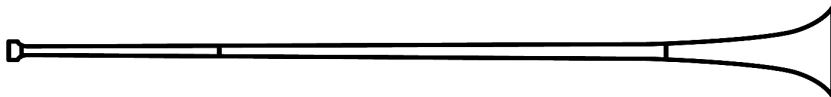


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OPENING OFFER OF 2008s FROM BURGUNDY

Foreword

The summer of 2008 does not go down as one of the decade's best. From a difficult flowering in June, and throughout July and August the weather remained persistently cool, dull and wet; rainfall graphs show that things did not return to normal in the region until September. Matters improved sharply according to one grower who loves to be precise, during the night of 14th-15th September, when a steady north wind began to blow, at last bringing dryness to the vineyards, concentrating the fruit. In addition, the major advances in viticultural and vinification techniques over the last twenty years or so have equipped growers to cope with such conditions. Above all, they understand the importance of keeping yields low and removing leaves around the fruit to allow maximum aeration and exposure to light and wind. Attention to detail when picking, and in many cases the use of sorting tables, ensures the elimination of any unripe or unhealthy fruit. In the wineries, most are now equipped with temperature controlled fermentation vats – a number of growers explained that in most recent vintages the fruit has needed cooling on arrival in the cuverie – not so in 2008 where many said it was important to be able to heat it. If the selection of ripe and healthy fruit was one key to quality, another was a flexible approach to winemaking. The best reds are the result of less extraction during vinification, while the best whites have had longer on their lees, with an extended period of batonage. Overall, the vintage has produced, in the hands of the most capable growers, wines of real purity and charm, best summed up by one as a vintage for true Burgundy lovers – do not buy them if you want thick, dark, unctuous Pinot; do if you like Pinot at its most fragrant and refined.

Richard Berkley-Matthews

12th January 2010

Domaine Arnoux Lachaux

With 2008 vintage the name of this domaine has changed – from Domaine Robert Arnoux to Domaine Arnoux Lachaux, in recognition of the fact that Pascal Lachaux, son-in-law of the late Robert Arnoux, has established it as one of the most outstanding of the Côte de Nuits, making wines that are consistently among the very best. Pascal described the summer as ‘difficult’, explaining that regular intervention in the vineyards was essential – he even returned on 15th August, mid-way through the family’s summer holiday, to treat the vines and ensure that all was as it should have been. Picking began on 27th September and, thanks to all the vineyard work, the quality of fruit brought in was superb.

Red Wines

2008 Bourgogne Pinot Fin **£135.00**

Full of intense dark red fruit. Fine grained and with very good length.
Drink 2011-2014.

2008 Nuits St Georges **£245.00**

Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru **Per 6 bottles £248.00**
Clos des Corvées Pagets

Stunning complex scents. Pure, soft and rounded on the palate; supple and sweet on the finish. Really outstanding. Drink 2011-2017.

Domaine Simon Bize

Patrick Bize runs this comparatively large estate (over 20 hectares) with the brilliant assistance of Guillaume Bott - who trained at Sauzet and whose principle responsibility is for the white wines, allowing Patrick to focus all his attention on the reds. Picking began on 27th September, but the fine conditions allowed a 3 day gap to allow extra ripeness before the 1ers Crus were picked.

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Red Wines

2008 Bourgogne Rouge Les Perrières £129.00

Lush red fruit character with lovely soft tannins. Drink 2011-2014.

2008 Savigny Les Beaune Rouge Aux Grands Liards £219.00

Fleshy and ripe on the palate. Very long, well balanced finish. Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Savigny Les Beaune Rouge 1er Cru Les Talmettes £315.00

Talmettes is a subsection of the 1er Cru Vergelesses, and this is the first time that it has been vinified separately. The wine is full of lovely plum fruit, with supple, textured tannins and superb length. Drink 2011-2016.

White Wines

2008 Bourgogne Blanc Les Perrières £120.00

Seriously good – this punches way above its weight. Hints of toast and nuts add complexity to the fruit. Terrific. Drink 2010-2013.

2008 Savigny Les Beaune Blanc £195.00

Mineral and complex. Superb. Drink 2010-2015.

**2008 Savigny Les Beaune Blanc 1er Cru
Aux Vergelesses** £279.00

Softer and more discreet than the village wine, but with greater complexity and length on the finish. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru £879.00

Drink 2012-2019.

