

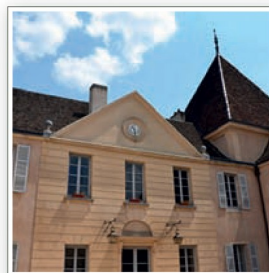
DOMAINES

ALBERT  BICHOT

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PRESS REVIEW

Vintage 2015



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Top 100
Cellar Selections
2018



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Albert Bichot 2015 Les Sorbets Premier Cru (Morey- Saint-Denis)

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Neal Martin

November 2018

2015 REDS

Tasted blind at the annual Burgfest tasting

2015 CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU

97

The 2015 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru has a tightly coiled bouquet of high-toned red fruit, raspberry, red currant, pressed violets and iris, and later a hint of baking powder. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, coming across as fresh and lively but very linear and strict at the moment - more like a Clos Saint-Denis in style. But there is a nobility about this wine, and it is certainly persistent. This is one of several wines that shot way past my estimation from barrel. Bravo.

2015 VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1^{ER} CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin

96

The 2015 1er Cru seems to have been born to embarrass my rather tepid reaction to this wine from barrel. Wow! This has me smitten. It offers a very floral, seductive bouquet with pressed violet petals liberally scattered over the black cherry and wild strawberry fruit, and just a hint of vanilla in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannin. This is very cohesive, harmonious and silky-smooth in texture, with a light touch of blood orange and brown spices that impart complexity on the finish. Excellent.

2015 CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin

94

The 2015 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru has a perfumed, peppermint-tinged bouquet, turning more to cough drop scents with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied, offering supple tannin, good balance, smooth texture, well-judged acidity and a silky, sensual, almost flirtatious finish.

2015 POMMARD 1^{ER} CRU LES RUGIENS Domaine du Pavillon

92

The 2015 Pommard Les Rugiens 1er Cru did not impress out of barrel, but it sure makes amends in bottle. It has a very fruit-forward, almost Volnay-like bouquet of plush red cherry and strawberry fruit, quite glossy. The palate is well balanced with a sorbet-fresh entry, and quite minerally, with a lovely grainy texture. There is disarming purity toward the long finish, which is where the Pommard character almost belatedly shows through. Superb.



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2015 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1^{ER} CRU "LES CHABIOTS"

93 pts

Ripe and full bodied, this wine is also succulent and juicy. Red fruits show strongly in the concentrated texture and the richness. An impressive wine to age, it will not be ready to drink before 2023.



2015 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES 1^{ER} CRU "CHÂTEAU-GRIS"

93 pts

Juicy, firmly structured and with great fruit, this wine will need aging. With black cherries and juicy red currants, it is both ripe and crisp. Drink this wine, with its excellent potential, from 2024.

2015 FIXIN 1^{ER} CRU "CLOS DE LA PERRIÈRE"

90 pts

This is a structured, firm wine with a dry core of tannins, which bodes well for the future as the rich fruit comes slowly through the structure. It has weight and juicy potential. The wine comes from a walled vineyard wholly owned by the producer. Drink from 2021.



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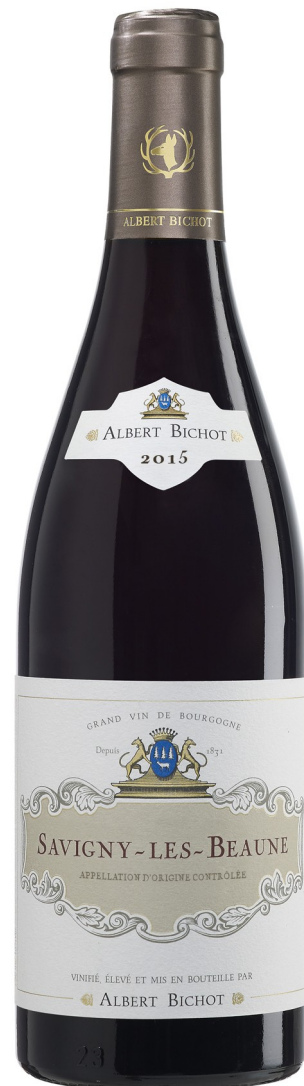
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Côte de Beaune reds

Albert Bichot

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE 2015

89/100

Still backward on the nose but there is depth and richness here: black cherry fruit allied with a powerful oak structure. Long and precise.



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2015 REDS

VOSNE ROMANÉE LES MALCONSORTS PREMIER CRU, Domaine du Clos Frantin 95

Cellar Selection

Selected in the « Top 100 Cellar Selection Wines for 2017 »

From one of the high-quality Premier Crus that have much of the reflected glory of the Vosne-Romanée grand crus, the beautiful wine is ripe and packed with great red fruits. Its wood aging is a rich support to this opulent wine with considerable potential. Drink from 2025.



POMMARD CLOS DES URSULINES, Domaine du Pavillon 94

Cellar Selection

The walled Clos des Ursulines is wholly owned by this producer. This perfumed wine is showing strong wood aromas as well as concentrated spice. Underneath, the generous juicy fruit has a fine balance between red plums and bright acidity. Drink from 2022.



SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE AUX CLOUS PREMIER CRU 93

Firm and tannic, this is a dense wine. Its weight and richness promise a good future. It is juicy, full of red-cherry flavors and with plenty of perfumed acidity. The wine will be ready to drink from 2023.



MORGON LES CHARMES 90

Editors 'Choice

This soft and perfumed wine exudes the ripe black-cherry fruit of this warm vintage. The wine is rich and smooth but shot through with acidity. It is a generous wine that is ready to drink.

BEAUNE CLOS DE L'ERMITAGE 89

Showing a dry character from the wood aging, this spicy wine also has fruit weight. While it is still young, its ripe berry flavors laced with black cherries are right up front. It does have the rounded character of a Beaune and this will develop more strongly. Drink from 2021.

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2015 WHITES

CHABLIS MOUTONNE GRAND CRU, Domaine Long-Depaquit

95

Cellar Selection

Regarded almost as a Grand Cru in its own right, the Moutonne vineyard, wholly owned by Albert Bichot, is in a corner of the Vaudésir Grand Cru vineyard. In this sumptuous year, the wine is more generous, ripe yellow fruits than mineral texture. The acidity and the tangy aftertaste are a reminder that this is from cool-climate Chablis. Drink from 2023.

CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU, Domaine du Pavillon

94

Properly opulent, this is a generous, subtly wood-aged wine. Ripe apricot and peach fruits are shot through with crisp apple. The wood and the rich fruits give this structured wine a warm character. It is still young, of course. Drink from 2023.

CHABLIS LES VAILLONS PREMIER CRU, Domaine Long-Depaquit

93

This young, textured wine shows a mix of strong minerality and ripe white fruits. The Albert Bichot Chablis domaine has a fine parcel from this premier cru. Refreshing citrus and tight acidity contrast with the warmer vanilla and yellow fruits. Drink from 2021.



2016 WHITES

CHABLIS, Domaine Long-Depaquit

88

This warm, ripe Chablis has a hint of tangy texture along with intense white-fruit acidity. It is a delicious wine, still young, and will be better from 2018.

