



Wine List

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Italy

Alcesti Srl

(Marsala, Sicily)

The 'Cantina Alcesti' estate is located in Marsala in the province of Trapani on the Italian island of Sicily, with its eponymous wine-growing region. The family has been living here for many generations, but wine for sale under an own label has only been produced since 2003; previously grapes were sold to other larger wine producers. The entire business was modernised and re-organised, from the grape receiving area via the temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to the cellar with the French tonneaux and barriques. The vineyard area totals 30 hectares, which are planted with well-known varieties such as Nero d'Avola, Grillo, Grecanico and Pignatello (Perricone), as well as less well-known indigenous varieties such as Zibibbo Frappato and Catarrato. Annual production is around 200.000 bottles of wine, of which two thirds are white, and one third red. The estate has considerably increased its international sales and is considered an excellent source of inexpensive, high-quality Sicilian wines **certified organic**.

	<i>white</i>	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Isola dei Profumi IGT 2016		€12.50	€75.00
Grillo DOC 2016		€15.50	€93.00
Catarratto DOC 2016		€15.50	€93.00
Zibibbo IGT 2016		€15.50	€93.00
	<i>red</i>		
Isola dei Profumi IGT 2016		€12.50	€75.00
Frappato IGT 2016		€15.50	€93.00
Nero d'Avola DOC 2015		€15.65	€93.90

Campo di Marzo, Il Valentiano

(Montalcino, Tuscany)

The "Valentiano" is the name of the new farm estate & is situated on the south-west side of the hill of Montalcino, 400m above sea level. The soil in this area is rich in iron and clay. Sangiovese is the only grape variety planted & most of the vines were planted in the '90s, though a portion date back to the '70s. Beautifully refined, mature, appetizing Brunello at a strikingly fair price.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Brunello di Montalcino 2008	€35.00	€210.00

This opens with aromas that recall wood shavings, espresso, underbrush and mature black-skinned fruit. The firmly structured palate offers gently toasted oak, dried black cherry, roasted coffee bean and liquorice alongside drying, close-grained tannins that leave a silky, very long, savoury finish. Medium-bodied, but dense and intense. Long aftertaste. Really delicious now.

Germany

Weingut Klaus Schneider

Jesuitenhof (Dirmstein, Pflaz)

The Jesuit is serenely situated in the historic townscape Dirmstein. The farmstead is a former Jesuit monastery with several listed buildings. Here the Schneider family cultivates 20 hectares of vineyards, including those located exclusively in the family-owned single Jesuit garden. Special emphasis is placed on environmentally friendly and sustainable farming and gentle grape removal methods. Modern viticultural practices are used using state-of-the-art equipment both in the vineyards and in the fermentation cellars. High quality is pursued at all stages of the winemaking. The harvest is carried out almost exclusively by hand, which Schneider believes is essential to the achievement of high quality wines.

The wines exemplify freshness and precision.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Riesling Qba Trocken 2013	€14.25	€85.50
Riesling Kabinett Trocken 'Garten' 2012	€17.95	€107.70
Grauer Burgunder Kabinett Trocken 2013 (Pinot Grigio grape)	€17.95	€107.70

France (Languedoc)

Domaine Paul Mas

(Montagnac)

At the beginning of the 1990s, Jean-Claude Mas worked for 4 years in Bordeaux. This experience was to prove hugely influential, as much as his encounter in 1992 with one of Italy's most famous winemakers, Giorgio Grai. He taught him the art of blending and to create wines with style. This teaching process has in fact never stopped! In 1996 Paul Mas made his first blendings of the estate bottled wines at Pézenas: his first vintage being 1995. Jean-Claude Mas is often described as a pioneer from the New Languedoc, belonging to the New wave of French wines; one of those on a mission to give Languedoc its former glory back in a region where wine production goes back to more than 2000 years.