Domaine Daniel Bocquenet

Daniel continues to speak ominously of retirement in a year's time, making 2010 his last vintage. If he sticks to his guns, his loss will be a major blow, as although he has only about 4 hectares, and therefore necessarily makes

very small quantities, his Nuits Aux St Julien in particular has become an established favourite with many. The wine is seriously long lived too – the 1988 we tasted with him last year was simply stunning. Picking began on 27th September and the wines are still going through their malolactic fermentation even now.

Red Wines

2008 Nuits St Georges Aux St Julien £270.00

Big and intense, with really complex dark fruit flavours. Fine tannins and great persistence. Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Echézeaux Grand Cru £576.00

It is difficult to give a description of the Echézeaux, as the malolactic fermentation had only just begun when we visited in November.

However, past experience suggests that it will be monumental. Drink 2012-2020.

Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils

Joseph Henriot gives winemaker Philippe Prost and his team carte blanche to do whatever they consider necessary to produce the finest wines possible in any given vintage. The 2008s, particularly from Bouchard's grandest vineyards, are another triumph, picked between 26th September and 6th October with very good levels of ripeness thanks to the concentrating north wind which blew from around 14th September and to which so many growers attribute the unexpectedly high quality of the vintage.

Red Wines

2008 Volnay 1er Cru Caillerets, £450.00 Ancienne Cuvée Carnot

Seductive fruit character, this has softness and charm. Full and rounded finish. Drink 2011-2016.

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2008 Pommard 1er Cru Pezerolles **£450.00**

Serious dark fruit aromas. Intensely concentrated fruit on the palate too. Drink 2011-2016.

**2008 Beaune 1er Cru Grèves,
Vigne de L'Enfant Jésus** **£675.00**

The flagship of Boucharde's holdings in Beaune. Incredible complexity and length. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Vosne Romanée **£345.00**

Concentrated and supple. Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Echézeaux Grand Cru **£996.00**

Drink 2012-2019.

2008 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru **£1,370.00**

Outstanding – this is textured on the palate with layers of dark fruit flavours and beautifully supple tannins. Drink 2012-2020.

White Wines

2008 Beaune Blanc 1er Cru Clos St Landry **£330.00**

This promises to be a tough sell...but the wine was so delicious that we had to include it in our selection. Juicy and seductive. Stunning. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières **£500.00**

Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Perrières **£520.00**

Mineral, structured and powerful. Tremendous. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru **£945.00**

Huge minerality and massive concentration, whilst at the same time retaining remarkable refinement. Drink 2012-2019.

2008 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru **£1,500.00**

Fabulous aromas of hot buttered toast, followed by piercing mineral and citrus fruit on the palate. Drink 2012-2019.

2008 Chevalier Montrachet La Cabotte Grand Cru **£2,900.00**

Drink 2012-2019.

2008 Le Montrachet Grand Cru **£3,200.00**

Drink 2012-2019.

Domaine des Clos

At an early age, Grégoire Bichot decided that he did not want to follow the tradition of his family and join the family firm of Bichot in Beaune. So with the help of his semi-retired father Bénigne, this estate was born in the mid 1990s. After a year of upheaval, having moved out of his premises in Vosne Romanée, Grégoire has now taken over a fabulous 19th century building in Nuits which once housed a small negociant house. It gives him a marvellous space in which to work, with wonderful deep cellars, as well as a serious on-going project of renovation – so a major new chapter in the story of this domaine has begun.

Red Wines

2008 Beaune Vieilles Vignes **£153.00**

Peppery red fruit aromas. Rounded and fine-grained with lovely long fruit flavours on the finish. Tremendously good value. Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Beaune 1er Cru Les Avaux **£198.00**

Dark cherry fruit character and perfectly integrated tannins. Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Les Crots **£270.00**

Intense, concentrated and very complex. Drink 2011-2017.

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Domaine Darviot Perrin

With their cuverie in Meursault and their house and cellars in Monthélie, Didier and Julie Darviot straddle these neighbouring villages – and in typical Burgundian fashion are regarded as a result with just a hint of suspicion in both. This is one of the very best sources for fine, mineral Meursault with an exceptional capacity for age. The reds, of which we list four, are also superb, showing Pinot in all its elegance and finesse.