MÂCON-LUGNY LES CHARMES

88

This ripe, smoothly textured wine is rich with apricot and white-peach fruits. Light wood flavors add spice and fill out the texture. With its generous weight, the wine is going to be full and ripe from 2018.

MÂCON-VILLAGES

86

Yellow fruit and toast aromas set the scene for this soft, rounded wine. The apricot flavors are right there, lightly lifted by acidity. A gentle wine, it's ready to drink now.

CRÉMANT

CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE BRUT RÉSERVE

88

This delightfully fruity wine also has a great tang of acidity and minerality. It shows a crisp character, with a bite of apple peel and a lively mousse at the end. Drink now.





September 2017

CRU BEAUJOLAIS 2015



Highly Recommended

91

Albert Bichot, Rocheigrès Moulin à Vent Domaine de Rocheigrès 2015

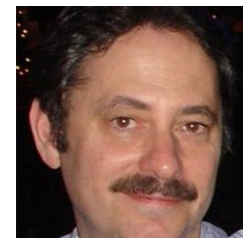
Dark cherry aroma with a touch of spicy oak. Generous yet focused palate, long and persistent, with plenty of zest and freshness. Firm structure for ageing, wait a while. **Drink** 2018-2022.

Highly Recommended

90

Albert Bichot, Les Charmes Morgon 2015

Pronounced vanilla-oak scents sit amid glossy blackberry and floral-toned fruit on the nose. Powerful, smooth and mouthfilling palate with alluring damson fruit partening a mineral thread onto the finish. Worth waiting a while. **Drink** 2018-2022.



Stephen Tanzer

August 2017

2015 CHABLIS

- 2015 Chablis Les Lys Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **89**
Pale, bright yellow. Nose offering aromas of white peach, lemon zest and stone, plus an asphalt-like suggestion of hydrocarbons. Juicy and nicely concentrated, with a peach flavor complicated by hints of smoke, herbs and soil. The wine's subtle sweetness is nicely buffered by harmonious acidity. An attractive, approachable wine with good restraint for the year: very ripe but not at all roasted. Finishes firm and persistent, with a repeating white peach note and a suggestion of dryness. This has turned out well.
- 2015 Chablis Les Beugnons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **89**
Bright light-medium yellow. Nose offering ripe but subdued fruit notes of lemon drop and white peach. More minerally in the mouth than the 2016 version, showing a bit of warmth but very good supporting density to its ripe lemon and anise flavors. Not ready to drink but already offers attractive balance. Finishes classically dry and broad, with a repeating mineral quality.
- 2015 Chablis Les Vaillons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **90**
Light-medium yellow. Lower-toned scents of fresh apricot and flint. Broad and rich but classic, conveying good chewy depth to its flavors of peach, oyster shell and white pepper. This rather large-scaled premier cru spreads out nicely to saturate the palate on the firm after-taste. Shows less warmth than the Beugnons.
- 2015 Chablis Les Montmains Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **91**
Pale light-medium yellow. Deep yellow fruits, lemon oil and subtle stony notes on the nose. Fat, smooth and deep but with good underlying minerality to its ripe fruit element. Plush and broad but not at all overly sweet. Finishes firm and dry, even taut.
- 2015 Chablis Les Vaucopins Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **91**
Bright, light yellow. More tangy and exotic on the nose than the Montmains, offering scents of orange oil, toast and spices. Concentrated, fine-grained and quite suave on the palate, with nicely integrated acidity giving shape and definition to the strong yellow fruit and white pepper flavors. A firm, seamless, mouthfilling premier cru with noteworthy energy and length.
- 2015 Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **92**
Good bright, pale yellow. Subtle perfume of white peach, ginger, powdered stone and mint. Fine-grained, rich and broad but light on its feet, with the minty note lifting the rather cool stone fruit and floral flavors. The vibrant, taut, long finish really stimulates the taste buds without leaving any impression of weight. Conveys a strong impression of extract and spicy lift. This fruit was the first to be harvested in 2015 (on September 3) and it shows in the wine's energy. Very sexy juice, and with no shortage of texture or density. An excellent showing.
- 2015 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **92 +**
Bright medium yellow. More minerally and complex than the 2016 version, offering aromas of white peach, fresh pineapple, orange oil, minerals and spicy oak. More imploded today than the Blanchots, showing less dimension but in need of time. An element of lemony acidity contributes to the wine's rather austere impression. But firm saline minerality and acidity give this very young, clenched grand cru the spine to age gracefully. Distinctly broader-shouldered than the 2016 version. This fruit was picked early, but the estate brought in their Blanchots and Montée de Tonnerre first, after the hail.
- 2015 Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **91**
Pale bright yellow. Complex, soil-driven scents of lemon, powdered stone, menthol and white flowers, with a smoky, flinty element emerging with air. Displays surprising sweetness to its white peach, mineral and floral flavors on entry, then turns firmer and more backward--even a bit tannic--on the back half. This rather large-scaled, fine-grained wine will need time despite its early sweetness.
- 2015 Chablis La Moutonne Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit** **93**
Pale, bright lemon-yellow. Captivating aromas of pineapple, grilled almond, coconut, iodine and flint. Concentrated, chewy and unpromisingly dry on entry, then turns a bit silkier in the middle, offering savory flavors of lemon drop, minerals, menthol, mint and hazelnut. Quite smooth in texture for such a powerful grand cru but still youthfully tight. The very long, subtle, slowly mounting finish saturates the palate with dusty extract. This remarkably tactile wine boasts outstanding potential.



2015 white Burgundies

2015 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Secret de Famille": (85-87)

A pungent nose consists of notes of straw, petrol, white peach and a hint of citrus peel. There is a reasonably good sense of energy to the round, succulent and easy-to-like flavors that offer acceptable depth and length. This opulent effort is fruity but not simple. 2018+

2015 Mercurey "Les Champs-Michaux" *Domaine Adélie*: 87

A pretty and cool nose features primarily notes of citrus and various white orchard fruit. The succulent, round and lush flavors are very 2015 in style while offering a lightly mineral-inflected finish where hints of bitter lemon and warmth appear. This should drink well shortly after release. 2018+

2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Terrasses" Château-Gris: (89-91)

A ripe but cool nose consists of white flower, citrus, wet stone and apple scents. There is solid mid-palate concentration to the generous mineral-inflected flavors that possess a lovely sense of energy on the saline, clean and dry finish. This is really quite good and worth considering. 2020+

2015 Beaune "Clos des Mouches" *Domaine du Pavillon*: (88-91)

Nuances of wood and citrus sit atop the ripe aromas of acacia and white peach. The round, rich and generously proportioned flavors terminate in a clean, moderately dry and balanced finale. This should also drink reasonably well young. 2021+

2015 Meursault *Domaine du Pavillon*: (87-90)

(from 5 different *lieux-dits* spread around the commune). A ripe and attractively fresh nose offers up notes of petrol, hazelnut and a touch of the exotic on the white orchard fruit aromas. The rich, dense and caressing medium weight flavors possess both fine volume and solid length on the delicious, round and balanced finale. 2020+

