischen ihnen.« Vaucopain am rechten Ufer des schmalen Flusses Serein ist nach Süden ausgerichtet, hat einen etwas steileren Hang und ähnelt dem Grand Cru Vaudésir. Hier bekommt der Chardonnay einen sonnigen, stärker konzentrierten Charakter und besticht durch reife Aromen von Quitte, Aprikose, Fruchtpaste, unterstrichen von einem fein salzigen Abgang. Les Lys am linken Flussufer schaut nach Nordosten und ist wesentlich

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MOULIN-À-VENT *Domaine de Rochegrès* 2019

93 POINTS

EDITOR'S CHOICE

From one of the top sectors of the appellation, this wine is perfumed, structured and still young. Good balance between intense fruitiness and structure will allow it to age further. Drink from 2023.

FLEURIE LA MADONE 2019

92 POINTS

EDITOR'S CHOICE

There is good structure to this young wine. Perfumed and shot through with black fruits and tannins, the wine is balanced although needing to soften. Drink from 2023.

BROUILLY ROCHE ROSE 2019

90 POINTS

This Beaune-based producer has produced a ripe and juicy wine. Tannins and berry flavors give balance as well as a fruity aftertaste. Drink from late 2002.

2020 BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES CHÂTEAU DE VARENNES

88 POINTS

This single-estate wine has a soft, generous character. Bright fruits are smoothed out and ripe, giving a gentle texture that is lifted by final acidity. Drink now.

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frischer, wozu auch der nicht ganz so steinige, lehmigere Boden beiträgt. Die Weine zeichnen sich durch lebendige Säure aus, durch mineralischen Charakter und filigran blumige Aromen. »Obwohl beide Premiers Crus sind, werden sie im Keller sehr unterschiedlich verarbeitet«, verrät Matthieu Mangenot: »Wir passen uns der Charakteristik der Lagen an. Vaucopain zum Beispiel wird zu bis zu 15 Prozent im Holzfass ausgebaut.« Les Lys (übersetzt: die Lilien) bleibt mit seiner blumigen, dennoch energiegeladenen Zartheit hingegen immer im Stahltank.

Von der Göre bis zur alten Dame – jede Lage hat ihren Charakter

Ähnlich individuell sind die Grands Crus, zum Beispiel Les Clos und La Moutonne. »Les Clos«, erläutert Mangenot, »liegt in süd-südwestlicher Ausrichtung und sieht den ganzen Tag über die Sonne. Das Terroir gibt dem Chardonnay ordentlich Stoff und Körper, in manchen Jahren wirkt er fast schon wie ein Meursault. Für mich haben diese Weine die unbändige, spontane und großzügige Energie eines Kindes. La Moutonne hingegen liegt in einem natürlichen Amphitheater. Die Lage bekommt weniger Abendsonne und gewinnt dadurch an Raffinesse, Mineralität und Zurückhaltung.« Lachend fügt er hinzu: »La Moutonne ist wie eine vornehme alte Dame.« Die Grand-Cru-Lagen seien einfach faszinierend, »auf der einen Seite das ungebändigte Kind, auf der anderen die distinguierte Lady. So, wie sich der Grand-Cru-Hügel aufbaut mit seinen Falten, Kuppeln, Süd- und Nordexpositionen, ist er für mich der Archetyp des Terroirs. Auf diesen 100 Hektar ist alles vorhanden. Ständig muss man sein Verständnis des Terroirs hinterfragen, und es liegt bei uns, das Beste daraus zu machen.«

Dem Terroir will man auch durch integrierten Weinbau gerecht werden. Ein Großteil der Rebberge wird mittlerweile ökologisch bewirtschaftet, 2021 waren es 45 Hektar. Noch ist Long-Depaquit nicht zertifiziert, doch das ist nur noch eine Frage der Zeit; vier der sechs Güter der Familie Bichot sind es bereits. »Seit zehn Jahren arbeiten wir darauf hin«, erklärt Mangenot, »allerdings haben wir hier in Chablis viele Hanglagen, und die Bodenpflege bleibt unsere größte Herausforderung.« Eine andere seien die klimatischen Veränderungen: »Die Erderwärmung ist eine Tatsache, man braucht sich nur die vergangenen 20 Jahre anzuschauen. Die ältere Generation erntete zum Beispiel nie vor Oktober. Heute sieht es ganz anders aus. Auch das Gleichgewicht der Weine hat sich verschoben. Noch vor 15 Jahren ging es beim Qualitätsdenken um Erntevolumen, heute dreht sich alles um das Verhältnis zwischen Frische, Reife und Alkohol.«