Mas comments: "Innovation, expansion and a constant need to push the boundaries of what is achievable in the Languedoc is at the heart of our company's philosophy. We have been experimenting with low SO2 fermentation techniques and the results are convincing: the cuvées without sulphur taste far better than those to which sulphur has been used throughout the fermentation and they continue to develop in intensity,"

Claude Val range

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Claude Val IGP 2017 Rosé	€13.50	€81.00
Claude Val IGP 2016 Blanc	€13.50	€81.00
Claude Val IGP 2017 Rouge	€13.50	€81.00
Claude Val IGP 2016 Rouge (Magnum)	€27.95	each

Domaine Martinolles range

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Mauzac vdp 2016	€13.50	€81.00
Sauvignon Blanc vdp 2017	€13.50	€81.00
Chardonnay vdp 2017	€13.95	€83.70
Cabernet Sauvignon vdp 2015	€13.50	€81.00
Pinot Noir vdp 2017	€14.50	€87.00
Blanquette de Limoux	€23.50	€141.00

Sparkling

France (Minervois)

Chateau d'Oupia

(Oupia)

André Iché, who passed away in November of 2007, was a legend in the Languedoc. He inherited a 13th century castle and a large estate in the barren Minervois region, tended his very old vines and made wines which he sold initially in bulk to local négociants. Years later, a Burgundian winemaker happened to taste his wine in Oupia and was so enthused that he convinced Iché to bottle and market his production. His Minervois wines have garnered rave reviews as a “best value” by numerous publications. His daughter Marie-Pierre has since taken over responsibilities and has continued the style and philosophy. These wines are a 'sure bet' for quality and unbeatable value.

	<i>red</i>	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Chateau d'Oupia 'Tradition' AC 2014		€13.75	€165.00
Chateau d'Oupia 'les Barons' AC 2012		€16.75	€201.00

Anne Gros – Jean-Paul Tollot

(Cazelles)

Anne Gros and Jean Paul Tollot, two winegrowers in Burgundy for over 30 years, have combined their expertise to work the terroirs in Cazelles, in the Minervois. “We chose Cazelles for the diversity of its soil, made of limestone, clay and sandstone, for the discovery of 4 main cépages (Carignan, Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault), for the quality and the wide age range of its vines, the privileged environment at the foot of the Black Mountain and it's altitude of 220 metres (identical to Vosne-Romanée)”.

The cool elegance of Burgundy, the warm soul of southern France, winemaker Anne Gros is without question crafting some of the most harmonious, captivating red blends in the Languedoc today. This breath-taking region boasts exceptional terroir, as both limestone and chalk-rich fossils are abundant. Cooler temperatures allow grapes to ripen slowly, the result being balanced, mineral-infused wines without excessive levels of alcohol.

	<i>red</i>	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
le '50/50' AC 2014		€25.00	€300.00
les 'Fontainilles' AC 2013		€28.50	€342.00

France (Rhône - North)

Domaine Guy Farge

(St Jean de Muzols, Hermitage)

Bottling only began in 2007. The domaine (now 20 hectares) is increasing its international portfolio; **always a tell-tale sign of recognition**. The range typifies the red and white wines of the Ardeche region, expressed in generic red (not available this year) and white wines. Farge also has some vines in Saint-Peray and makes a lovely example from silex soils.

Our preference has always been to work with wine makers whose passion is soil & typicity, thus producing wines which are alive, vivid, strikingly fresh (as in airy, energetic and transparent), mineral and speak of their origin. With Guy & Valérie Farge in Hermitage you have all of the foregoing.

Perhaps it is his glorious red and white Saint-Josephs that speak loudest. These are brilliant examples of the terroir of the northern Rhône. White and red are equally impressive. If you are a fan of this appellation, don't miss this man's offerings. (The two prestige cuvées of Cornas and Condrieu are exemplary).

	<i>white</i>	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Ardeche Blanc 'Bouquet de Blanc' AC 2016		€18.95	€113.70
Saint-Peray 'Grain de Silex' AC 2016		€25.95	€154.70
Saint Joseph 'Vania' AC 2016		€27.95	€167.70
Condrieu 'Grain d'Emotion' AC 2016		Sold out	
	<i>red</i>		
Saint Joseph 'Terroir de Granit' AC 2016		€26.50	€159.00
Saint Joseph 'Passion de Terrasses' AC 2016		Sold out	
Cornas 'Harmonie' AC 2015		€38.95	€233.70

France (Rhône - South)

Domaine Dieu-le-Fit

(Remi Pouizin – Visan)