2015 Meursault "Les Charmes" *Domaine du Pavillon*: (89-91)

Moderate reduction renders the nose difficult to read today. Otherwise there is more volume and mid-palate concentration to the sleek and seductively textured flavors that coat the palate with sap on the lingering finale. This is quite rich, indeed even opulent yet there is no heaviness. 2021+

2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Morgeot": (89-92)

This too displays notably ripe notes of petrol, olive oil, white orchard fruit and whispers of floral and lemon zest. There is excellent mid-palate volume to the delicious and sappy flavors that culminate in an agreeably dry if slightly warm finish thanks to the citrus character exhibited by the nose that resurfaces. This is an interesting wine as there is so much sap that the texture is borderline chewy. 2022+

2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Vide Bourse": (90-92)

Here the more elegant nose is compositionally similar though in this case the floral character is more prominent. The notably finer medium-bodied flavors possess a very generous mouth feel along with fine concentration and power along with fine length on the citrusy, dry and balanced finale. Lovely. 2022+

2015 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet: (90-93)

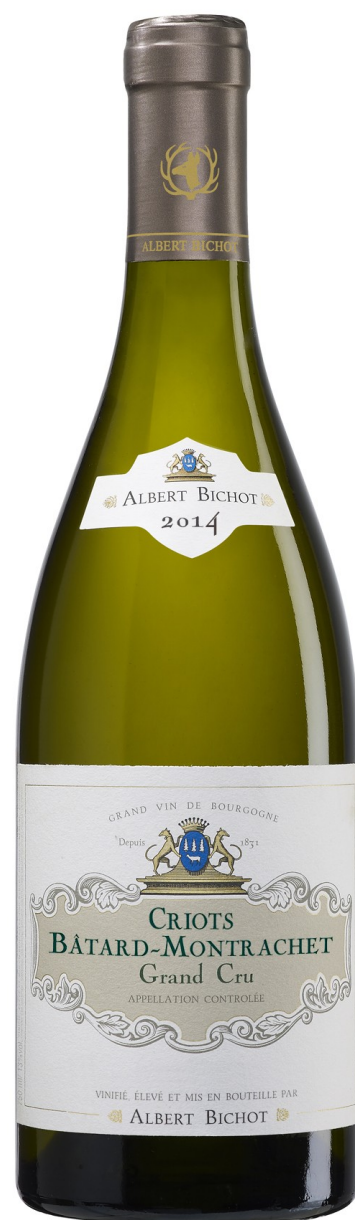
There is a mildly exotic character present on the petrol-inflected white and yellow orchard fruit aromas that are trimmed in just enough wood to notice. The succulent, rich and full-bodied flavors possess a caressing mouth feel while delivering impressive length. This is a big and luscious but balanced Criots that manages its heaviness though with that said, this is no ballerina. 2022+

2015 Corton-Charlemagne *Domaine du Pavillon*: (91-93)

(from a 1 ha parcel situated in Languettes in Aloxe-Corton). There is a lovely sense of energy to the big-bodied and overtly powerful flavors that evidence plenty of minerality on the mildly austere, clean and relatively dry finale. This intense effort should age well. 2023+



INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2017



After receiving a **Gold Medal**, the « **White Burgundy Trophy** », the « **French White Trophy** » and the « **International Chardonnay Trophy** », the **CRIOTS-BÂTARD-MONTRACHET 2014** from Albert Bichot was awarded « **Champion White** », ie Best White Wine of the World.

Tasting note from the judges : « *Bright lemon-green, it offers lively citrus fruit with hazelnuts on the nose, and a concentrated honey and lemon palate with savoury hints. Long, lingering, complex finish.* »

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2017

14 wines submitted
12 GOLD MEDALS
2 SILVER MEDALS
13 TROPHIES



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INTERNATIONAL CHARDONNAY TROPHY for Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet 2014

GOLD MEDAL
FRENCH WHITE TROPHY
WHITE BURGUNDY TROPHY
CRIOIS-BÂTARD-MONTRACHET TROPHY



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MEURSAULT 1ER CRU LES CHARMES - Domaine du Pavillon 2015

GOLD MEDAL and MEURSAULT TROPHY

Bright lemon-green, it has subtle aromas of acacia flowers and baked lemon. It's round and creamy mid-palate with nutty balance. Elegant with balanced acidity.



NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES LES TERRASSES - CHÂTEAU-GRIS 2015

GOLD MEDAL and NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES WHITE TROPHY

Seductive and glamorous white Burgundy with a sleek, rich texture and impeccable balance. Refined and lightly toasty oak interplay with focussed citrus minerality. A flourish of exotic fruit on the finish.



CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU - Domaine du Pavillon 2015

GOLD MEDAL

A more fruit forward style with judicious use of oak. Notes of grapefruit, nectarine and a white peach with an elegant, buttery finish.



CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU CUVÉE ROI SOLEIL - Hospices de Beaune 2014

GOLD MEDAL and CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE TROPHY

A dynamic and tense young Corton-Charlemagne, with determined acidity, stony minerality and exuberant intensity. This promising wine needs a further three years of ageing to allow the concentrated fruit and zesty acidity to come together.



INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2017



GRANDS-ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU - Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

GOLD MEDAL and GRANDS-ECHEZEAX TROPHY

Pure raspberry fruit with gentle brambly hints - a sensual delight and experience. A long, building palate that is sensually strong and shows leafy undercurrents and powdery chocolate notes. A fine, silky finish.



CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU 2015

GOLD MEDAL

Strong oaky nose and palate. Kirsch liqueur and raspberry coulis notes with a dusting of cinnamon. Understated with time potential. Drink between 5-10 years.



CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU - Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

GOLD MEDAL and CHAMBERTIN TROPHY

Black cherry, morello and bay leaf notes on a rich, heady palate. The palate is a touch tight but open up, unfurling like an exotic flower. A fine tannic grip for the future on this wine which already delivers.



VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1ER CRU LES MALCONSORTS - Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

GOLD MEDAL and VOSNE-ROMANÉE TROPHY

Very modern in style with fleshy, concentrated palate of spicy dark raspberries. Long, grippy and very well balanced. Would benefit from ageing.



CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES AMOUREUSES 2015

GOLD MEDAL and CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY TROPHY

Archetypal Chambolle! Delicate, refined wine with delicious perfumed wild strawberries and cinnamon aromas. Silky and delicate. Perfect now but will age well.



CORTON GRAND CRU CLOS DES MARÉCHAUDES - Domaine du Pavillon 2015

GOLD MEDAL and CORTON TROPHY

Wild and breezy with bright bramble fruit and a lovely rounded but dense palate. Classic, stony Corton fruit with a lovely balance between richness and invigorating freshness.



MAZIS-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU CUVÉE MADELEINE COLLIGNON - Hospices de Beaune 2015

GOLD MEDAL and MAZIS-CHAMBERTIN TROPHY

Huge concentration of complex black and red fruits with spice. A divine, powerful and exotic palate showing star anise and cinnamon. An outstanding wine.



POMMARD 1ER CRU LES RUGIENS - Domaine du Pavillon 2015

SILVER MEDAL

An exemplary Pommard Cru, showing luscious black cherry and damson fruit supported by a fine tannic structure - will age for years.



GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1ER CRU LAVAUX-SAINT-JACQUES 2015

SILVER MEDAL

Attractive clean and dense cherry and blackcurrant fruit. Refreshing acidity, subtle tannins and a good mouthfeel.

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for Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet 2014



Grands-Echezeaux Grand Cru 2015
Domaine du Clos Frantin



Vosne-Romanée 1^{er} Cru Les Malconsorts 2015
Domaine du Clos Frantin



Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2015
Domaine du Pavillon



Meursault 1^{er} Cru Les Charmes 2015
Domaine du Pavillon





2015 Reds from Côte de Beaune

2015 Beaune "Les Epenottes" *Domaine du Pavillon*: (88-90)

A fresh, pretty and bright nose features notes of various red berries and earth that are trimmed in just enough wood to remark upon. The velvety, round and seductively textured middle weight flavors possess solid volume while maintaining good balance on the softly austere finale. This is a quality Beaune *villages*. 2021+

2015 Aloxe-Corton *Domaine du Pavillon*: (88-91)

(from Les Crapousuets). There is a hint of menthol sitting atop the distinctly earthy and *savage*-inflected nose of red and dark pinot fruit aromas. There is both fine volume and concentration to the energetic and utterly delicious medium weight flavors that terminate in a moderately rustic, firm and solidly complex finale. This is very Aloxe in style without being particularly austere. Worth a look. 2022+

2015 Pommard "Clos des Ursulines" *Domaine du Pavillon*: (88-91)

(a huge 4 ha *monopole* of the domaine). There is outstanding concentration to the sappy and velvet-textured medium-bodied flavors that coat the palate with extract which also helps to buffer the markedly firm tannins on the rustic finale. Like the Aloxe in its fashion, this is very Pommard in style and while not an elegant wine, there is no lack of underlying material. 2023+

2015 Volnay "Les Santenots" *Domaine du Pavillon*: (90-92)

(from Les Plures). Very fresh nose of various red berries, spice and floral scents where violet nuances are especially prominent. There is both excellent vibrancy and delineation to the notably finer middle weight flavors that evidence markedly more minerality that arises on the built-to-age finale. 2025+

2015 Pommard "Les Rugiens" *Domaine du Pavillon* : (90-93)

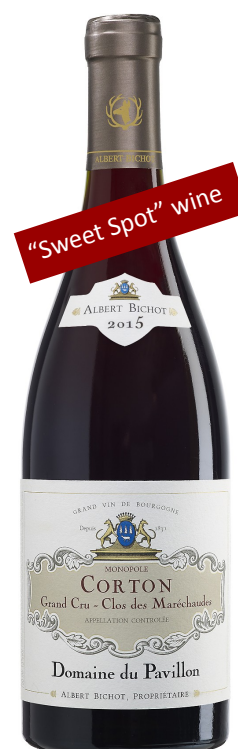
(from Rugiens Bas). A brooding and all but inexpressive nose reluctantly reveals its notes of plum, cassis, violets and pungent earth. There is a bit more volume to the powerful, concentrated and serious middle weight plus flavors that evidence even more minerality on the mouth coating, firmly structured and impressively long finish. This is clearly going to require extended cellaring to soften what are resolute but not hard tannins. 2027+

2015 Aloxe-Corton "Clos des Maréchaudes" *Domaine du Pavillon*: (90-92)

Ripe aromas of cassis, earth, forest floor and wisps of the *savage*. The mouth feel of the delicious and punchy medium-bodied flavors is unusually refined; indeed I would describe it as quite seductive yet there is no lack of focused power and drive on the dusty and youthfully austere finale. 2023+

2015 Corton-Clos des Maréchaudes *Domaine du Pavillon*: (91-94)

(a ~1.9 ha *monopole* that is split between ~.5 ha classified as *grand cru* and the remaining 1.4 ha as 1er). Similar if more complex nose. The velvety, round and equally seductively textured flavors possess a bit more overall size, weight and mid-palate concentration while delivering even better length on the powerful and built-to-age finish. Patience required. 2027+





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MAISON ALBERT BICHOT

Fixin Premier Cru Clos de la Perrière (Monopole)

AK | The nose is shy but shows a light, perfumed lift of something coniferous. The fruit is tart and red but ripe and there is a lovely, herb-scented aroma. This is delicious, light on its feet, slender and charming. There is slight grip, lovely structure, and complete freshness. If you like slender styles, this delivers balance with little weight. Bravo. | **91**

Chambolle-Musigny Premier Cru Les Amoureuses

AK | A redcurrant-scented lift on the nose. This mingles with the softest touch of vanilla and a sense of wet stone. These lovely flavors also harmonize on the creamy, soft palate. It is on the mid-palate that the richness and warmth of the wine become apparent. This is almost hefty, but in muscle, not in fat. The charming red fruit lightens and brightens and echoes long. | **92**

Nuits-St-Georges Premier Cru Château-Gris (Monopole)

AK | Tender and pure notes of fresh red berry and forest fruit. The slender palate has a light touch and comes across as fleet of foot. It is only on the finish that a certain power and a distinct warmth shine through. This has lots of charm and wonderfully aromatic fruit. | **90**



2015 BURGUNDY

Côte de Nuits

DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN (ALBERT BICHOT)

Chambertin Grand Cru

AK | Reduction still clings to the nose. The palate has a juicy graininess that speaks of ripe, red cherry. There is something almost boisterous and lively, softly toned down by mocha hints of oak. The fruit underneath is lovely and pure and rings with freshness. The structure is tight but pliable. | **93**

Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru

AK | Slight smoke and slight vanilla are signaled on the nose. The gentle and taut body is characterized by tart, fresh cherry fruit. There is a very fine web of palpable tannins and a welcome freshness that counters richer mocha notes of oak. There is lovely balance, suppleness, and length. | **93**

Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru Malconsorts

AK | As always, something darkly brooding and floral hovers above Malconsorts. Still closed but the body has a layered richness of darker aspects: bramble, peony, dark cherry. Freshness pervades the glossy, tightly knit palate and underlines the wonderful balance. Seamless elegance. | **94**

Echézeaux Grand Cru

AK | This is astonishingly ready: so pliable and harmonious, so gentle and rich, one could have it for dinner tonight. The structure is finely chiseled, the super-fine tannins settle like delicious dust on the tongue and provide a fine frame for exquisite cherry fruit, flanked by gentlest vanilla. The finish is lip-smacking and deliciously long. | **94**



Tasters : **AK** Anne Krebiehl MW | **NB** Neil Beckett | **MB** Michel Bettane | **ME** Mickael Edwards



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Chablis

DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT

Chablis Premier Cru Les Lys

ME | A special part of Vaillons, for its northeast exposure and high proportion of clay—cooling factors that make it an ideal foil in such talented hands as these for the heat of 2015. Wonderfully refreshing, approachable but with exceptional depth, substance, and tension. The most delightful Chablis en primeur surprise. Outstanding value. | **93**

Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots

ME | This is one of the very few Blanchots that shines in 2015, most others suffering from the hail that fell shortly before harvest. Its clay and limestone soil with ferrous elements, plus the right morning sunshine, delivers that magical floral character and exceptional finesse. Bravo! | **94**