In den 1970er-Jahren war ein typischer Chablis ziseliert und säurehaltig, seit Anfang des 21. Jahrhunderts hat er an Körper und Fülle gewonnen. Bei Long-Depaquit sieht man diese Entwicklung positiv, die Weine sind in ihrer Jugendzeit zugänglicher geworden. Mittlerweile werden die Beeren nicht mehr nur im Labor analysiert, um das richtige Erntedatum zu bestimmen, sondern auch im Weinberg verkostet. »2018 und 2019 gaben uns recht«, berichtet Matthieu Mangenot: »Der Zuckergehalt war zwar recht hoch, aber die phenolische Reife noch nicht ausreichend. Im Labor sieht man das nicht. Hätten wir uns nur auf die Analysen verlassen, hätten wir ein Problem gehabt.«



Beim Pressen wirken die Traubenstiele als Filter

Insgesamt verwandelt man die Trauben hier ohne große technische Eingriffe in Wein, wobei jede Lage für sich gekeltert und ausgebaut wird. Als 2014 der Keller renoviert wurde, ging es für Mangenot nicht nur um Modernisierung: »Wir wollten



Ein schmucker Ziergarten umgibt das klassizistische Gutshaus. In den vielen Hanglagen ist die Bodenpflege eine besondere Herausforderung

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Seine Ortsweine baut Matthieu Mangenot durchweg im Stahltank aus, manche Lagenweine kommen zudem anteilig in gebrauchte Eichenfässer

die Premier- und Grand-Cru-Trauben nicht mehr entrappen, sondern sanfte Ganztraubenpressung machen können.« Seitdem wird in den Premier- und Grand-Cru-Lagen in kleine Kisten geerntet, und der gesamte Leseprozess ist darauf angelegt, dass die Trauben so wenig wie möglich gehandhabt werden müssen – sie kommen von der Rebe in die Kiste, von der Kiste auf den Sortiertisch, vom Sortiertisch in die Presse. Ein Vorteil dabei: »Die Stielgerüste der ganzen Trauben bilden einen natürlichen Filter, und der frisch gepresste Most enthält kaum noch Trub, gewinnt an Präzision, Reinheit und Qualität«.

Während der Most für den Ortswein im Stahltank gekeltert und ausgebaut wird, können Premiers und Grands Crus für zehn bis zwölf Monate bis zu 35 Prozent im gebrauchten Holzfass liegen – oder auch nicht, wie Les Lys. In jedem Fall setzt Matthieu Mangenot dieses Mittel immer nur sparsam ein: »Schließlich wollen wir den Chablis nicht in einen Meursault verwandeln, sondern seine Mineralität hervorheben. Das Holz dient lediglich dazu, die Struktur und das Volumen des Weins herauszuarbeiten. Wir setzen bevorzugt Eichenfässer aus den Vogesen ein. Durch das kühle Klima wachsen die Bäume dort langsamer, daher ist das Holz feinmaschiger und enthält weniger Vanillin.« Seit einigen Jahren wird bei Long-Depaquit, wie auch bei vielen anderen Winzern Frankreichs, mit größeren Holzfässern experimentiert.

Die Weine des Chablis sind vielfältig, und jedes Gut arbeitet seinen eigenen Stil heraus, mal mineralischer, mal etwas runder. Long-Depaquit setzt auf Terroir und Zugänglichkeit. »Unsere Weine sollen Genussweine sein«, betont Mangenot, »der Chablis und die Premiers Crus sind frische, fruchtige Weine. Das ist die Signatur der Familie Bichot. Unsere Kunden sollen keinen Wein 30 Jahre im Keller liegen lassen müssen, bevor sie ihn genießen können. Auch bei den Grands Crus ist es uns wichtig, dass sie trotz langem Lagerpotenzial schon jung getrunken werden können.«