Domaine Dieu-le-Fit is owned and farmed by Remi Pouizin and is officially **bio-dynamic** accredited since 2012. Their outstanding generic Cotes du Rhône 'Amour de Fruit' is 33.3% each Grenache, Carignan & Syrah from clay-limestone soils. It is destemmed, undergoes an 8-10 day cool vinification, concrete vat raised for 5 months and is an unfiltered, organic wine,

"Serve ever so slightly cool at 16°C to accentuate its freshness", this 2014 is bright, airy & fruit packed. The nose is lively, airs of cherries and spice and on the palate delivers peppery red fruit from the off.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Cotes-du-Rhône 'Amour des Fruits' AC 2014	€15.50	€93.00

France (Bordeaux)

Chateau Calon

(Montagne Saint-Emilion)

Montagne Saint-Emilion is located in the hills to the north of St-Emilion itself. The Chateau Calon vineyard is located at the foot of the hill of Calon. Production averages 1400hl per year. The composition of the wine is 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Malbec. The vines average 45 years and the soil is a sand-limestone mixture. The wine has excellent aging qualities, usually up to 15 years. When mature like this 2009, the wine is perfectly balanced, harmonious, soft fruits (Merlot influence) and with a gentle spiciness and mint aspect. Tannins are always delicate and fine. This is a highly regarded estate and is frequently quoted in Guide Hachette, Gault-Millau, Revue des Vins de France and Robert Parker as offering excellent value for a wine of this quality. Listed recently in the Royal Palace in the Principality of Monaco.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Chateau Calon 'Montagne St-Emilion' AC 2009	€29.95	€359.40

Chateau des Cabans

(Cru Bourgeois – Médoc)

A well regarded property owned and managed by Philippe Bérard near the village of Bégadan in the Médoc. This is a sector where many of Bordeaux's finest Cru Bourgeois are located. Here, on 37ha of clay-limestone soils, Bérard's Ch des Cabans is a mix of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. The vines average 40 years. As a result the wine is quite fleshy, soft with subtle hints of liquorice, roasted herbs, red cherry, as well as some spice and earth nuances. Very round, balanced & eminently satisfying.

Note: (The addition of a small quantity of the Petit Verdot grape is interesting. It gives off a delicate bouquet of violets, introduces lively acidity (both Cab Sauv & Merlot have low acidity), controls the alcohol content and brightens the overall colour of the wine).

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Chateau des Cabans Cru Bourgeois AC 2012	€18.50	€222.00

88/100 Robert Parker - Wine Advocate, Feb 2015

France (Loire)

Domaine Edmond et André Figeat

(Pouilly-sur-Loire)

The 6th generation at this family domaine, André Figeat was trained by his father Edmond, and currently tends almost 30 vineyard acres primarily planted to Sauvignon Blanc. Like most successful vigneronns the Figeats cut no corners in their vineyards, employing the rigorous, year-round natural viticultural approach of lutte raisonnée. A popular choice for small yet highly conscientious, environmentally-concerned French family estates, lutte raisonnée is a sustainable regimen that avoids chemical herbicides, pesticides and fungicides. In their modern cellar, the Figeats use temperature-controlled stainless steel for both fermentation and aging, concisely and fully extracting and then preserving the precious Sauvignon character as well as the unique statement of each terroir.

Grown in soils of Kimmeridgian limestone, grey flint silex, and sandy clay, Figeat's Pouilly-Fumé "Les Chaumiennes" is fermented with indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless. "Straw and honeysuckle notes give way to candied lemon zest and quince hints. The fresh, floral-filled finish shows excellent length." - Wine Spectator on 2017 Figeat Pouilly-Fumé.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Pouilly-Fumé 'les Chaumiennes' AC 2017	€21.00	€252.00

France (Chablis)

Domaine Jean-Pierre Grossot

(Fleys-Chablis)

Domaine Corinne and Jean Pierre Grossot is anchored on the slopes of the famous village of Fleys. It is thanks to the work and commitment of Jean-Pierre's grandparents that the Domaine came into existence in the 1920s. They have since passed their love of the wine to their children who in turn are sharing it with the current generation.