2015 BURGUNDY

Côte de Beaune

DOMAINE DU PAVILLON (ALBERT BICHOT)

Meursault Premier Cru Charmes

NB | From the superior Charmes-Dessus, harvested on September 5-6. A beautiful, graceful scent: balanced, complex, pure, ripe yellow fruit, light camomile, a touch of vanilla. Ample and richly silky, very good concentration but incision, too, from the citrus cut, and a flourishing finish. | **92**

Pommard Premier Cru Rugiens

AK | A touch of spicy iron oxide colors the vanilla hints on the shy nose. The palate has the grippy, crunchy, but ultimately velvety structure of Rugiens. Wonderfully harmonious, with great freshness countering the perfectly ripe cherry fruit. | **93**

Volnay Premier Cru Les Santenots

AK | Still enveloped by the vanilla richness of oak, and with the slightest but salutary touch of reduction, this is indeed very young. The fruit underneath, however, is of pure, ripe but tart red cherry. A spine of acidity brightens the rounded palate and marries well with the more luscious aspects of oak, which will be absorbed. | **92**



Moulin-à-Vent

MAISON ALBERT BICHOT

Rochegrès Moulin-à-Vent

ME | A prime parcel of this prestigious site (granite over hard bedrock), bought by the Bichots in 2014. A subtle shade of deep ruby. The potential of nascent aromas and already lovely finesse; great yet fine-boned structure. *Grand vin*. 2022-30. | **93**



Tasters : **AK** Anne Krebiehl MW | **NB** Neil Beckett | **MB** Michel Bettane | **ME** Mickael Edwards

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Bruce Sanderson's Recommended 2015 Burgundies

Albert Bichot Reds

- Chambertin Domaine du Clos Frantin (94–97)
- Clos de la Roche (93–96)
- Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Domaine du Pavillon (89–92)
- Morey-St.-Denis Les Sorbets (89–92)
- Nuits-St.-Georges Les Terrasses Château Gris (88–91)
- Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon (89–92)
- Pommard Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon (90–93)
- Vosne-Romanée Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin (92–95)



Albert Bichot Whites

- Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit (87–90)
- Chablis Vaillons Domaine Long-Depaquit (88–91)
- Chablis Les Clos Domaine Long-Depaquit (90–93)
- Chablis Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long-Depaquit (90–93)
- Chablis Moutonne Domaine Long-Depaquit (91–94)
- Corton-Charlemagne Domaine du Pavillon (92–95)
- Meursault Les Charmes Domaine du Pavillon (91–94)

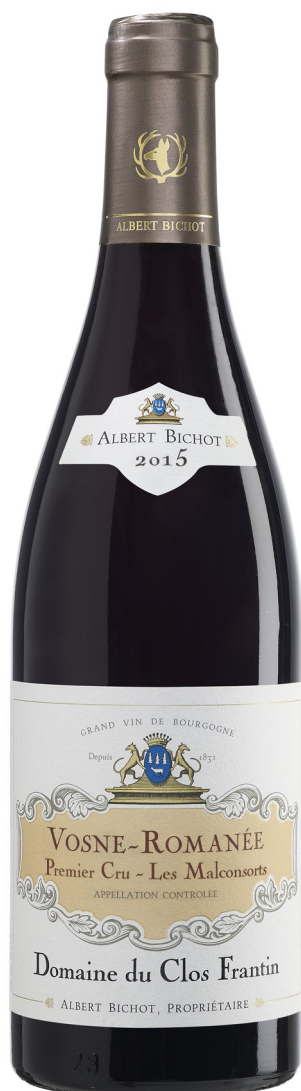




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Tasted by Stephen Brook



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**Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin,
Vosne-Romanée Les Malconsorts 1er cru 93**

Beguiling red fruit nose. Rich, suave palate with no flab, instead showing depth and precision. Excellent fruit soars through the mid palate and there's ample balancing acidity. Tannins are supple and integrated. **Drink** 2019-2035

2015 Côte de Nuits Reds



Albéric Bichot was away at the time of my visit but his team noted that 2015 "is a vintage of high maturities, indeed before the harvest we were worried that we might have excessively high maturities coupled with overly low acidities. Worse, with the heat and hydric stress that caused the photosynthetic process to shut down, you could have both of those characteristics together with partially unripe tannins as was sometimes the case in 1997. However about one week before the harvest we began to notice the tannins softening which was a very welcome sign. We chose to attack the picking on the 7th of September and it was easy to harvest quickly because the fruit was so clean and the weather was dry. Potential alcohols were generous as our fruit in the Côte de Beaune came in between 13.5 and 14% and that in the Côte de Nuits around 14%. Interestingly the total acidities were on the low side but because so much of it was tartaric, the pHs were 3.35 to 3.4 which is perfectly good. We used around 50% whole clusters and tried to use a very light hand with the extractions. Even so the thick skins gave up their tannins and colors easily. As to the wines, they're tannic and built-to-age though not hard as there's plenty of buffering dry extract and thus they're well-balanced. They remind us of our 1985s in that they should be drinkable on the younger side but should have no trouble seeing their 30th birthdays." I found the quality of the Bichot 2015s to be basically in-line with the general quality of the vintage; I do however call your attention to the Bourgogne as it's excellent for its level.

2015 Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille: 87

(all from Côte de Nuits). A relatively fresh and bright nose is composed by notes of red berries and earth with a background hint of wood. There is fine detail and vibrancy to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that possess fine concentration for the *appellation*, all wrapped in a lingering finale. This could be drunk young or aged for a few years first. Recommended. 2018+

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Evocelles": (89-91)

Discreet but not invisible wood frames aromas of red currant, earth and a subtle floral hint. There is good punch to the generously textured and mineral-driven medium weight flavors that manage to retain a fine sense of detail on the sappy, refreshing and well-balanced finale. This too is worth checking out as the relatively high elevation of Evocelles has helped to retain acidity and freshness. 2021+

2015 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Murots" - Domaine du Clos Frantin: (87-89)

Relatively generous wood frames ripe and fresh aromas of various red berries, earth and a floral hint. The sleek, delicious and fleshy medium weight flavors possess an attractive texture before terminating in a punchy and detailed if slightly warm finish that offers reasonably good depth and length. 2020+

2015 Vosne-Romanée - Domaine du Clos Frantin: (89-91)

(the blend is mostly from Damaudes with a small proportion of Hautes Maizières). Much more subtle wood sets off overtly spicy aromas of cassis, black cherry and violet scents. The wonderfully seductive flavors possess a velvety and caressing texture while delivering sneaky good length on the firm but balanced structure. This is inviting but serious and it should repay up to a decade of cellaring. Worth checking out. 2023+

2015 Morey St. Denis "Les Sorbets": (89-92)

There is just enough reduction present to render the nose difficult to evaluate. Otherwise there is good detail and vibrancy to the delicious, suave, round and fleshy flavors that possess an attractive texture, all wrapped in a balanced if mildly woody finish that offers fine length but only average depth. Note that my predicted range offers the benefit of the doubt that more complexity will develop with bottle age. 2022+