Red Wines

2008 Monthélie Les Crays **£129.00**

Violet aromas are followed by delicious red fruit flavours and lovely supple tannins. Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Volnay Les Blanchés **£198.00**

Great precision and purity here. Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Beaune 1er Cru Les Bélissands **£219.00**

Sophisticated dark fruit character. Ripe, well integrated and very long lasting flavours. Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Volnay 1er Cru Santenots **£420.00**

Drink 2011-2017.

White Wines

2008 Meursault Le Tesson **£264.00**

Firm, chalky and textured on the palate. Very good length. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Charmes **£366.00**

Huge complexity and length here; very impressive indeed. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières **£400.00**

Firm acidity holds everything together beautifully. Drink 2011-2018.

Prices are quoted per case in bond.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Perrières **£400.00**

Fabulous – a hint of sweetness is followed by massive mineral power and complexity. Drink 2011-2018.

**2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru
Blanchot Dessus** **£545.00**

Vineyard immediately abutting Le Montrachet. The 2008 is honeyed and incredibly complex, with tremendous persistence on the finish.
Drink 2012-2019.

Domaine Faiveley

The largest vineyard owner in Burgundy, Faiveley was founded in 1825 by Pierre Faiveley. The foundations of its modern success however were laid by Georges Faiveley, who saw the firm through the difficult inter-war years when it was said that a new barrel cost more than the wine which filled it. His grandson François handed control over to his own son Erwan – the 7th generation – in 2005. A new team was quickly put in place – most significantly perhaps including Bernard Hervé as Managing Director – who supervised the transformation of Bouchard after Joseph Henriot's purchase. 2008 is the third vintage under the new regime, and another extremely strong performance, boosted by some very exciting vineyard purchases for Côte de Beaune whites.

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Red Wines

2008 Mercurey Rouge 1er Cru Clos des Myglands **£159.00**

Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Les Damodes **£348.00**

The Nuits Damodes abuts Vosne Malconsorts, which goes a long way to explaining why it is always so good. This is complex and full of fine-grained fruit. Drink 2011-2017

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2008 Corton Clos des Cortons Grand Cru Per 6 bottles £339.00

Surely among the most impressive wines made from the hill of Corton, this is spectacularly good. Drink 2012-2019.

2008 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetiers £345.00

Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Combe aux Moines £369.00

Beautiful wine, with ripe plum fruit aromas, superb complexity on the palate and a long, harmonious finish. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Latricières Chambertin Grand Cru Per 6 bottles £345.00

Marvellous quality of fruit and structure here. Drink 2012-2020.

2008 Echézeaux Grand Cru Per 6 bottles £375.00

Drink 2012-2020.

2008 Mazis Chambertin Grand Cru Per 6 bottles £380.00
Grand Cru

Drink 2012-2020.

2008 Chambertin Clos de Bèze Per 6 bottles £560.00
Grand Cru

Drink 2012-2022.

White Wines

2008 Puligny Montrachet £270.00

Lovely soft fruit on the front of the palate is backed by lively acidity and freshness giving really excellent balance. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru La Garenne £438.00

Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Charmes £450.00

Delicious richness on the palate. Very long. Terrific. Drink 2011-2018.

Prices are quoted per case in bond.

**2008 Bienvenues Bâtard Montrachet Per 6 bottles £625.00
Grand Cru**

Faiveley have bought half a hectare, and in their first vintage have made a truly stunning wine – honeyed, concentrated and tremendously long. Drink 2012-2019.

**2008 Bâtard Montrachet Grand Cru Per 6 bottles £840.00
Grand Cru**

Creamy and with great weight. Drink 2012-2019.

**2008 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru Per 6 bottles £515.00
Grand Cru**

Peach and pear fruit aromas. Concentrated and broad on the palate. Very long. Drink 2012-2019.

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Domaine Fontaine Gagnard

Richard Fontaine continues to produce among the very finest white wines of the Côte d'Or. Now helped by his obviously extremely capable daughter Céline, the future of this first class estate has never looked better. Picking began with the reds on 19th September and then for the whites on 22nd. The fruit came into the cuverie in excellent condition, and this allowed plenty of beating of the lees to extract maximum complexity. Demand for these wines has become enormously strong in recent vintages, and quantities are therefore strictly limited.

Red Wine

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Rouge £150.00

Full of ripe strawberry fruit. Tremendous value. Drink 2011-2015.

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White Wines

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc £228.00
Superb – crisp and fresh with plenty of complex fruit. Drink 2011-2017.