Today, the Grossots are operating organically and were certified in 2014. The Grossot's youngest daughter Eve's passion is being invested in the vines and the wine-making. The focus is on the expression of terroir to develop fine, elegant wines which respect the traditional characteristics of Chablis.

The wines are exclusively from the vineyards of the 18 hectare Domaine which has vines on beautiful plots of Chablis and Chablis Premier Crus Vaucoupin, Mont de Milieu, Coastal Troëmes, Fourchaume and Fourneaux.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Chablis AC 2015	€23.50	€282.00
Chablis 1er Cru 'Fourneaux' AC 2015	€30.50	€366.00

France (Burgundy)

Cote Maconnais

Domaine des Gerbeaux

(Solutré-Pouilly)

Located in the village of Solutré, the Drouins have been making wine in Burgundy for over a century and Jean-Michel is producing some of the best and most distinctive wines in the Mâconnais region. Great care is taken over the harvest and vinification: harvesting is entirely by hand using small baskets, no pesticides or herbicides are used and fermentation temperature control is rigorous. These are generous, fruit-laden wines characterised by grapefruit and mineral flavours that can hold their own against much of the finest Côte de Beaune wines. Jean-Michel is obsessive about every aspect of his winemaking. Viticulture is organic in all but name and fermentation temperatures are unusually low to retain as much freshness as possible.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Macon-Solutré 'le Clos' AC 2017	€18.50	€222.00
Saint-Véran AC 2016	€21.95	€263.40
Pouilly-Fuissé 'Vieilles Vignes' AC 2017	€28.95	€347.40

Domaine Corsin

(Davayé-Pouilly)

Jean-Jacques and Gilles Corsin are the 5th generation of the Corsin family to run this 13.6 hectares domaine. I have been buying from this domaine since 1992 and have tasted amazing wines as far back as 1990. Jean-Jacques runs the vineyards and Gilles the cuverie. Gilles Corsin is also a courtier and is reputed to have the finest palate in the Macon.

The Vieilles Vignes cuvee is from very old vines that produce wines with layers of lovely concentration and depth, yet retain brilliant freshness and acidity. The 2015 is lovely - fresh and bright, with hints of green apple, pear, and a creamy roundness nicely supported by balancing acidity. The Pouilly is arguably the finest example in the entire appellation. In blind tastings it regularly receives higher ratings than many comparable wines from Meursault and Puligny. The 2015 is outstanding.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Saint-Véran 'Vieilles Vignes' AC 2016	€25.00	€300.00
Pouilly-Fuissé AC 2015	€28.50	€342.00

Domaine Guillemot-Michel

(Quintaine-Clessé)

Two oenologists, husband & wife, Marc Guillemot & Pierrette Michel, pursue organic viticulture using bio-dynamic methods. Their 'Quintaine' is a bio-dynamic wine. Their average yield is 38 hectolitres per hectare; the lowest in Macon. This is a chemical free, oak free, hand-crafted wine. It has honeyed, liquid mineral aromas. On the palate, this melon-flavoured, oily-textured, beautifully balanced & mineral-like wine, offers richness & a long, dry finish. A superbly crafted wine of considerable quality.

Viré-Clessé 'Quintaine' AC 2017

Out of stock

Cote Chalonnaise

Domaine Bruno Lorenzon

(Mercurey)

Lorenzon produces the best wines in the Chalonnaise. Whose opinion is that? Lorenzon was voted as Burgundy Winemaker of the Year 2013 ('Aujord Hui' Burgundy magazine). There are over 2000 winemakers in all of Burgundy. A remarkable achievement for a winemaker from Mercurey.