2015 Nuits St.-Georges "Chaînes Carteaux": (90-92)

Here the pungent nose is presently dominated by reduction and wood. On the plus side is the relatively refined texture to the medium-bodied flavors that possess better depth on the balanced and harmonious finish. As is usually the case with this *cru*, this is less rustic than most Nuits 1ers. 2022+

2015 Gevrey Chambertin "Lavaux-Saint-Jacques": (90-93)

Evident wood fights a bit with the ripe but cool aromas of red and dark currant, earth and plenty of *sauvage* character. There is outstanding richness to the dense yet refined middle weight plus flavors that culminate in a powerful and driving but not rustic finale. Note that the tannins are prominent but not hard and if you enjoy classic Gevrey, this one is worth considering. 2025+

2015 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Sentiers": (90-92)

More discreet but still discernible wood sets off cool, pure and elegant aromas of various red berries, lavender and a touch of freshly turned earth. Once again there is a lovely sense of refinement to the still sleekly muscular medium weight flavors that possess a sappy mouth feel on the ever-so-mildly austere finale. 2023+

2015 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Chabiots": (90-92)

This is aromatically quite similar to the Sentiers with perhaps just a bit more floral character. The lacy and lilting middle weight flavors dance across the palate and while this isn't particularly dense, it is undeniably pretty and very Chambolle in style. Note that this too needs to add some depth but I believe it will if given a few years of cellar time first. 2022+



2015 Côte de Nuits Reds**2015 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Amoureuses” : (91-93)**

Like the Lavaut this is very generously wooded and it's enough to particularly mask the floral and essence of red currant nose. By contrast there is a really lovely inner mouth perfume to the wonderfully refined and seductively textured flavors that exude a fine bead of minerality on the slightly warm but classy and strikingly persistent finish. As the description suggests this isn't at present especially harmonious but the density is such that the wood will probably be successfully absorbed and overall, this is likely to eventually harmonize. 2025+

2015 Vosne-Romanée “Les Malconsorts” - *Domaine du Clos Frantin* : (91-94)**SWEET SPOT WINE**

(from a whopping 1.76 ha parcel). A notably ripe and wonderfully spicy nose reflects notes of liqueur-like dark cherry, cassis, plum and violet. The dense, serious and markedly powerful big-bodied flavors brim with dry extract before terminating in a muscular and impressively long finish that also displays a hint of warmth. This is an imposingly-scaled and quite firmly structured effort that will require 12 to 15 years of bottle to arrive at its apogee. Patience. 2027+

2015 Charmes-Chambertin: (90-93)

(from Charmes proper). Much more moderate but again, not invisible oak serves as a backdrop for the liqueur-like red berry fruit, earth and softly *animale*-scented nose. The sleek and seductively textured medium weight flavors possess an underlying muscularity though the abundant sap does a fine job of buffering the moderately firm tannic spine on the sneaky long finale. 2025+

2015 Clos de Vougeot - *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (91-93)

(from a .72 ha parcel). A distinctly earthy nose is composed of very fresh red and dark currant laced with humus and underbrush nuances. The concentrated, serious and powerful broad-shouldered flavors possess a round and relatively supple mid-palate that contrasts substantially with the firm and youthfully austere finale. This too is going to require extended cellaring to resolve the prominent tannic spine. 2027+

2015 Grands-Echézeaux - *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (92-94)

(from a .4 ha parcel). Here the nose is relatively similar to that of the Echézeaux but with more evident floral elements. There is excellent concentration to the sappy big-bodied flavors that possess better verve on the firm and clearly built-to-age finish. Impressive but patience required. 2030+

2015 Chambertin - *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (92-95)

The wood treatment isn't subtle, indeed it's overtly toasty at present though not so much as to mask the cool and otherwise admirably pure nose of red and dark currant, spice and floral scents. There is a really lovely sense of underlying tension to the rich yet beautifully detailed flavors that possess excellent size, weight and mid-palate density, all wrapped in a serious, stony and mildly austere finish that goes on and on. This is also indisputably built-to-age and like the Richebourg, is going to need plenty of patience. 2032+

2015 Richebourg - *Domaine du Clos Frantin*: (93-95)

This is both cooler and more restrained with its wonderfully nuanced nose of violet, anise, sandalwood, hoisin and dark pinot fruit scents. There is a beguiling sense of energy to the much more mineral-inflected and powerful flavors that culminate in a hugely long finish where once again a hint of warmth appears. This too is most impressive but it's even more structured and most of 20 years will be required before this reaches its peak. 2033+





CHABLIS PRODUCERS

Top 25

Domaine Long-Depaquit

- 96** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC La Moutonne**
 Richer, broader and denser than the 2014, which was one of the whites of the vintage, this so-called "eighth Grand Cru" (a blend of mostly Vaudésir with a little Preuses) is more Côte d'Or like in 2015, with toasty oak and more texture. It's only on the finish that the salinity kicks in. 2018-24
- 96** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Clos**
 This is almost as good as the 2014 bottling of Les Clos, which is some achievement given how different the vintages are. The Bichots' two parcels were picked at the same time and were entirely fermented in older oak. Almond paste and struck match notes are complemented by racy minerality, salinity and subtle oak. Shows the class of the terroir. 2018-25
- 95** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Blanchots**
 In a year when the picking season was unusual to say the least in Chablis, this vineyard was harvested first, when it's normally last. It was the right choice, because this is a typically restrained, patrician white from this east-facing Grand Cru. Focused, balanced and very long. 2018-25
- 95** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Preuses**
 Always among the best and most consistent of the Chablis Grands Crus, Les Preuses is a wonderfully patrician vineyard. This 0.25-hectare parcel is situated just above La Moutonne and is entirely oak fermented. Smoky and intense, with a core of chalky acidity, it needs more time in bottle to integrate, but will age well. 2018-25
- 95** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Vaudésirs**
 The Bichot plantings are on the south-facing part of Vaudésirs, which ought to be bad news in a year like 2015. This may lack the focus and vivacity of the 2014, but it's still a very well judged wine with fine-grained oak and floral, pear and citrus fruit flavours. 2017-22
- 94** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Beugnons**
 Bottled earlier, like many of the Long-Depaquit whites in 2015, to preserve precious freshness, this comes from a warm, stony, protected site. It's on the rich side, with flavours of banana and passion fruit, but the acidity is clean and crunchy with a twist of grapefruit pith. 2017-22
- 94** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Lys**
 Les Lys, the only Chablis Premier Cru to face north, often comes up trumps in hot vintages like 2015. This unoaked, iodine and seaweed-scented white is typically crisp, pithy and well defined with a cool elegance and a long, saline finish. Seafood heaven. 2017-25
- 94** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Montmains**
 Long-Depaquit's Montmains comes from a single parcel in Forêts and was 25% oak-fermented in 2015. The terroir faces southeast, but this is not an over-ripe wine, showing subtle cinnamon oak, aromas of white flowers and crushed rock and a long, pithy finish. 2018-23
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Bougros**
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaucopins**
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaillons**
- 92** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Montée de Tonnerre**
- 89** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis**