**2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru
La Maltroie** £300.00

The Maltroie vines are between 20 and 60 years old, and give superb mineral concentration. Drink 2011-2018.

**2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru
Les Caillerets** £390.00

Magnificent wine, with a layer of richness on the palate over the firm mineral complexity which provides so much length. Drink 2011-2018.

**2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc
1er Cru La Romanée** £420.00
Drink 2011-2018.

**2008 Criots Bâtard Montrachet,
Grand Cru** Per 6 bottles £465.00

Incredible ripeness, especially in the context of the vintage. Huge mineral intensity too. Remarkable. Drink 2012-2019.

Domaine Gagnard Delagrange

We report with real sadness the death of Jacques Gagnard on 22nd July 2009 at the age of 80. Although he had passed on many of his vineyards to his two daughters (domaines Fontaine Gagnard and Blain Gagnard), he was still producing his own wines – so these 2008s are his last. The domaine itself will continue however, as his widow Marie-Joséphine plans to carry on the marvellous work of her late husband, with the help of her son-in-law Richard Fontaine, and her grandson Marc-Antoine Blain.

Red Wine

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Rouge 1er Cru **£195.00**

Frequently regarded as one of the picks of our list as the wine comes from 1er Cru vines planted in the year of Jacques' birth (1928). Complex strawberry fruit, with superb structure. Drink 2011-2016.

White Wines

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc **£240.00**

Lively and full of freshness. Stunning greengage fruit. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru Les Morgeots **£336.00**

Succulent and honeyed with fine mineral structure providing balance. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru La Boudriotte **£360.00**

As always, firmer and more complex. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Bâtard Montrachet Grand Cru **£897.00**

Great wine with a silky purity. Drink 2012-2019.

Domaine Robert Groffier

One of the greatest domaines of the Côte de Nuits, the three generations of the Groffier family now working the domaine (Robert mostly in the vineyards, his son Serge and his grandson Nicolas) are producing some of the most sought-after wines of Burgundy. There was some hail damage to the vines in 2008, but fortunately this was confined to the Passetoutgrain vineyards. Picking began on 27th September and, as so often in apparently difficult vintages, the Groffiers have produced among the most outstanding wines we tasted.

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Red Wines

2008 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain £126.00

The vines yielded just 17 hectolitres per hectare thanks to the hail, making this probably the most concentrated Passetoutgrain ever produced by Groffier. Drink 2011-2014.

2008 Bourgogne Rouge £225.00

Intense vibrant red fruit character and lovely long fruit on the finish. Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Gevrey Chambertin £390.00

Vines just below Charmes Chambertin. The wine is stunning – generous and complex on the palate with very fine tannins. Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Sentiers £795.00

Magnificent, especially on the palate where the fruit really sings. Complex and very long lasting. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses £1,092.00

Wonderful savoury overtones to the fruit scents here; great concentration, and wonderful finesse. Incredible length of flavour. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru £1,224.00

Absolutely stunning in complexity, balance and length. Drink 2012-2020.

Domaine Hudelot Noëllat

Charles van Canneyt, grandson of Alain Hudelot, is now running this famous estate, with the very able assistance of Vincent Mugnier, who has been at the domaine since March 2005. We were at one stage concerned that Vincent might resent Charles' arrival, but Alain remains a force to be reckoned with, and it is clear that Charles and Vincent work extremely effectively together to keep him in check. Picking of the 2008s began slowly on 23rd September and then in earnest on 25th. All the fruit was destemmed, but none of it crushed before fermentation. The results are seriously impressive.

Red Wines

- 2008 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain** £57.00
Bursting with red fruit. Exceptional value for money. Drink 2010-2013.
- 2008 Bourgogne Rouge** £99.00
Supple red fruits and lovely juicy tannins. Drink 2011-2014.
- 2008 Chambolle Musigny** £276.00
Very pretty scented aromas. Pure and immensely charming. Drink 2011-2016.
- 2008 Vougeot 1er Cru Les Petits Vougeot** £390.00
Drink 2011-2017.
- 2008 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru Les Murgers** £465.00
Generous, intense and complex. Outstanding Nuits. Drink 2011-2017.
- 2008 Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaumonts** £495.00
Great density and structure. Incredibly long lasting finish. Drink 2011-2017.
- 2008 Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots** £495.00
Delicious chocolate overtones to the fruit. Ripe, well integrated tannins and a great, fruit-dominated finish. Drink 2011-2017.
- 2008 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Charmes** £588.00
Supple, harmonious and very seductive fruit. Drink 2011-2017.
- 2008 Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts** £630.00
Outstanding as always. Very small production. Drink 2011-2018.
- 2008 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru** £930.00
Very impressive floral and fruit aromas. The fruit builds on the palate to a long, sustained finish. Drink 2012-2020.