The red 'Carline' is a monopole. It has animal notes on the nose, followed by a basketful of cherries (both red & black) and a hint, ever so subtle, of chocolate. Wonderfully pure. Beautiful fragrances, especially rose petals.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Mercurey 1er Cru 'Carline' AC 2011	€38.50	€462.00
Mercurey 1er Cru 'Carline' AC 2012	€39.95	€479.40

Domaine Jean-Marc Joblot

(Givry)

International press is effusive in their praise and I am not aware of any wine critic / writer who is of the opinion that there is a better source in Givry. There are six 3 Star Michelin restaurants in Paris and twelve 2 Star. Eleven of these eighteen restaurants list Joblots wines. That should tell you something. Critics have noted the remarkably fair prices for wines of this quality. The wines are opulent, fruit-driven and coat your palate.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Givry 'Pied de Chaume' AC 2015 (blanc)	€28.75	5 btls avail
Givry 'Prélude' AC 2016 (blanc)	€28.95	9 btls avail
Givry 1er Cru 'Servoisine' AC 2015 (blanc)	€34.50	6 btls avail
Givry 'Préface' AC 2016 (rouge)	€28.95	€345.00
Givry 1er Cru 'Servoisine' AC 2014 (rouge)	€36.50	2 btls avail
Givry 1er Cru 'Servoisine' AC 2016 (rouge)	€38.50	€462.00
Givry 1er Cru 'l'Empreinte ' AC 2016 (rouge)	€38.50	€462.00

Cote de Beaune

Domaine Maurice Charleux

(Maranges)

As Burgundy prices increase, the search for affordable, well-made, quality wines widens. Hitherto over-looked Maranges has crept sharply into focus. In particular the appellation's best addresses. The Charleux's of this world are oenologically educated, driven (to producing quality), reputation-conscious and have the talent to make very attractive, affordable red & white Burgundy.

The reds are imbued with hedgerow black & red cherry fruits, fine grainy tannins and exhibit ripeness levels that make these succulently attractive.

The whites are distinctive (Maranges & Santenay terroir), with generous volume of ripe, buttery (30% new oak) Chardonnay fruit & a very satisfying finish.

Vincent Charleux (son) is a name to watch in Burgundy, consistently producing quality wines at a fraction of the price further north.

	<i>red</i>	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Bourgogne AC 2015		€18.95	€227.40
Maranges 'Vieilles Vignes' AC 2016		€24.95	€299.40
Maranges 1er Cru 'Clos du Rois' 2016		€27.95	€335.40
Maranges 1er Cru 'Clos Roussots' 2015		€27.95	€335.40
Santenay 1er Cru 'Clos Rousseau' 2016		€31.50	€378.00
	<i>white</i>		
Maranges 1er Cru 'Fussieres' 2015		€27.95	€335.40
Santenay AC 2016		€25.00	€300.00

Domaine Vincent Dancer

(Chassagne-Montrachet)

Arguable the most sought-after address in the Cote de Beaune. For 18 years now Dancer has made thrilling white Burgundies. The wines epitomise the classic Burgundian mix of citrus lime fruits, white flowers and some tropical nuances of peach, pear and melon on the impressively long finish.

The Bourgogne blanc is an 'assemblage' of two parcels; one in Meursault, the other in Puligny. The result is as good a generic Burgundy as can be found in Burgundy today. His red Bourgogne too merits attention – when available!

His other whites, ranging from Chassagnes to Meursaults, invariably sell out pre-arrival. Next available vintage will be 2017, arriving in March 2019.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Bourgogne AC 2013 (blanc)	€23.95	€287.40
Pommard 'Perrieres AC 2016 (rouge)	€38.50	4 btls

Domaine Vincent Rapet

(Pernand-Vergelesses)

Domaine Rapet Père Et Fils' lineage can be traced back to at least 1765 thanks to a dated, silver tastevin much treasured by the family. Rapet is one of the most ancient families of the Côte D'Or and the estate is now under the control of Vincent Rapet and his charming wife Sylvette who manage the 20 hectares with skill and a keen eye to nature. Based in the village of Pernand-Vergelesses, Domaine Rapet's vineyards lie on and around the hill of Corton.

The wines of Pernand-Vergelesses have great individuality and at Domaine Rapet, a full spectrum can be tasted. The white wines are fresh and lively with delicious citrus and floral notes. As you would expect, the premiers crus give more power on the palate and of these vineyards Sous Frétille is perhaps regarded as the best. That is of course, if you don't count the grand cru Corton Charlemagne vineyard that produces stunning, long-lived wines that age for decades in the finest vintages.