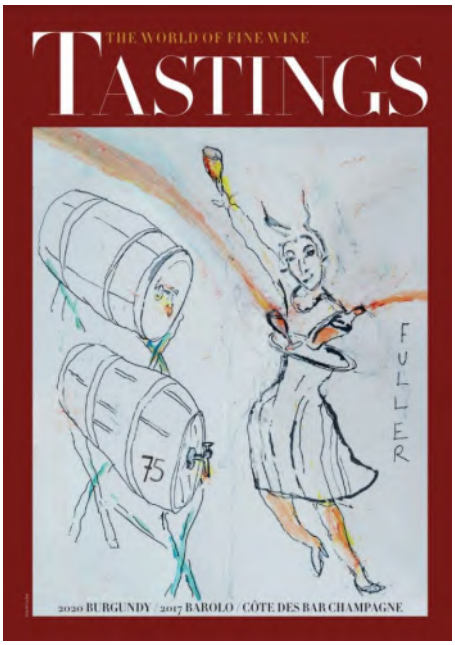


Nur ein Wein passt nicht so recht zu dieser Philosophie: La Moutonne, das schönste Original des Guts. Für Matthieu Mangenot bietet diese Lage 2,35 Hektar pure Magie: »Die Mönche hatten ein unglaubliches Gespür fürs Terroir. Die Rebzeilen unterhalb der Trockensteinmauer liegen wärmer und bringen Reife, während die oberhalb der Mauer kühleren Winden ausgesetzt sind und Frische beisteuern. Es ist ein natürlicher Kompromiss komplementärer Eigenschaften, am Ende ist eins plus eins gleich drei. Es ist schon ein bisschen verrückt. Erst nach 15 Jahren auf der Flasche zeigt diese Lage ihr volles Potenzial.«

La Moutonne soll endlich auch amtlich ein Grand Cru werden

95 Prozent der Reben stehen auf dem Grand Cru Vaudésir, fünf Prozent auf Les Preuses. Jahrhundertelang blieb das Kataster von La Moutonne unverändert, und das soll auch in Zukunft so bleiben. »Sie ist nicht nur Grand Cru und Monopol, sondern auch ein echtes Markenzeichen«, sagt Mangenot. Warum sie 1938 nicht offiziell zum achten Grand Cru erklärt worden sei, bleibe ein Rätsel. »Wahrscheinlich passte es der Familie Long-Depaquit damals nicht ins Konzept«, mutmaßt er: »Sie nutzte den Namen La Moutonne nicht nur für die Grand-Cru-Lage, sondern vermarktete erfolgreich unter anderem perlenden La Moutonne und roten La Moutonne, höchstwahrscheinlich aus zugekauften Trauben. Wäre La Moutonne offiziell ein Grand Cru geworden, wäre das nicht mehr gegangen.«

Heute aber besteht die Möglichkeit, der legendären Lage endlich den verdienten Ritterschlag zu verleihen. Vor zwei Jahren trat das INAO, das Institut National de l'Origine et de la Qualité, an die Familie Bichot heran, um La Moutonne offiziell in die Chablis-Grand-Cru-Verordnung aufzunehmen – ein langwieriger Prozess, der bis zu zehn Jahre dauern kann. Doch schon die Zisterzienser wussten: Gut Ding will Weile haben.



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Taster : Sarah Marsh MW





Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru

Expressive, warm but cool, raspberry-ripe aroma. Quite a lot of oak showing and some lifted notes. It mixes a hint of the exotic with herbal tarragon notes. It's racy and intense and has a well-sustained silky-powdery finish. 2026–35. **95–96**

Echézeaux Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin

An intriguing aroma with blueberry fruit, white pepper, and orange zest. Supple and richly textured, with a glossy cruise onto the palate. Quite sumptuous, it develops an exotic, purple aromatic profile on the nicely sustained finish. 2026–35. **94–95**

Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin

Intense, rather sophisticated forest-fruit aroma. Silky and fresh on the attack. Fine-textured, with a crisp snap to the black-chocolate tannin. It certainly has a zesty herbal freshness which carries the finish. 2026–35. **93**

Nuits-St-Georges Premier Cru Château-Gris

Upright, ripe, but cool redcurrant aroma. Clean-cut edges. Concentrated but precise. Brushes off its 14% ABV. Good tension. Fine-textured tannins, with an airy, herbal touch, and I like the fresh, sappy follow through, with a touch of silk to finish. A stylish and refined NSG. 2025–30. **93–94+**

Pommard Premier Cru Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon

Spicy, cocoa power and mint aromas. A high-toned and arresting scent. This is from the lower, *bas* part. Showing super-tight and reserved. Compact energy. Fine-grained tannins and a well-sustained, cold, sappy finish. The tannins catch a little on the finish, but this shows good potential. 2027–35+. **94**

