



Christy Canterbury MW

January 2025

## Red wines

97

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023 Chambertin GC**

In striking contrast to the 2022, which was quite muscular and brawny, this is more of a gentle giant than juggernaut. Cherry pits, strawberry preserves, brown spice and fireplace embers mesh to create a heady, enticing array of flavors. The tannins are nicely knit into the succulent palate. The racy acidity keeps the mouth watering on the long finish tinged with umami. There are only 16 ares here—found at the top of the slope near the forest, so this probably won't be too easy to find.



96

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023 Echézeaux GC**

This radiates good energy between its concentrated and pure, red-fruited nose and its tingly, focused palate. Cranberries, lingonberries and orange zest deliver zing. The noble tannins are velvety, and the scintillating acidity pulls the flavors into a mineral-flecked finish. The elegance is almost extravagant. This is from a large, contiguous block in the upper, center portion of Champs Traversins with lots of sand and gravel. Certified AB organic.

95

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Latricières-Chambertin GC**

This Latricières needs time. Its structure is a bit high strung and electric, slightly constricting the hearty red fruits right now. However, there is good, layered stuffing underneath with pomegranates, loganberries and a hint of grenadine slowly fading on the concentrated finish. Give this at least five years.

95

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023 Clos-de-Vougeot GC**

This is a captivating Clos-de-Vougeot with baked raspberries, goji berries and North African spices. The finessed tannins are dense and layered, and the spry acidity creeps up the back palate. There is such ripe fruit that it is almost easy to miss the structure, but it is definitely there to aid this wine in aging well for ten or more years. This is certified AB organic.



95

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023 Vosne-Romanée PC Les Malconsorts**

Aromatically dynamic, this starts with dried cranberries, underbrush, fine spices and forest floor. The palate shows generous layers of pure, sweet fruit wrapped up in rather firm, latticed tannins and zinging acidity. Don't be too impatient with this wine. This is a single, 1.7 ha block just a hop, skip and jump away from La Tâche. Certified AB organic.

94

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chablots**

Vinous and spicy, this boasts black cherries, loganberries, violets and smoked tea. All of the finesse of Chambolle is clearly in evidence between the well-mannered, filigree tannins and the fresh acidity. Few producers make this wine, so it flies under the radar, despite its premium positioning next to Les Amoureuses.

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Corton GC Clos des Maréchaudes Monopole**

Sweet and tangy raspberries pop on the nose. The core is supple with a coiled-up fruit intensity that will benefit from at least five years in bottle. The tannins offer nice bite. Certified AB organic, this is the 0.55 ha "sister" wine to the 1.4 ha Aloxe-Corton PC Clos des Maréchaudes.





# Burgundy 2023 Special Report

BY CHRISTY CANTERBURY MW



Christy Canterbury MW

January 2025

## Red wines

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Pommard PC Les Rugiens**

Showing impressive drinkability already, this is a stylish Les Rugiens with succulent, noble tannins, crisp acidity and a compact, ripe fruit core. Black plums, black raspberries and freshly-turned earth deliver ample flavor. This one-third hectare in Rugiens-Bas is certified AB organic.

93

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Morey-St-Denis PC Les Sorbets**

Full in body with excellent sap, this tastes of sweet blackberries and mounds of savory spices. Classy oak, refined tannins and racy acidity give this immediate moreishness, though it has ample structure to cellar well for at least six to eight years.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Château Gris 2023 Nuits-St-Georges PC Château Gris Monopole**

Gleaming with purple inflections, this is a highly approachable Nuits. The intense, ripe fruits are delightfully sappy with black plum pits and blueberry preserves. Laser-like in structural focus the juicy mid-palate is neatly framed by vivid acidity and suave, sculpted tannins. This is certified AB organic.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023 Vosne-Romanée**

This is often an over-performing village wine. It is a blend of Damaudes at the top of the hill on the southern end of the village and Basses Maizières at the bottom of the hill on the north end, both of which are too small to make as separate cuvées. Resolutely full in body, this is unabashedly fruit-driven on the nose with baked cobbler berries and oodles of baking spice. Cooler forest scents come in on the palate, as do the marble-smooth tannins and waterfall of lifting acidity. Certified AB organic.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Aloxe-Corton PC Clos des Maréchaudes Monopole**