The finely fleshed red wines of Domaine Rapet are quite simply stunning and offer great value. The premier cru of Les Vergelesses backs onto the appellation of Savigny-Lès-Beaune and seems to bear a similar charm, whilst also benefitting from a distinct minerality beneath the bright berry fruit and fine tannins. The grand cru of Corton is big and structured, and it generally needs a little time to soften and become rounded. But it's well worth the wait, for Vincent's hands always craft a superb wine that is a sensational food partner when mature. ('An address that is particularly popular in my house' - CR)

<i>white</i>	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Pernand-Vergelesses 'Combottes' AC 2015	€39.50	€237.00
Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Sous Frétille' 2013	€47.50	3 Btls
Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Sous Frétille' 2014	€49.50	€297.00
Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru AC 2013	€110.00	€660.00

red

Pernand-Vergelesses 'Belles Filles' AC 2013	€39.50	€237.00
Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Vergelesses' 2013	€49.50	€294.00
Pernand-Verg 1er Cru 'Ile de Vergelesses' 2015	€65.00	€390.00
Savigny-les-Beaune 1er Cru 'Fournaux' AC 2016	Sold out	
Aloxe-Corton AC 2013	€45.00	€270.00
Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos du Roi' AC 2012	€42.00	€252.00
Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos du Roi' AC 2013	€43.00	€258.00
Beaune 1er Cru 'Greves' AC 2014	€54.00	5 Btls
Corton Grand Cru AC 2012	€99.00	€599.00
Corton 'Pougets' Grand Cru AC AC 2012	€99.00	€599.00

magnums

See Page 21 for list of magnums from Rapet

Domaine Marc Colin

(Saint-Aubin)

*Damien Colin farms 11ha in white and 1ha in Pinot and though he works as organically as is possible, he refuses to be hamstrung by dogmatically following any viticulture or winemaking philosophy. He is always seeking finesse and balance; he wants the wine to speak of the vineyards from which they come and has a gentle hand with new oak. He uses only the wild yeast from each vineyard and there is zero lees stirring. The results are superb Burgundies, distinctly representing their place with purity, harmony and complexity. They are flavoursome and multi-dimensional, yet taut and precise. His 12 hectare Domaine is concentrated in and around Saint-Aubin and Chassagne-Montrachet. Vineyards are farmed *lutte raisonnée* with some experimentation *en culture biologique*.*

(In modern day pricing, Colin's wines represent excellent value)

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Bourgogne AC 2016	€23.50	€282.00
Saint-Aubin 'Luce' AC 2016	Sold out	
Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'En Remilly' AC 2016	€42.75	€513.00
Chassagne-Montrachet 'Encegnieres' AC 2015	€49.50	€594.00
Chassagne 1er Cru 'Chenevotte' 2014	€69.95	6 btls
Chassagne 1er Cru 'Cailleret' 2013	€66.50	10 btls
	<i>red</i>	
Chassagne-Montrachet 'Vieilles Vignes' 2013	€26.50	€318.00
Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Frionne' 2016	€29.95	€359.40

Domaine Patrick Javillier

(Meursault)

Daughter Marion now takes the lead in running the estate with her husband, Pierre Emmanuel. There are now ten hectares (originally 3) which extend over 14 separate appellations. 'Tillets' is a cross in style between the floral, honeyed Pulignys on one side & the mineral, chalky, stony Meursaults of 'on the other. 'Tillets' combines the characteristics of both. Meursault Les Tillets is regularly mistaken for a Premier Cru and in 2015, this quality is once again on show. The family have 1.5 hectares of vines which sit at the top of the Meursault slope. Here, temperatures are cooler than the slopes below, thereby imparting good structure and acidity. The 2015 is surprisingly taut and nervous with plenty of floral character, especially elderflower. This is a well-structured Tillets shaped by a prominent acidity and underpinned by a stony, mineral character. The 2015 fans out on the finish to reveal a multi-layered complexity.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Bourgogne 'Cuvée des Forgets' 2016	€27.50	5 btls avail
Bourgogne 'Cuvée Oligocene' 2016	€32.50	€390.00
Meursault 'Les Tillets' 2016	€59.95	€719.40
	<i>red</i>	
Savigny-les-Beaune 'les Grands Liards' AC 2016	€34.95	€419.40

Cote de Nuits

Domaine Antoine Lienhardt

(Comblanchien)

Lienhardt! It doesn't even sound Burgundian. Indeed, many growers I spoke hadn't heard of him in 2013 (Burgundy can still be insular at times and jealousy is never remote). But the wine cogniscenti have.