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Domaine Lafarge

This is the first time that we have obtained an allocation from this fabulous domaine in Volnay – one of the two or three most famous in the village, and renowned for producing some of the finest red wines of the Côte de Beaune. Quantities available of these fabulous wines are very small.

Red Wines

2008 Volnay £240.00

Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Volnay Vendanges Selectionnées £297.00

Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans £576.00

Drink 2011-2017.

Domaine Marc Morey

Bernard Mollard (son-in-law of Marc Morey) retired officially in January 2009, and this domaine is now run by his daughter Sabine, although he remains very much involved. Its wines win friends every time we show them at tastings as they are superbly made, versatile and incredibly ‘user friendly’. Bernard described his 2008s as being like the 2004s with more concentration. There was more batonage than usual during the *élevage* – continuing until May rather than stopping in March. The wines offer tremendously good drinking.

White Wines

2008 Bourgogne Blanc £123.00

Supple and juicy with nice acidity on the finish. Delicious and great value. Drink 2010-2013.

2008 St Aubin 1er Cru Charmois £193.00

Very complex and mineral, with excellent ripeness too. A tremendous cuvée. Drink 2011-2017.

Prices are quoted per case in bond.

2008 Puligny Montrachet

£270.00

Bernard's Puligny has become very firmly established as among the best buys of the list – with fine aromas and lovely flavours of rich, ripe white fruits – Puligny refinement through the prism of Chassagne wine-making. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 1er Cru

£336.00

En Virondot

One of the village's highest lying vineyards, owned almost in its entirety by the domaine, this superb site produces a wine of powerful minerality with superb ageing potential. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Pucelles

£480.00

Fabulous creamy fruit; terrific power; very long and balanced finish. Drink 2010-2017.

Domaine Gerard Mouton

We have worked with this superb 12 hectare domaine, in the village of Poncey, just south-west of Givry in the Côte Chalonnaise, for a number of years, but have never included it in our *primeur* offer. Laurent, son of Gerard, is clearly a seriously talented winemaker and his 2008s were so good that we decided he merited inclusion. As well as village Givry, he makes 4 different 1ers Crus – and we have chosen the Clos Charlé.

Red Wine

2008 Givry 1er Cru Clos Charlé

£132.00

Violet and red fruit scents. Lovely lush red fruit on the palate. Drink 2011-2015.

Jean Rijckaert

Jean, originally from Belgium, and his wife Régine own vineyards in the Mâconnais and also in the Jura, due east of Beaune. In addition, Jean buys grapes from a small number of growers with whom he has forged close

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links, some in the Mâconnais and some in the Côte de Beaune. Régine is largely responsible for the vineyards, while Jean's great genius is as a winemaker and 'éleveur' – his work is the cellars, learnt in part from the renowned Jean-Marie Guffens and considerably refined over the years, is extraordinarily hands-on, and profoundly personal. More than almost any other grower we know, Jean illustrates how intelligent vineyard management, winemaking and *élevage* can produce spectacular results from vineyards that more often underperform in the hands of others. Jean regarded it as essential to wait for as long as possible before picking, especially in the Jura – so although he began harvesting on 29th September, he didn't finish until 20th October. Yields were incredibly low – and there was no doubt in his mind that this is what allowed him to wait, to achieve ripeness and to retain healthy fruit.

White Wines

2008 Chardonnay, Arbois **£84.00**

Fresh and with lovely defining acidity. Fabulous value. Drink 2010-2012

2008 Côtes de Jura Les Sarres Chardonnay **£90.00**

Full of lovely intense fruit. Drink 2010-2013.

2008 Arbois En Paradis Vieilles Vignes Chardonnay **£108.00**
Côtes de Jura

Jean's top cuvée from the Jura, produced from old Chardonnay vines above the stunning village of Arbois. These three wines show how brilliant Chardonnay can be from the Jura when vinified in the Burgundian manner. Drink 2010-2013.

2008 Viré Clessé L'Épinet Vieilles Vignes **£96.00**

Fresh and vibrant on the palate; delicious fruit right to the finish. Drink 2010-2013.

