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"A vintage of excellent whites and charming, rounder style reds for early drinking...."

In November James Davy and Andrew Chudley visited Burgundy to taste the 2014 vintage. Here is an extract from James' vintage notes:

'Flowering and the early growing season were looking okay, then hail decimated the Cote de Beaune in late June destroying up to 40% of the vines in Meursault, Volnay, Pommard, and Beaune. The Cotes de Nuits was less damaged but did not escape completely. The harvest was looking less than perfect following mixed conditions during July and a wet August, and added threat from the suzuki fly (a nasty vinegar fly that pierces the skins of grapes causing enormous damage). However, the final maturing weeks into mid September were warm and sunny, with a drying wind saving many vineyards from rot and allowing grapes to reach a level of maturity beyond expectation. It was the best picking weather for many years. There are some lovely open style reds and some really good whites. To taste, the wines appear rounder than 2013's with less pronounced acidity although analysis shows the levels to be similar. The balance in 2014 is better for rounder style wines for drinking earlier. Charming reds without great levels of complexity to be longer keepers. These reds are not poor wines. They will be really tasty and enjoyable, just don't leave them at the back of the cellar. The story in white also points to earlier drinking but really delicious wines with some saline characteristics, making them very moreish and fresh.

We tasted the 'Bourgogne' red and whites with most producers. We always think they make great value for money when made by top wine makers. I have not written up each one save to say that where we offer them, we think that they are smart purchases for consuming when they land, and a year or so thereafter.'

James Davy, December 2015

Stock is currently lying ex cellars in France. Prices are shown in bond (IB) London per 12 bts (unless stated otherwise). Onward delivery to home address is not included. Stock and orders are subject to confirmation.

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Domaine Michelot, Meursault

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Domaine Bachelet- Monnot, Maranges

A Domaine totally on track, from both the improvements in the cellar buildings to the pursuit of natural greatness in the vineyards. They even have three different types of grape press to respect every terroir. Luckily we have followed Mark and Alex Bachelet for a while and get reasonable allocations. Every year of success is reinvested in the Domaine. Pretty much organic but like many growers they reserve the right to intervene in the vines should the need arise.

Blanc	Price per case 12 IB
Santenay Blanc Villages	£150
Maranges Blanc 1er Cru Fussieres	£180
Puligny Montrachet Villages	£260
Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts	£420
Batard Montrachet Grand Cru <i>case of 6</i>	£775 case of 6
Rouge	
Maranges Rouge 1er Cru Fussieres	£155

Domaine Paul Pillot, Chassagne Montrachet

Thierry Pillot makes sublime wines from Aligote to 1er Cru Chassagne Montrachet. Minimum oak intervention and respect for the terroir, you are looking at sheer elegance throughout, minerality being the favoured expression.

Blanc	
St Aubin 1er Cru Charmois	£195
Chassagne Montrachet Villages	£240
Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Les Champs Gain	£350
Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru Clos St Jean Blanc	£350



The Pillot Family

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Domaine Laurent Borgeot, Remigny

Laurent and brother Pascal are passionate about every aspect of their vines. From their base on the borders of Chassagne Montrachet and Santenay their holdings cover both appellations. They also make a very fine Rully, and it is that and the Santenay we concentrate on here.

Blanc	Price per case 12 IB
Rully La Chaponniere Villages	£110
Rouge	
Santenay Rouge 1er Cru Les Gravieres	£150

Domaine Jean Pascal, Puligny Montrachet

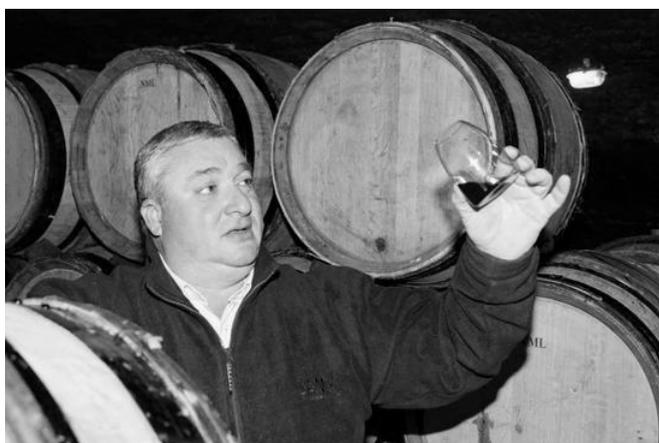
Alexandra, Jean's daughter-in-law, is the tireless driving force behind this Domaine. Her Volnays are notable but not ready to taste this year, so we are concentrating on what must be one of the best value Puligny's around. Not 'cheap' but less expensive than some, principally due to being less of a well known Domaine. That will change but not too soon we hope!