Beaune Premier Cru Clos des Mouches Domaine du Pavillon

From the top of the *climat*. Gently rounded and creamy, with smooth minerality and a coolish undercut of freshness. I like the savory quality contrasting with sweet notes, and the bitter-lemon, slightly phenolic, salty finish. 2024–30. **93–94**

Meursault Domaine du Pavillon

Sturdy, rich, and vigorous. Surprisingly, as the vines are located lower down on the north side, the wine has a smooth stone element and earthy minerality to finish. Bold and punchy vigor and plenty of freshness to boot. It's a jolly good Meursault. 2024–27. **90**

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Top 25 Chablis Producers: *Domaine Long-Depaquit*



96 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Les Clos

Two parcels combine to form this wine: one mid-slope and another at the top of the slope. This is as impressively big as one would expect a Clos to be, yet in contrast, it shows delicate fresh herb and yeasty notes. On the finish, the wine is an echo chamber of its concentration and needs time to settle down. 2025-34

95 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Les Vaudésirs

An exuberant Les Vaudésirs, this oozes tropical fruit, vanilla bean and toasted oats. Sensuously rounded on the palate - for a Chablis, even a Grand Cru, this is silky, long and tastes of sunshine. This is the domaine's largest Chablis Grand Cru holding at 2.6 hectares. 2024-30

95 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Moutonne Monopole

Made of Les Vaudésirs with a 5% dollop of Les Preuses, this is always a unique wine. This vintage shows good cut with chiselled acidity and lifting minerality. The sappy mid-palate is a combination of golden apples, sweet peaches and crushed oyster shells. 2023-2034



94 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Bougros

Like the Preuses, this undergoes aging entirely in oak, but in oak of two to three uses. The oak is slightly less marked here as the wine is more exotic with pineapple, mango and green tea notes. The mid-palate is slightly custardy, and there's a hint of tannin on the finish that cleans up the concentrated palate with the punchy acidity. 2023-32

94 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Les Preuses

Though Bichot owns 65 hectares of vines in Chablis, this is the smallest holding at only 0.25 hectare. These recently replanted vines stand next to La Moutonne. This spends 10 months in oak, from new to five uses, and there are clear vanilla and caramel notes that cling to the poached apples and pears. Supple and smooth, this is a broad-shouldered Chablis. 2024-30



93 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Blanchots

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaucopins

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Montmains

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Beugnons

92 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Lys

92 Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaillons

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Top 25 Négociants: *Maison Albert Bichot*



95 **Albert Bichot 2020 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet GC**

Christophe Chauvel says Bichot usually buys one to three barrels of Criots grape must and bought two in 2020. The scintillatingly pure nose pops with a very stylish, Puligny nose of garden flowers, minerals and ripe pears. The palate follows with a waterfall of juicy, flavorful fruit that feels remarkably light thanks to the racy acidity. Toasty notes come out on the long finish. All in all, this is already very well knit. 2022-34

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Corton-Charlemagne GC**

Bichot's Pavillon owns a 1.2-hectare parcel in the Les Languettes sector that averages 40 years in age. This, like all the Pavillon wines, are certified organic. Apple peels and white flowers start the nose, and the palate turns on flavors of fresh pineapple cake and cinnamon. The curvy, concentrated palate finishes with buoyant acidic lift. 2023-32



94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Beaune PC Clos des Mouches**

Pavillon's 75 ares are in the upper and final part of Clos des Mouches. The nose starts with buttered and toasted cinnamon bread then follows with baked apples. The palate is smooth and much perkier than the rich nose initially suggests. There's excellent tension that draws out the solid finish. 2022-30

94 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Meursault PC Les Charmes**

Domaine du Pavillon holds 1 ha 17 across three parcels in the Dessus, or upper, and Dessous, or lower, portions of Charmes. Unsurprisingly, this wine shows the breadth of Meursault with more ethereal, floral aromatics – fitting for vines that lie both in clay (evoking the former) and on limestone (providing the latter.) Lovely floral notes intertwine with melon, yellow cherry and tapioca pudding on the palate. 2022-28



93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Meursault Les Criots**

92 **Albert Bichot, Château-Gris, Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses**

90 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Mercurey Les Champs Michaux**

89 **Albert Bichot, Macon Lugny Les Charmes**

89 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard**

88 **Albert Bichot, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille**

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98 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Chambertin GC**
This is a flamboyant, wildly perfumed Chambertin! Its vines lie in the chilly upper reaches of the Grand Cru, which certainly contributes to the wine's vivacity. Dark cherry fruits meet pain au chocolat on the nose. As it opens, evergreen and struck flint weave into the mix. Rather masculine in style, the tannins are dense and somewhat strappy. Blazing acidity pulls the wine into a long finish dappled with smoky minerality. 2025-45