Lienhardt is married to Jean-Marc Joblot's daughter Juliette & Joblot's style is evident in these wines. Through this association Lienhardt's wines have been transformed and at the Grands Jours de Bourgogne festival in March 2014, where his wines were first presented, neighbouring growers were asking questions. The wines are fabulously expressive, bursting with star bright fruit, ooze cassis, sweetness and energy.

In this, Lienhardt's fourth vintage (2014's), the wines are super and though the style of wine mirrors Joblots, they are from different soils, thus producing regional and textural differences. I have never tasted Cote de Nuits Village of this quality.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Cote de Nuits Village 'Les Essards' AC 2014	€33.00	€396.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'les Charmois' AC 2014	€43.00	€516.00

See Page 21 for list of magnums from Lienhardt

Domaine Robert Chevillon

(Nuits-Saint-Georges)

For most wine critics / journalists, there is no finer address in NSTG. Now run by sons Bertrand & Denis. Their vineyards stretch from the far south side of Nuits St-Georges to the very north side next to Vosne-Romanée. All of the wines demonstrate harmony, ripe fruit and structure thanks to both hard work in the vineyard by Denis (who insists on low yields and a strict grape selection) and to a fermentation and barrique elevage carefully controlled by Bertrand. Remarkably individual, the wines are clearly of their vineyard origin, with a span of idiosyncratic flavours & nuances from Asian spices to blueberry fruits. There is fruit-of-the-forest red & blue berries, or sometimes violets, plum or peony rose notes; they are all there in the range. The vineyards south of Nuits (Pruliers and Vaucrains) tend to have more muscle and drive while those nearer Vosne, such as the Chaignots & Boussetots, verge more on elegance and silkiness

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Vieilles Vignes' AC 2016	€65.00	€780.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Vieilles Vignes' AC 2014	€65.00	3 Btls
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Boussetots' AC 2013	€85.00	€1020.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Chaignots' AC 2012	€85.00	€1020.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Chaignots' AC 2009	POA	
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Roncieres' AC 2012/3	€85.00	€1020.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Pruliers' AC 2014	€89.00	€1068.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Cailles' AC 2014	€99.50	€1194.00

Domaine Robert Sirugue

(Vosne-Romanée)

Clive Coates MW . . . "The wines are pure, stylish, well made and offer a lovely drinkability."

Based in Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Robert Sirugue is a family-run estate, medium in size and with a growing reputation. Our first visit to this domaine was in 1987 – thirty years ago. Then it was the man himself, Robert. Now in his early eighties he is retired. Today it is grandson Arnaud, a fifth generation Sirugue, that makes the wine. Arnaud is a son of Marie-France (Robert's daughter) and Jean-Louis.

Domaine Sirugue may not rank in the very top tier of Vosne vigneron, though it received excellent reviews from the wine critics 20-30 years ago. The domaine unquestionably lost some momentum over the years. When Marie-France and Jean-Louis Sirugue took over in 2007, they began to improve quality and in recent vintages have shown that there is a fine potential here. The quality is improving year after year and with the 2015s the Sirugue family have re-established the Domaines position. Hence my return. Burgundy is all about knowledge and timing.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Bourgogne AC 2015	€28.50	€342.00
	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Chambolle-Musigny 'les Mombies' AC 2016	€73.95	€443.70
Vosne-Romanée AC 2015	€69.50	€417.00
Vosne-Romanée 'Vieilles Vignes' AC 2015	€79.50	€477.00

Domaine Anne Gros

(Vosne-Romanée)

Small holding of generic to grand cru wines that commands an international following. Gros is a perfectionist, producing wines which are refined & seductive. There is a minerality here that reflects the soils & the tannins are invariably suede-like. The wines are hand-crafted & Gros stands out as one of Burgundy's finest ambassadors. This is one of Burgundy's most sought-after addresses.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Bourgogne Pinot Noir AC 2016	€35.50	€213.00
Bourgogne 'Clos de l'Abbaye' AC 2016	€35.50	€213.00
Clos-Vougeot Grand Cru 'Grand Maupertui' AC 2014	3 Btls available	
	€188.00 per btl	

Domaine Comte Georges de Vogué

(Chambolle-Musigny)

Second only in prestige to Domaine de la Romanée Conti as the finest domaine in Burgundy. Standards here are incredibly exacting, making beautiful wines that can age a lifetime. These are highly prized wines and as such, generally sell out on release in Feb of each year. We currently have no availability.