2008 St Véran En Faux Vieilles Vignes **£105.00**

A lovely cuvée of St Véran – honeyed and plump with vivacious acidity and freshness. Drink 2010-2014.

Prices are quoted per case in bond.

2008 Mâcon Montbellet En Pottes Vieilles Vignes £111.00

Ripe and buttery with delicious weight of fruit. Drink 2010-2014.

2008 Pouilly Fuissé Les Croux Vieilles Vignes £162.00

Seriously complex on the palate, this has incredible lemony concentration and intensity. Superb weight. Drink 2011-2015.

2008 Meursault Les Narvaux Vieilles Vignes £240.00

Excellent mineral structure. Drink 2011-2016.

2008 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Champgains £297.00

Complex and powerful with lots of citrus fruit character. Drink 2011-2017.

Etienne Sauzet

G rard Boudot runs the great Sauzet estate with his daughter Emilie and son-in-law Benoit Riffault. The grapes were picked in 2008 from 23rd September and were pressed as whole bunches – no destemming here. These are among the most highly prized whites of the C te d’Or: quantities available of each wine are miniscule.

White Wines

2008 Puligny Montrachet £375.00

Seriously impressive village wine. Intense concentration of fruit and very good length of flavour. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folati res £600.00

Focused aromas. Really lovely fleshy fruit on the palate. Firm mineral balance; terrific power and intensity on the finish. Drink 2011-2018.

Domaine Sigaut

Herv  and Anne Sigaut run this 7 hectare domaine based in Chambolle Musigny where the Sigaut family built its cellars in 1847. Their approach

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combines the best of tradition, tempered with judicious modernity – some of the vines are worked by horse, others (where the terrain is more appropriate) by tractor; much of the treatment is carried out according to bio-dynamic principles; vinification is carried out in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Use of new wood is kept to a maximum of 1/3rd.

Red Wines

2008 Morey St Denis 1er Cru Millandes £378.00

Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Noirots £390.00

Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Sentiers £440.00

Drink 2011-2017.

Domaine du Clos de Tart

The 7.5 hectares of the Grand Cru Clos de Tart have been owned as a block, with only three changes of ownership, since 1141 – a truly remarkable record. The Mommessin family has owned it since 1932, and under the stewardship of manager Sylvain Pitiot much has been done, particularly in the cuverie, to enhance the quality of this great wine. The vines were vigorously de-leaved in 2008 to allow maximum aeration of the fruit – of which a severe green harvest left behind only 5 or 6 bunches per vine. This allowed the grapes to remain particularly healthy – Sylvain told us that they had to treat the vines only twice, compared with the 17 treatments carried out by a famous neighbour! Picking began very late, on 6th October.

Red Wine

2008 Clos de Tart Grand Cru Monopole £TBA

Full of fabulous pure fruit scents and flavours. Refined tannic structure and tremendous balance and poise on the long finish. Drink 2012-2022.

Prices are quoted per case in bond.

Domaine Tessier

The young, and clearly talented, Arnaud Tessier has taken over the family's 5½ hectares of vines in Meursault, and has decided to make and bottle his own wine rather than selling the production in bulk to the négociant market. 2008 is his third vintage, and this year Arnaud has also bottled the Poruzot. This domaine seems destined to become a very fine source of Meursault.

White wines

2008 Meursault Les Casse Têtes **£315.00**

Intense scents of almond blossom. Lovely honeyed style on the palate. Drink 2011-2017.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Le Poruzot Dessus **£450.00**

Very complex – honeyed fruit laced with firm mineral acidity – superb balance. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes Dessus **£480.00**

Exotic and floral style of Meursault, this has wonderful depth and richness. Drink 2011-2018.

2008 Meursault 1er Cru Les Genevrières **£516.00**

Firm, mineral and textured with tremendous freshness and verve. Very long. Drink 2011-2018.

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- 2 The minimum order size is 12 bottles.
- 3 For many of the wines, quantities available are extremely limited. All wines are offered subject to availability, and orders will be taken on a first come first served basis.
- 4 Orders with a value of £200 in bond or more will be delivered free of charge to any single UK mainland address. Orders below this value, or orders with multiple deliveries where individual deliveries carry a value below £200 in bond, will attract a delivery charge of £15 including VAT.
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 - b) have your wines delivered duty paid.
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