96 **Albert Bichot 2020 Latricières-Chambertin GC**
Bichot harvests these purchased grapes whose vines are planted in clay and limestone soils. The nose starts with tangy red fruits layered with potpourri nuances. Excellent acidic tension and drizzle soft tannins give this simultaneously delicate and powerful Grand Cru instant allure. 2023-40

96 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Clos-de-Vougeot GC**
Domaine du Clos Frantin has parcels in the top and bottom of the Clos. The combination makes for a vibrantly intense palate with excellent density. The blueberry coulis and forest berry core are shaped by silky, caressing tannins and bracing acidity. While built for the long-term, this should be accessible fairly early, too. 2024-40



95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Echézeaux GC**
This 1 hectare of vines is in the Champs Traversins, which has rather sandy soils and lies in the line of the Combe d'Orveau. Blueberries and bramble pour from the glass while perky acidity pounces on the palate. The tannins are fine and persistent through the generous finish. 2023-40

95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Vosne-Romanée PC Les Malconsorts**
A generous 1.75 hectares of this coveted Premier Cru are in the hands of Bichot, which is its largest landowner. Romanée-Conti and Richebourg are neighboring vineyards. As one would suspect, this is sheer class and very, very moreish. The nose starts with spicy oak, bramble and black cherries. The fruit-filled palate is framed by soaring freshness and suave, powdery tannins. 2023-38



95 **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Corton GC Clos des Maréchaudes Monopole**
Planted in the early 1950s, these 2 hectares of vines sit close to the bedrock on a solid slope. The resulting wine is seriously dense in fruit concentration and structure. Field strawberries, plum compote and cherry preserves slide across the palate into a vividly fruit-driven finish. 2024-40

94 **Albert Bichot, Nuits-Saint-Georges PC Château-Gris**

93 **Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chabiots**

93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin Vosne-Romanée**

93 **Albert Bichot, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles**

93 **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard PC Les Rugiens**

92 **Albert Bichot, Morey-Saint-Denis PC Les Sorbets**

92 **Albert Bichot, Fixin PC Clos de la Perrière**

92 **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Aloxe-Corton PC Clos des Maréchaudes**

92 **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard Clos des Ursulines**

90 **Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Mercurey PC Champs Martin**

89 **Albert Bichot, Bourgogne Pinot Noir Côte d'Or Secret de Famille**



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Vintage 2020

Criots-Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru: 95

A wine with subtle ripe pear and floral notes that are refreshingly not overly marked by the wood. The texture is silky and fine, and despite the warmth of the year there is very pleasant tension and balance. Well done. Made from purchased grapes picked on the 24th of August. The grapes were gently pressed and briefly settled before fermentation in used casks.

Chambertin Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin: 95

Dark blackberry fruit, with notes of mineral and spice. On the palate the wine is very tannic, structured and very long. It is a bit closed and backwards, but there is great potential for ageing and it should open well with time. Bichot owns a 0.17ha parcel of Chambertin at the very top of the slope, planted north-south. The grapes are fermented slowly in open-top wood fermenters and punched down regularly.

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru: 93

A pleasant cherry and floral aroma, and a silky texture. Made from purchased grapes that the team from Bichot picked. The harvest here was among the very last (4th September) when the grapes had reached almost 14% potential alcohol. The grapes were partially destemmed and gently fermented before ageing in 35% new casks.

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin: 94

Lovely and ripe cassis fruit, in a silky yet dense texture, balanced by abundant freshness that leads to a pleasant persistence on the finish. Produced from two parcels, one that passes from Baudes Basses to Baudes Hautes, and the other in Grand Maupertuis. The total is 0.71ha and harvest began on the 31st August. A long, slow fermentation in conical wooden vats and ageing in cask (60% new).

Vosne-Romanée 1ER Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin: 96

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Chambolle-Musigny 1ER Cru Les Chabiots: 91

Inky dark colour, with aromas of cassis and fig, plus an undercurrent of chocolate within a rich and soft texture. This wine was produced from purchased fruit from a parcel of 0.8ha in Chabiots. The tiny grapes were fermented with one-third whole clusters in the tank.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1ER Cru Les Sorbets: 92

Very forward plum and fig fruit, with a note of dark chocolate. The texture is ripe and velvety, but there is plenty of depth here. Very pleasant. Bichot purchases the fruit from this parcel of 1.28ha in Les Sorbets. In 2020 it was picked on the 28th of August and fermented with one-third whole clusters.

Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin: 93

Ripe and forward, with a lush, liquorice-scented mulberry fruit and a brambly edge. The texture is plump and round in this altogether very pleasant wine. Blended from three parcels in Vosne of 0.5ha each: two in Damaudes, including one at the top of the slope, and one in Basses Maizières. In Damaudes - the sunnier spot - picking commenced on the 28th August.

Gevrey-Chambertin Les Murots Domaine du Clos Frantin: 91

The nose is perfumed, with an aroma of bright red cherry and smoke, while the grippy tannins are typical of the village. This is about elegance rather than power.

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Côte de Nuits Reds



18++

Echezeaux Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020: 17+

Toasty, mocha evident on the nose. Sweet fruit – dark cherry and raspberry. Subtle, understated oak. An elegant, precise Echezeaux which is more about finesse than power.

Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru 2020: 16.5++

Violets on the nose. Great elegance on the palate, concentrated, fine and dense. There is a hint of rusticity here but in a very good way, adding more character to this grand cru and suggesting plenty of upward potential.

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020: 16.5+

Earthy, spicy, long and exotic. Lovely balance with fresh black fruit – blackberry and damson. Firm tannins, hit of oak which needs a year or two to settle. Substantially better than many a Clos de Vougeot.

Vosne-Romanée 1ER Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020: 17.5++

Closed, intense but still complex. Deep hue, violet and rose-petal nose, plenty of substance. Pure, black fruit, oak evident. An electric, energetic Vosne which has a wonderful balance of precision, acidity and density. Will age several decades.



17.5++

Chambolle-Musigny 1ER Cru Les Amoureuses 2020: 18++

A massive step up from the Chabiots. Intense, inky colour. Brooding dark blackberry fruit with a lovely leafy lift on the nose. Plush and luscious in texture, great smoothness of tannin with crisp acidity all in great balance. More than delivers what is expected for a premier cru.

Chambolle-Musigny 1ER Cru Les Chabiots 2020: 16.5+

A bit lighter in hue, lifted floral aromas. Elegant and with sweet fruit on the palate. Very classy, quite typical Chambolle, no blockbuster but will age. Ballet dancer.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1ER Cru Les Sorbets 2020: 16+

Intriguing, floral, violet nose, intense dark hue, plenty of weight here. Savoury palate. Firm tannins, needs more time to soften.

Fixin 1ER Cru Clos de la Perrière 2020: 16.5+

Fresh, quite delicate and elegant with rose petal on the nose. Seems to favour purity over power and extract. Lively, blackberry fruit, bright acidity and subtle oak. Clos de La Perrière is Fixin's top climat. Worth a punt.

Côte de Beaune Reds



Corton Grand Cru Clos des Marechaudes Domaine du Pavillon 2020: 16.5++

Restrained, dark redcurrant and cherry on the palate. Plenty of purity and finesse for Corton. Freshness in the mouth combined with spicy oak, bright acidity and a lingering, savoury finish. Not a blockbuster but certainly classy.

Pommard 1ER Cru Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon 2020: 16.5+

Plenty of intensity and weight. Old-school 'four-square' Pommard feel to the palate. Black fruit, plenty of acid and some firm tannins, this has the purity and concentration to develop very well. I suspect this will gain a lot of elegance with a few years' ageing.

Volnay 1ER Cru Les Santenots Domaine du Pavillon 2020: 16+

Lives up to the Santenots name. Floral, purity on the palate, deep colour, very good texture with fine grain to the tannins, cleansing acidity and a good balance of oak which should enable this concentrated, classy Volnay to evolve very well.

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Other Reds

Mercurey 1ER Cru Les Champs Martin Domaine Adélie 2020: 16
Toasty oak dominates the nose, deep colour, youthful appearance. Dark berry and raspberry on palate. Very fine texture – fine tannins should enable this to age well. A pretty good introduction to 'lieu-dit' Mercurey.

Moulin à Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2020: 15.5
Deep colour, intense, inky. Primary blackberry fruit, lots of drive here. Not the densest or most structured Moulin on the palate but there is plenty of freshness and vitality here. Violet notes to finish.