Domaine Christian Serafin

(Gevrey-Chambertin)

<http://www.weygandtmetzler.com/serafin-pere-fils/>

The reserved and considered son of a Polish immigrant Christian Sérafin holds a stunning suite of fabulous vineyards which produce intense and structured Côte de Nuits reds which command a fair swathe of new oak. The fruit concentration from low yields and a propensity to harvest late is such that the wines easily handle the oak regime. The Sérafin wines are also structured firmly with appropriately powerful tannin and acid levels and as such are generally capable of considerable aging. The vineyards are managed biologically with no regular application of systemic herbicides or pesticides. The vinification is both simple and natural with no artificial yeasts or enzymes, done in stainless steel. They are not racked until just prior to bottling, nor are they fined or filtered. There are two main oak producers used, François Frère and Taransaud of which the Bourgogne receives 30% new, the village Gevrey 50% new with the Gevrey Vieilles Vignes, the Premiers Cru's and the Grand Cru 100% new oak. Christian's niece, Frédérique Bachotet and Christian's daughter Karine are now firmly at the helm and there is a noticeable 'feminine' dimension to the wines since the 2016 vintage. The wines now exhibiting greater finesse and refinement.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (12)</i>
Gevrey-Chambertin AC 2015	€65.00	€780.00

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Cazetiers' AC 2013	€135.00	€810.00
Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru 'Millandes' AC 2014	€99.00	€594.00
Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru AC 2015	€198.00	€1188.00

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (3)</i>
Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru AC 2014	€178.00	€534.00

Single Bottles

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Corbeaux' AC 2014	€99.00	2 btls / ea
Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 'Les Baudes' AC 2010	€99.00	3 btls / ea
Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru AC 2013	€178.00	2 btls / ea

Champagne

Domaine Dravigny

(Écueil)

Small estate located in Ecueil, the heart & arguably the best / quality area of Champagne. Little-known outside France. we have been buying Champagne here for thirty years. The 'Cuvee Ambré is 60% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay & 10% Pinot Meunier. Notable biscuity, yeasty flavours and very much in the Bollinger style. The Pinot Noir character is very evident. A good value champagne.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Champagne Dravigny 'Cuvée Ambre'	€45.00	€270.00

Sparkling

Domaine Martinolles

(Limoux, Languedoc)

Elevated vineyards near Limoux enjoying cool breezes from the Pyrenees. Blanquette is the wine that the Monks invented in 1831 in Saint-Hilaire. The wine is 90% Mauzac, with the balance made up from Chardonnay & Chenin Blanc. The local Mauzac grape is unique, with apple flavours & distinctive aromas of fresh cut grass. Offers terrific value at half the price of champagne.

	<i>Per Btl</i>	<i>Case (6)</i>
Blanquette de Limoux AOC	€23.50	€141.00

Magnums

Domaine Vincent Rapet

(Burgundy, Pernand - see page 15)

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Vergelesses' AC 2014 (r) €105.00 per magnum
(1 magnum available only)

Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 'Les Vergelesses' AC 2015 (r) €105.00 per magnum

Aloxe-Corton AC 2015 (r) €105.00 per magnum

Corton Grand Cru AC 2015 (r) €175.00 per magnum
(1 magnum available only)

Domaine Antoine Lienhardt

(Burgundy, Comblanchien - see page 17)

Cote de Nuits Village 'Essards' AC 2016 (r) €75.00 per magnum

Cote de Nuits Village 'Vignottes' AC 2016 (r) €75.00 per magnum

Domaine Paul Mas

(Languedoc - see page 6)

Claude Val IGP 2016 (r) €27.95 per magnum

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Vintages are subject to change

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