

# Burgundy En Primeur 2017



'When it's good, 2017 is very good indeed' Tim Atkin

# Fresh, aromatic whites- Ripe, succulent reds

2017 is a delightful vintage providing a good volume of attractive, elegant wines that will be delicious young and will, in many cases, age admirably in the medium term.

After the small, frost-hit 2016 crop, 2017 saw a return to normal levels of production in most of Burgundy. There were localised difficulties, with frost affecting the northern part of the Chablis appellation (which unfortunately included most of the best premiers and grands crus on the right bank of the Serein) but overall it was a generous harvest with excellent yields being recorded, particularly in parts of the Côte d'Or. Further south in the Chalonais and Mâconnais, the crop was less abundant as the long, dry summer reduced the amount of juice in the grapes and many producers ended up making less wine than in 2016.

Overall, the whites are ripe, sunny wines with excellent depth and concentration. In style, they are halfway between the rich, opulent 2015s and the leaner, crisper 2016s. The most successful wines are beautiful examples of white Burgundy; fresh and aromatic on the nose, generous on the palate and long on the finish. It is the most complete white wine vintage for many years. The 2017s are riper and less austere than 2014, fresher than 2015 and more persistent than 2016. They will give a huge amount of pleasure relatively soon and the best examples will age gracefully.

The red wines are more variable as high yields are more problematic for pinot noir. After the tiny 2016 vintage, some growers in the Côte d'Or were determined to harvest a good-sized crop and both the winter pruning and summer green harvest were less severe than they might have been. Inevitably, some estates over-produced and their wines lack concentration and length on the finish. However, where yields were under control, the consistently warm and dry weather throughout the growing season enabled the fruit to reach full maturity and provide juice that was rich in both sugar and flavour. The general style of the reds is one of beautifully ripe fruit, fine tannins and sufficient levels of acidity. Wine-makers were careful not to over-extract and the best examples are lovely, harmonious wines that show their origin perfectly. Overall the 2017s don't have the structure or longevity of 2015s but are often of similar weight to the 2016s but in a riper, softer, more approachable style. As such, it completes a fine trio of red wine vintages and is certainly one that is well worth buying.

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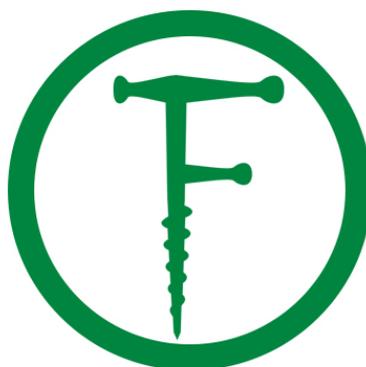
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On the following pages are our highlights of the 2017 vintage. If you have a favourite, we have not listed please do enquire. Prices may well change due to currency fluctuations.

Stocks are limited. Please let us know your requirements by telephone (0121 704 3415) ask for Steve or William or email [enprimeur@fraziers.co.uk](mailto:enprimeur@fraziers.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Offer closes 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

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## Domaine Samuel Billaud

Samuel continues to cement his reputation as the greatest wine-maker in Chablis today. His range of 2017s is a brilliant effort, the finest wines combining the richness of 2015 with the minerality of 2014; they will be delicious to drink young but will also age gracefully.

Sadly, frost struck Chablis once again in April 2017 and despite Samuel's best efforts and sleepless nights burning candles in the vineyards, yields were significantly reduced in the northern half of the appellation. We therefore have limited stocks available, so please don't delay.