Whites

Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit 2020: 17.5+
Full-bodied, ripe and exotic (for Chablis) there is great purity here with plenty of acidity to promote long-term ageing. Apple fruit with a touch of creamy almond on the finish. I suspect this has a great future ahead of it.

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2020: 17.5+
This could almost be mistaken for the Chablis Grand Cru. Restrained nose. Pebbly/mineral palate. Lime zest adds complexity to the light peach/green-apple fruit. Stony finish with depth and length. Will age very well.

Meursault 1ER Cru Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon 2020: 16.5
Much more floral. Restraint. Fine balance of spice, concentration, oak and ripeness of tree fruit. Attractive already, best in a year or two.

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2020: 16
Each year, Bichot's interpretation of the (relatively) new Bourgogne Côte d'Or AOP improves. Oak is more evident here, allied with some ripe peach and cedar notes together with a fleshy palate. Sourced from vineyards in Puligny and Meursault. Should be pretty fair value for what it offers.

Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard Domaine Adélie 2020: 16
Aligoté really seems to be hitting new heights in the warmer vintages of 2018, 2019 and 2020. Touch of golden honey on the palate, some spice notes and with quite a deep colour in the glass, this is balanced by green-apple freshness with plenty of acidity. Not complex but certainly enjoyable.



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2020 Côte de Nuits reds

Technical director Alain Serveau, and Cyrille Jacquelin (who is also responsible for the Clos Frantin wines) commented that 2020, much like 2019 "was another hot and dry growing season though 2020 was even more precocious as the vegetative cycle was some 3 weeks ahead of a normal season. We picked between the 25th of August up to the 5th of September. The fruit was very clean, and the only sorting needed was to eliminate a few sunburned or wilted berries. The quality of the fruit was excellent but unfortunately, there was even less of it than in 2019 and much less than 2018. Ripeness levels were very good, indeed to the point that the average potential alcohols ranged between 13.5 and 14%. Phenolic ripeness levels were also good and, again like 2019, this was very favorable to the use of whole clusters, so we fermented softly while using very high percentages of them. And in another parallel with 2019, the solid to liquid ratios were quite high so it would have been exceptionally easy to over-extract had we not vinified gently. Once we barreled down the new wines, they were initially very closed and didn't seem to have much personality but as the élevage progressed, they have really improved and particularly so with respect to terroir transparency. Thanks to the excellent concentrations, the 2020s are built to last and should age gracefully for years."



2020 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Secret de Famille: (86-89)

(made with fruit entirely from the Côte de Nuits and most if from Morey). Ripe and fresh aromas display a mentholated top note on the dark berry and earth scented nose. There is excellent volume to the medium weight for a wine at this level along with good verve and length. This delicious effort should benefit from 2 to 3 years of cellaring and is worth a look. 2023+



2020 Bourgogne Côte d'Or "Clos Frantin" *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: 86

This had just been bottled and not surprisingly, the nose was somewhat reduced though I doubt that it will last. Otherwise, there is good vibrancy and freshness to the succulent, round and seductively textured flavors that terminate in a clean if somewhat tangy finish that may also be related to the recent bottling. 2023+

2020 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Evocelles": (88-90)

A brooding, cool and more deeply pitched nose reflects notes of wild dark cherry, plum and underbrush. The succulent, fleshy and solidly concentrated flavors exude an almost bracing minerality on the punchy, youthfully austere and nicely long finale. 2026+

2020 Fixin "Clos de la Perrière": (89-92)

There is enough reduction present to push the underlying fruit to the background. Otherwise, there is both good vibrancy and freshness to the tautly muscular middle weight flavors that also flash good minerality on the slightly more austere finale. At least some patience advised. 2028+



2020 Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru "Château Gris": (89-91)

Pretty aromas of kirsch, poached plum and earth give way to finely detailed and delicious middle weight flavors that exude a subtle bead of minerality on the moderately persistent and mildly rustic finish that firms up. This needs to add depth and I would suggest allowing it at least a few years of bottle aging. 2027+

2020 Morey St. Denis 1er Cru "Les Sorbets": (89-92)

An interesting nose of very ripe pepper, ripe plum, dark raspberry and warm earth precedes relatively refined and lilting flavors that contrast significantly with the mildly rustic finish that really firms up as it sits on the palate. Note that this has the stuffing to reward a decade or so of cellaring. 2030+

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2020 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru "Les Chabiots": (90-92)

