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## Vintage 2019

### REDS

#### **BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR PINOT NOIR CLOS FRANTIN Domaine du Clos Frantin**

Classic fermentation has produced a supple and very approachable wine, with pretty cherry fruit and some floral notes on the nose, then a light, fresh feel on the palate. Pleasant drinking, even when young. Drinking window 2021-2026.



#### **ALOXE-CORTON 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES Domaine du Pavillon**

This lieu-dit is at the bottom of the slope, below Bressandes, where Bichot has 1.4ha planted in the Premier Cru section. This parcel is very early-ripening and has given a wine that is silky and very fine. The fruit is polished, high-toned red berries; not rustic at all and really very pleasant. Drinking window 2024-2039.



#### **CORTON GRAND CRU CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES Domaine du Pavillon**

This 0.54ha in the grand cru portion of the vineyard has yielded a wine of greater concentration than from the top of the terrace, where there is a bit more clay. There is an appreciable increase in quality - more density, more structure, more length and more depth to the fruit character. Impressive. Drinking window 2024-2039.



#### **GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN LES EVOCELLES**

From a parcel at the top of the slope, in the northern extremity of Gevrey, crossing over slightly into the part of Brochon that may be included as Gevrey. Here, the site brings a lovely floral perfume to the ripe cherry fruit and a freshness on the palate that keeps the wine dynamic. There are enough grippy tannins here to help the wine age over the course of a decade. Drinking window 2021-2029.



#### **VOSNE-ROMANÉE Domaine du Clos Frantin**

From three parcels split between Bas Mazières and Les Damaudes, high on the slope. The combination brings bright pomegranate and ripe plum fruit, with a firm minerality. Maturation will be a bit more than a year in 25% new casks, so the purity of the fruit comes through clearly on the palate, yet there is no lack of structure. Drinking window 2021-2029.



#### **MOREY-SAINT-DENIS 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES SORBETS**

The gentle extraction and use of whole clusters has produced a wine with deep plummy fruit, while one-third new casks give a sweet spice quality to the aroma. Dense and well balanced, this should be approachable young and will continue to drink well for a decade. From the band of premiers crus which run through the village, just below Clos de Tart. Drinking window 2021-2029.



#### **CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES CHABIOTS**

Grapes purchased from a very well-placed site in a parcel just above Amoureuses. The result is silky and supple, with enough structure and freshness to make the ripe cherry fruit shine. This is approachable even now and should drink well at an early age. It is fermented in open-top oak vats and aged in cask (40% new) over two winters. Drinking window 2021-2029.



#### **VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin**

Bichot is justifiably proud of its magnificent, 1.75ha holding of Malconsorts, located on the border with Nuits-St-Georges. The wine has a lovely depth of red and black fruit flavours, with gentle tannic extraction that leaves an impression of great elegance and breed even after the pleasantly lingering finish. The 2019 was fermented with approximately 25% whole bunch and aged in 25% new casks. Drinking window 2024-2039.





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#### **ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin**

From a 1ha parcel in Les Champs Traversins that Bichot owns and farms organically. After a long, slow fermentation the wine ages over two winters in cask (70% new); the result is rich and lovely, with lustrous dark fruit, smoke and spice. On the palate, the wine shows impressive density and the tannins carry this to a lingering finish. Drinking window 2024-2039.



#### **GRANDS-ECHÉZEAUX GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin**

The domaine owns two parcels in Grands Echézéaux (one next to Drouhin and one next to DRC), with a combined size of a quarter-hectare. There is marvellous depth of plummy fruit aromas and rewarding concentration on the palate, with some spice aromas from the cask ageing (70% new) that are noticeable on the finish at this point. Drinking window 2024-2039.



#### **CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin**

From a 0.17ha, domaine-owned parcel located high on the Chambertin slope, this is a cool terroir and one of the last to be picked. Following a traditional vinification in open-top wooden vats, the wine is aged over two winters in cask (70% new). There is a rugged, savoury aspect to the dark fruit aromas, with hints of spice and earth. The texture is compact and tannic, and this should open well with age. Drinking window 2024-2039.



### WHITES

#### **BEAUNE 1<sup>ER</sup> CRU CLOS DES MOUCHES Domaine du Pavillon**

From a 0.75ha plot at the top of the slope, in the Clos des Mouches, where Bichot owns some vines that give a wine of winning concentration. There is pleasantly ripe apricot and pear fruit, with a broad feel on the palate. Regal in stature, perhaps lacking a bit of acidity, although many will enjoy its rich character. Drinking window 2024-2039.



#### **CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU Domaine du Pavillon**

Bichot has 1.2ha in Languettes, high on the slope, with a south/south-east exposition. The southern exposition is of major importance here, if one is to avoid over-ripeness. In 2019, the wine has very exotic, almost tropical aromas, while on the palate the texture is dense and creamy, and the ripe pear fruit touched with honey is even more apparent. A wine of luxurious charm. Drinking window 2024-2039.



#### **CRIOTS-BATARD-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU**

This is delicate and lovely, with tender, ripe apple and white floral notes on the nose. Despite the heat of the year, there is plenty of finesse on the palate, a creamy texture and enough acidity to balance the whole. Should drink well on release and improve for a decade. Drinking window 2021-2029.