Dense and satisfying with oodles of tangy red berries and intense, sweet spices, this has resounding freshness and a considerable finish. The compact, medium body is smartly framed by lithe tannins. Facing due east with very rocky soils, this is a rare clos that has both Premier and Grand Cru vines—all certified AB organic.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Pommard Clos des Ursulines Monopole**

This is a generous, 4-ha clos that is stonier than most of Pommard. This palate is enticingly thick with blueberries and blackberries tinged with savory spices. The tannins fold gently into the sweet fruit while an arc of acidity energizes the wine through the solid finish. This is certified AB organic.

92

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2023 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Murots**

91

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Adélie 2023 Mercurey PC Champs Martin**

90

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Fixin**

89

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir Secret de Famille**





Christy Canterbury MW

January 2025

## White wines

95

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Corton-Charlemagne GC**

This comes from 1.2 ha in Les Languettes. While in the top tier of the hill, it gets warm quickly with its south-north row orientation. This shows a toasty, buttery nose with floral flourishes. The palate is richly fruited with poached apples and pears. The acidity is gently woven in, and some pleasant bitterness tightens up the back palate. This is likely to be a more mid-term Corton-Charlemagne. Certified AB organic.

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Meursault PC Les Charmes**

Vinous and spry, this is intensely peachy on the nose with kumquat and passion fruit on the palate. Moderate in weight but with good, chewy extract, this has very nice sap that extends into a long finish. Alas, while one-third of these vines are about ten years old, two-thirds are about a half-century old and need to be renewed soon. Find one while you can. This is certified AB organic.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2023 Meursault**

This wine really sings this year with an open, inviting nose of apricots and peach pits scattered with summer blooms. A lightening bolt of acidity gives this excellent energy, too. This is certified AB organic.

92

### **Albert Bichot, Château-Gris 2023 Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses Monopole**

91

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Mâcon Milly-Lamartine**

90

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Adélie 2023 Mercurey Les Champs Michaux**

89

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Adélie 2023 Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard**

88

### **Albert Bichot 2023 Mâcon-Lugny Les Charmes**



## Crémants

88

### **Albert Bichot, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Rosé**

86

### **Albert Bichot, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Réserve**





Christy Canterbury MW

January 2025

## Domaine Long-Depaquit

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis GC La Moutonne Monopole**

Impressively reductive, it took some work to get this wine to show its stuff. Lemon-lime intensity eventually came to the fore followed by toasted hazelnuts, sweet spice and crumble. The tugging texture offers reassuring structure as this has the stuffing to age well. Give it at least five or six years.

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis GC Les Blanchots**

Lilting and ethereal, this is balletic in aromas and texture. Spring florals, small pit fruits and sea breezes create a compelling bouquet. Minerality pulses through the spritely, highly-defined and textbook Blanchots palate. Give this at least five years for the tension to further integrate.

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis GC Les Clos**

Vividly floral with pretty spice top notes, peaches and plumcots saturate the palate. A tugging edge of tannins reins in the broad palate with ample extract. The long finish is a flourish of chalky minerality.

94

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis GC Les Preuses**

Vinified entirely in oak, this is explosively fresh and simultaneously very compact. Mirabelle tart, warm custard and scented vanilla create an enticing flavor profile. This is the 0.25 ares parcel that isn't part of the iconic La Moutonne and is Bichot's smallest holding in Chablis.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis GC Les Vaudésirs**

Peppy, mineral and doused with lemon, this is a sassy Grand Cru. Medium in body and concentration, it's a bit lighter than the delicious 2022, but it's just as engaging. This will drink nicely early on.

93

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis PC Les Vaucopins**

This sings with vibrant citrus tones and fragrant tilleul tea. Vividly fresh on the richly-textured palate thanks to lime pith-like tannins curbing the vinous expansiveness, this has impressive balance and age-worthiness. These are 60-year-old vines planted on a steep slope.

92

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis GC Bougros**

92

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis PC Les Vaillons**

92

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis PC Montmains**

92

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis PC Les Beugnons**

91

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis PC Les Lys**

90

### **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit 2023 Chablis**