A slightly more elegant and slightly fresher nose speaks of both red and dark cherry, raspberry, spice and pretty floral nuances. The mouthfeel of the medium-bodied flavors is finer still with good minerality suffusing the moderately firm and youthfully austere finale. This too should have no problem cellaring well for a decade or more. 2030+



2020 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru "Les Rouges" *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (90-93)

A slightly more elegant and airier nose freely offers up its array of cool dark berries, anise and violet. There is fine volume and excellent punch to more mineral-driven flavors that also conclude in a dusty and chewy but not really rustic finale. 2032+

2020 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru "Les Malconsorts" *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (90-93)

(from a large 1.76 ha parcel). A pungent nose of wood toast and reduction introduces the supple, round and surprisingly forward medium-bodied flavors that flash evident minerality on the powerful and dusty finish that really tightens up. This youthfully austere effort is going to require extended patience before it will be ready for prime time drinking. 2035+

2020 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (90-93)

(from a .72 ha parcel). There is a mentholated top note present on the nicely layered nose of warm earth, black cherry and a touch of oak. There is fine volume to the round, velvety and succulent larger-scaled flavors that also conclude in a firm, austere, mouth coating and serious finale. Patience will again be required. 2035+



2020 Latricières-Chambertin Grand Cru: (91-93)

Pungent aromas are comprised of firm reduction and wood toast. The sleek, vibrant and intense bigger-bodied flavors brim with minerality on the rich, sappy and palate soaking finale that flashes excellent length. 2032+

2020 Echézeaux Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (91-93)

(from a .99 ha parcel in Champs Traversin). This is aromatically quite similar to the Clos de Vougeot but with markedly more spice elements to be appreciated. There is good volume to the relatively finely textured medium-bodied flavors that coat the palate with sappy dry extract that also helps to buffer the firm tannins supporting the powerful, serious and built-to-age finale. 2035+

2020 Grands-Echézeaux *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (91-94)

(from a .6 ha parcel). Pungent aromas of wood, menthol and firm reduction render the nose virtually impossible to assess. Interestingly, the mid-palate of the larger-scaled flavors is quite supple and round, indeed it's almost easy-going, though the finish gathers intensity and power on the saline-infused and strikingly persistent finale. 2037+



2020 Richebourg Grand Cru *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (91-94)

This too is pungently reduced with hints of menthol and wood. More interesting are the impressively rich and concentrated broad-shouldered flavors that exhibit focused power on the sappy and lingering finish where hints of warmth and bitter chocolate slowly emerge. This needs to develop more depth but the underlying structure is such that it should have no trouble developing it in time. 2037+

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2020: THE VINTAGE REPORT - CHABLIS

2020, Chablis Les Beugnons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92

In bottle. Pale lemon colour, this has a much more classical Chablis nose, white fruit with marine notes, excellent tension, deeply crisp apple notes, a hint of lemon zest, full body, good persistence. Will need some ageing.

2020, Chablis Les Vaillons 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92

In bottle. Clear attractive yellow, the nose is delightful and very typical, with that drier style, a little bit of dry lemon on the stones, this is very classical on the palate too, with a fine consistency throughout. Some verbena notes as well, pretty long and some flesh on the bones.

2020, Chablis Les Vaucopins 1er Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 90

In bottle. Pale lemon yellow. Some weight of fruit and a little flesh on the nose, then an extra strong lemon, middleweight, pretty persistent.

2020, Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92-94

Mid lemon yellow. The bouquet is remarkably elegant, given its power, strongly floral but more summer flowers than the usual edelweiss, this is really pretty too in the mouth with ripe nectarines infused by the kimmeridgian purity.

2020, Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-95

Good clear lemon yellow. The bouquet combined sunshine and a more classical nerviness. Some sensuality comes up behind, more fruit than flowers after Blanchots. There is a fine core of pure white fruit, sitting on its limestone bench and just at the very finish a peachy note showing the ripeness of the vintage. But the acidity and structure are impeccable.

2020, Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 92-95

Full yellow, just when you think the bouquet is going to be rich and ripe there is a certain balancing grassiness, and they use a little more wood here. Grassy and grapey, with a little heat at the back and now the wood kicks in. This needs longer elevage and may well come out at a higher level.

2020, Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru, Domaine Long-Depaquit 93-96

Pale lemon colour. The nose indicates class and power but is not quite ready to speak to us yet. More intense than Vaudésirs, with a very clean powerful backbone of white fruit, that just opens up a little at the end, and in a more harmonious place than Les Clos at the moment. The finish is very precise but with extra intensity lurking. Should be very good.





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