Côte de Nuits wines

96 Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Echézeaux GC
The Bichot parcel is located in the Champs Traversins lieu-dit, where it is influenced by the proximity of the Combe d'Orveau. This is the best Clos Frantin Echézeaux I've ever tasted, achieving new levels of finesse and balance. Floral, bright and textured with very subtle oak. 2022-30

96 Albert Bichot, Clos de la Roche GC
Sourced from a single supplier of grapes - that the Bichot team decide when to pick - this is a very impressive rendition of one of Morey-St-Denis' two great Grands Crus. It's a serious, fairly muscular wine, with plummy concentration, pithy acidity and well-integrated oak. 2025-35

96 Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Amoureuses
The Bichot Les Amoureuses is often the best négociant bottling from this famous Premier Cru and that's certainly the case in 2015. It's a pale, refined, feline Pinot Noir with classis rose petal and peony notes, a core of red fruit sweetness and silky, palate-caressing tannins. 2020-28

95 Albert Bichot, Gevrey-Chambertin PC Lavaux-St-Jacques
Given its position at the bottom of the cool Combe de Lavaux, it's no surprise that the Premier Cru made such balanced wines in a hot vintage. This is a very polished, refreshing Pinot with redcurrant and pomegranate fruit, a dusting of oak and chalky acidity. 2022-28

94 Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Grands-Echézeaux GC
I usually prefer the Frantin Grands Echézeaux to the Echézeaux, but the reverse is true in 2015. This is still a very smart wine, but it needs time in bottle. Rich, dense and sinewy with quite a bit of new oak and a firm, chew finish. Grand Cru that will reward patience. 2025-35

94 Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chabiots
Located in the middle of the slope, close to Les Amoureuses, Les Chabiots is a comparatively little known Premier Cru. Less concentrated than its more famous neighbour, but this has some of the same perfume and balance. Floral, refreshing and fine. 2020-26

94 Albert Bichot, Morey-St-Denis PC Les Sorbets
Les Sorbets is a comparatively protected site, surrounded by houses and cellars in the lower part of the village. Like a cross between a Morey and a Chambolle, with floral aromas, sweet red plum and strawberry fruit, nuanced oak and fine tannins. 2020-26

94 Albert Bichot, Nuits-St-Georges PC Chaînes Carteaux
There's just a hint of reduction on this impressive Premier Cru, but it will almost certainly disappear before bottling. The underlying fruit is scented and richly textured, with a foundation of firmish tannins. One to cellar. 2024-30

93 Albert Bichot, Charmes-Chambertin GC

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin, Chambertin GC

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin Clos de Vougeot GC

93 Albert Bichot, Fixin PC Clos de la Perrière

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin Vosne-Romanée PC Les Malconsorts

93 Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin Vosne-Romanée

92 Albert Bichot, Nuits-Saint-Georges PC Château Gris

94 Albert Bichot, Le Dom du Ch. Gris, Nuits-St-Georges Les Terrasses

Something of a curiosity in Pinot Noir-dominated Nuits-St-Georges, this comes a parcel of Chardonnay that's located behind the town at 300 metres. It shows the richness and ripeness of the vintage, but there's crunchy freshness here too, as well as fine-grained oak. Worth seeking out, and not just as a curiosity. 2018-23



Côte de Beaune reds

- 94** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Corton GC Clos des Maréchaudes**
Located in the same clos as the Premier Cru of the same name, this comes from the upper part of the vineyards where the soils are very poor indeed. It's a very pure expression of the Grand Cru, with pepper spice and red berry flavours, chalky acidity and fine tannins, especially for a Corton. 2024-30
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Aloxé-Corton PC Clos des Maréchaudes**
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard PC Les Rugiens**
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Volnay PC Les Santenots**
- 91** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard Clos des Ursulines**
- 91** **Albert Bichot, Santenay PC Clos Rousseau**
- 90** **Albert Bichot, Santenay Les Charmes**



Côte de Beaune whites

- 96** **Albert Bichot, Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet GC**
This was picked comparatively late for the vintage, and made with purchased must, but it's remarkably fresh and focused. Showing less oak than the 2014 was at this stage, it's savoury, spicy and well balanced with fresh pastry and lemon tart flavours and a chalky finish. 2018-25
- 95** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Corton-Charlemagne GC**
Picked comparatively early - Corton-Charlemagne can be a rich wine as it is - this is a very well judged expression of the Grand Cru, which has minimised the effect of the hot conditions. Zesty, leesy and sensitively oaked, with a lovely combination of power and focus. Balanced and long. 2018-25
- 94** **Albert Bichot, Chassagne-Montrachet PC Vide Bourse**
Bichot make this appealingly named Premier Cru with purchased must. Located close to Bâtard-Montrachet, but very different in style, it has attractive white flower aromas, oatmeal and citrus flavours and a taut chiselled finish. One of the crisper Chassagnes in 2015. 2018-25
- 94** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Meursault PC Charmes**
Bichot combine three parcels, all of them in the lower part of Charmes, to make this delicious Meursault. It's at the riper end of the spectrum, reflecting the warmth of the vintage, with thick skins adding a hint of tannin. Sappy, well balanced and appealingly oaked, with just the right amount of honeyed sweetness. 2018-23
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Beaune PC Clos des Mouches**
- 93** **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Meursault**



Bourgogne, Côte Chalonnaise, Maconnais

- 90** **Albert Bichot, Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille**
- 91** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Mercurey PC Champs Martin**
- 90** **Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Mercurey Les Champs-Michaux**
- 89** **Albert Bichot, Mâcon-Lugny Les Charmes**

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CÔTE DE NUITS REDS

18.5

Grands-Échezeaux Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

Mid crimson. Oaky spice perfectly entwined with fresh, peppery dark-red fruit. Dry, firm, compact tannins but this is absolutely gorgeous – fully structured and yet perfectly filled out with pure, elegant, dark fruit. Superb balance and length.

BEST SCORE
among a selection of
30 Grands-Echezeaux
and Echezeaux 2015



16.5

Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles 2015

Mid cherry red. Sweetly oaked red fruits, sweet and sour flavours well balanced on the palate. Not especially generous on the palate but it's supple, fresh and well sustained. Long rather than deep.

17

Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

Mid crimson. Delicious aroma of red fruits and the almondy sweetness of Bakewell tart. This is lovely – fresh, supple and full of bright fruit. Surprisingly approachable, then just slightly chewy on the finish. Very polished. 17

16.5

Morey-Saint-Denis Les Sorbets Premier Cru 2015

Mid crimson. Sweet fruited and fragrant but with the complexity of something more savoury and dark – black olives, dark chocolate – difficult to pin down. Complete and satisfying.

17

Nuits-Saint-Georges Chaînes Carteaux Premier Cru 2015

Light to mid crimson. Deeply seductive fragrance and an equally seductive supple texture on the palate. Remarkably carressing at this stage in its life but not overly light or soft. Finishes reassuringly dry and fine-boned.

17

Chambolle-Musigny Les Chabiots Premier Cru 2015

Mid cherry red. Succulent and pure and fresh. So scented on the palate. Delicate and subtle but persistent, then finely dry and spicy on the finish.