Blanc	
Puligny Montrachet Villages	£225

Domaine Joseph Voillot, Volnay

Admired by all of the up and coming wine makers, Jean-Pierre Charlot (Joseph Voillot's son-in-law) is something of the grand master, most probably because at some stage he will have had a hand in their wine making education. A charming, ebullient man whose wines are designed to last the long term. They are finely balanced though and can be approached young, not his preference but he knows full well 'chacun son gout' (we all have our own tastes). We are lucky to have any of his wines to offer as for the third year in a row yields were down 50% due to hail.

Rouge	
Volnay 1er Cru Les Champans	£380
Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots	£450



Jean-Pierre Charlot

Domaine Michelot, Meursault

Finding both quality and quantity in the finest Domaines in Burgundy is not easy. Domaine Michelot however boasts a total of 19 hectares of vines and they apply the most natural methods possible to optimise the quality of the grapes. Their wines are simply delicious and display the finest characteristics of Meursault.

Blanc	Price per case 12 IB
Meursault Villages	£220
Meursault 1er Cru 'Les Charmes'	£375

Domaine Drouhin Laroze and Laroze de Drouhin (negociant arm), Gevrey Chambertin

Family succession in motion, 2013 was the last vintage to be made by Phillippe with Nicholas assisting. For the 2014 vintage, Nicholas and Caroline have taken the reins. This Domaine is a treasure chest of Grand Cru's and a long history of very fine wine making.

Rouge	
Gevrey Chambertin Village	£250
Chapelle Chambertin Grand Cru <i>case of 6</i>	£300 <i>case of 6</i>
Bonnes Mares Grand Cru	£695
Clos du Vougeot Grand Cru	£695
Chambertin Clos de Beze Grand Cru <i>case of 6</i>	£750 <i>case of 6</i>

Laroze de Drouhin (negociants arm)

Blanc	
Bourgogne Blanc AOC	£95
Rouge	
Bourgogne Rouge AOC	£95
Fixin Village	£180
Nuits St Georges Village La Charmotte	£195

Jean Louis Chavy, Puligny Montrachet

Jean-Louis and Alain have split the family vineyards between them (though they share the Bourgogne Blanc, village **Puligny Montrachet**, the lieu-dit **Charmes**, as well as Premiers Crus **Champs Gain**, **Clavoillons**, and **Folatieres** vineyards). The winery was finished in 2004 and the winemaking and ageing style is traditional. The wines are elegant and without any noticeable oak influence.

Blanc	
Puligny Montrachet Village	£220
Puligny Montrachet 1er Les Folatieres	£350

Domaine Rossignol Trapet, Gevrey Chambertin

Another spectacular Domaine that is fully biodynamic. Brothers Nicholas and David keep raising the bar for sensational wine making and the biggest problem we ever have is getting enough wines from them at every level. The secret is very much out here so grab them while you can.

Rouge	Price per case 12 IB
Bourgogne Rouge AOC	£115
Beaune 1er Les Teurons	£290
Gevrey Chambertin Village	£240
Gevrey Chambertin 1er Clos Prieur <i>case of 6</i>	£250 <i>case of 6</i>
Gevrey Chambertin 1er Petite Champelle <i>case of 6</i>	£250 <i>case of 6</i>
Chapelle Chambertin Grand Cru <i>case of 6</i>	£400 <i>case of 6</i>
Latricieres Chambertin Grand Cru <i>case of 6</i>	£400 <i>case of 6</i>



Rosignol Trapet

Chateau de Chamilly, Chamilly

Chateau de Chamilly were previous suppliers of Davy's red Burgundy (going back some 20 years). The Domaine is now run by sons Arnaut and Xavier and they, as is the case in so many places are bringing new investment, new philosophies and new energy to the vineyards and winemaking. It is a beautiful property situated off the beaten track amongst rolling country side split with both vines and other forms of farming. We tried several wines including an easy charming St Aubin 1er Cru 'Derriere Chez Edouard' and a Mercurey Clos La Perrier, weighty, with fine fresh red fruits and some spicynotes.

Blanc

St Aubin Blanc 1er Derriere Chez Edouard £220

Rouge

Mercurey Rouge 2013 Villages Clos La Perrier £110