17

Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses Premier Cru 2015

Mid crimson. Fragrant and remarkably delicate, with extreme finesse already. That delicacy does mean that the alcohol is felt a little on the finish but it's succulent and refined.

17+

Vosne-Romanée Les Malconsorts Premier Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

Deep crimson. Intense, ripe fruit aromas – both fresh and dried cherry. A much firmer grip than in the two Chambolles just tasted - Les Chabiots and Les Amoureuses - and needing more time. Depth and length without excess weight, kept shapely by the firmness of the texture.

17.5

Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2015

Mid cherry red. Perfumed with both fruit and spice and what seems like a slight stemmy note giving a light herbal freshness (in 2015 they typically used about 50% whole bunch, a bit higher than usual). Tight, scented but surprisingly toned on the palate. The physique of an acrobat.

17.5

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2015

Mid to deep cherry. Glorious delicately herbal freshness added to the intensity of pure red fruit. With the merest hint of pepper and spice and the oak swallowed by the fruit. A fine combination of upright structure and sufficient flesh for great shape. Great balance and real refinement.

17.5

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Chambertin Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2015

Mid crimson. Smells sweeter and riper than the Charmes-Chambertin with more black fruit. More savoury on the palate too and the oak showing a little more at the moment. Firm, compact and so fresh.

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CÔTE D'OR AND CÔTE CHALONNAISE REDS

- 16 **Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille 2015**
Light to mid cherry red. Gently and sweetly spiced red fruit. Fragrant. Juicy, mouth-watering and succulent. Gentle and generous but not flabby thanks to the lively fresh finish. Tannins just present on the finish to keep it in shape. Excellent balance.
- 16 **Mercurey Les Champs-Martin Premier Cru Domaine Adélie 2015**
Mid cherry red. More spiced than the Secret de Famille Bourgogne but also perfumed with red cherry. The oak shows a bit on the finish with a chocolate flavour. Lightly chewy finish.
- 16 **Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon 2015**
Deep cherry red. Ripe, fresh cherries on the nose, just veering to dried fruit but not overripe. Firm, dry and a little chewy with just enough fruit at the core. Very Pommard in structure but with riper fruit than the norm.
- 17 **Pommard Les Rugiens Premier Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2015**
Deep, dark fruit entwined with oak sweetness on the nose. Some dried fruits but not excessively so, just ripe. Firm, compact tannins but with real finesse waiting to emerge with time in bottle. Even with the ripeness of rich fruit, on the palate there is a tannic elegance that bodes well.
- 16.5 **Volnay Les Santenots Premier Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2015**
Mid cherry red. Toasty and a touch of struck match but packed with red-cherry fruit under those superficial impressions. Lots of oak sweetness on the palate but there's fruit sweetness too. Pretty and gentle but with good depth and length and supple but definite tannins.
- 17++ **Corton Clos des Maréchaudes Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2015**
Deep crimson. Sweet, vanilla-edged cherry. Almost a touch of maraschino here. Then much drier and more savoury on the palate than I expected. Spiced and peppery in texture as well as flavour. More austere than the nose suggested but still well-shaped for the longer term. Grippy, moreish finish.

MOULIN-A-VENT

- 16.5 **Moulin-à-Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2015**
Deep crimson. Lifted dark-red fruit with a hint of cough-linctus sweetness on the nose but there's a definite dusty/rocky, almost peppery, revelation of origin. Dry finesse and lovely purity. Juicy but sufficiently structured.
- 17 **Rochegrès Moulin-à-Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2015**
More red fruited than the straight Domaine de Rochegrès, Moulin-à-Vent. Fragrant with sweet red fruit. Meaty in flavour and texture and lovely depth combined with freshness. Good flesh on the palate but dry, fine tannic texture as foundation. Excellent balance. Approachable but should age well in the medium term.



CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE

- 16.5 **Crémant de Bourgogne Blanc de Blancs Pure**
It stands out for a lovely autolytic toasty nose. Fresh, broad and generous but with balancing backbone of tension and acidity. Bone dry and intense, with impressive length.



CÔTE D'OR WHITES

Bourgogne Chardonnay Secret de Famille 2015

15

Impressive depth of aroma for a bourgogne. Savoury, mealy on the palate. Only just enough freshness but plenty of flavour.

Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses Château-Gris 2015

16.5

The 35% new oak shows here in contrast with the previous Bichot whites tasted. And this is so much richer and fuller in the mouth, you could almost think it has some RS, though it must be fruit sweetness. Apparently it is a warm site. Spicy and generous on the palate, with a touch of clementine sweetness. Generous and flavourful.

Meursault Domaine du Pavillon 2015

16.5

Sweetness of oak and a real intensity of sweet, ripe citrus on the palate – both lemon and clementine. Creamy, mealy and generous. Broad but there's freshness from both the acidity and a marked spicy quality. Broad rather than elegant.

Beaune Clos des Mouches Premier Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2015

17

Ripe citrus with lots of oak spice and juicily full of clementine freshness. Good length. Seems to have flavour more than elegance.

Meursault Les Charmes Premier Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2015

16.5

There's a little more new oak here than on the village Meursault and it shows in spice and a strong lees/oatmeal richness. Broad and ripe but with a clean-cut citrus freshness.

Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru 2015

17.5

Intense and smartly oaked. The sample is quite warm but it is still fresh, combined with great richness. Power and length rather than allure right now. Wait. Second tasting of new, cooler sample: better cooler but still has lots of honeyed richness.

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2015

17.5

This has depth and intensity – both ripe citrus and well-integrated oak. Almost sweet-tasting in its ripe citrus fruit but with a fine freshness to balance. I suppose it is not a classic burgundy grand cru but it is certainly impressive, powerful and long.

CHABLIS

Chablis Les Lys Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

16

Hint of smart, smoky reduction. Savoury and subtle with gentle but sufficient freshness. Maybe just a little flat on the finish but it is very Chablis in its dry texture and mineral, chalky character.

Chablis Les Vaillons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

16.5

More expressive than Les Lys. More herbal/cedary. Then creamy textured with a fine, chalky subtlety and just the right freshness. Benchmark Chablis in a warmer year. Nowhere else can produce this combination of moderate flavour and subtlety but a complete wine. Long too.

Chablis Montmains Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

16

Riper citrus than Les Vaillons yet still with a herbal/cedary quality. Dry and very fresh, with the freshness balancing greater fruit intensity.

Chablis Les Vaucoupins Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

16.5

Attractive and already complex aroma: stony, herbal and delicate citrus. Chalky texture and good length. Real tension and vivacity here.

Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

16.5

Finely fragrant, the effect of some oak ageing adding a slight sweetness to the fresh citrus. Spicy, just fresh enough. Persistent.

Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

17.5

A lightly mealy note over the cedary citrus, with strong stony intensity on the nose. The oak more obvious on the palate but there is very good freshness and noticeable power and depth, and length.

Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

17

Complex and inviting on the nose – stony, lemon, hay. Creamy texture but lots of freshness. Lean and long.

Chablis Moutonne Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 2015

17

Not as impressive as some vintages but it has plenty of chalky lemon freshness. Tight but only moderate in power.

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