	Case size	En Primeur
<b>Petit Chablis</b>	12 x 75cl	£129
<b>Chablis</b>	12 x 75cl	£160
<b>Chablis 1er Cru Fourneux</b>	12 x 75cl	£247
<i>Unoaked, very pure and elegant</i>		
<b>Chablis 1er Cru Montmains</b>	12 x 75cl	£247
<b>Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre</b>	12 x 75cl	£305

*A touch of oak leads to a much richer and fuller 1er Cru Chablis.*



## Domaine A F Gros

The Domaine was established in 1988 when the parents of Anne-Francoise, Jean & Janine Gros of Vosne-Romanee decided to let go a few parcels of the family Domaine. At the same time Anne-Francoise acquired a Domaine in Flagey-Eschezeaux and later with her husband, Francois Parent, purchased a vineyard in Savigny-les-Beaune. In 1998 they acquired a beautiful old cellar in the heart of Beaune where grapes are cold macerated for 3 days before fermentation, whole bunches are fermented, usually without the addition of leaves and stems.



	Case size	En Primeur
Red		
<b>Bourgogne Pinot Noir</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Les Boucherottes</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Chambolle Musigny</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Vosne Romanee 'Clos de La Fontaine'</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Vosne Romanee 'Aux Reas'</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Pommard 1er Cru 'Les Arvelets'</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Pommard 1er Cru 'Les Pezerolles'''</b>	12 x 75cl	POA
<b>Echezeaux Grand Cru</b>	6 x 75cl	POA
<b>Richebourg Grand Cru</b>	6 x 75cl	POA

## Francois Parent

<b>Moray St Dennis</b>	12 x 75	POA
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## Chateau de Chamirey

Château de Chamirey, owned by the Devillard family, is the leading estate in Mercurey. The domaine comprises 37 hectares of vines, much of which is premier cru including the monopoles of La Mission and Les Ruelles. Based in the south-eastern sector of the appellation and blessed with a wide variety of chalk as well as clay soils, the Château de Chamirey is unusual in producing fine white as well as red Mercurey.

White	Case size	En Primeur
<b>Mercurey Blanc</b>	12 x 75cl	£217
<b>Mercurey Blanc En Pierrelet</b>	12 x 75cl	£266
Red		
<b>Mercurey Rouge</b>	12 x 75cl	£217



## Domaine Jacques Cacheux et Fils

This is one of the few Vosne estates that vinify most of their parcels separately. Patrice continues to destem all the grapes and buys all his barrels from tonnellerie François Frères in Saint Romain. The style remains one of rich, ripe fruit allied to a healthy dose of new oak; 35% on the village wines rising to 65% for the grand cru. Yields recovered in 2017 after a small crop in 2016 and this is a fine range of wines from the most famous village of the Côte de Nuits.

	Case size	En Primeur
Red		

<b>Vosne-Romanée</b>	12 x 75cl	£380
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*From several parcels throughout the village that are too small to vinify separately. Delicious, ripe and open with complex mixture of red and black fruits and just the right amount of oak. Drink 2022-2026.*

<b>Vosne-Romanee Les Ormes</b>	12 x 75cl	£427
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*These vines are located in the heart of the appellation just between the village and the main road. Fresh and aromatic, this has a wonderful, succulent texture and a long, sweet finish. Drink 2022-2026.*

<b>Vosne-Romanee Aux Reas</b>	12 x 75cl	£448
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*Adjacent to, and at the same level on the slope, as premiers crus Chaumes and Clos des Réas. Dense and concentrated with tremendous depth and class. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2023-2027.*



## Domaine Bertrand Ambroise

This is a true family enterprise. Bertrand and Martine Ambroise head up a 21 hectare domaine ably assisted by their son François and daughter Ludivine. The estate style is one of rich, opulent whites and full-bodied, powerful reds. After a small, frost-affected crop in 2016, yields happily returned to normal levels in 2017. An increasing proportion of both whites and reds are now fermented and/or aged in larger 400 litre casks, reducing the amount of oak flavour in the wines and allowing the fruit to shine through.

	Case size	En Primeur
White		
<b>Bourgogne Chardonnay</b>	12 x 75cl	£133
<i>From vines in Nuits but on the lower-lying land between the route nationale and the railway line. Vinified in a combination of foudres and 400 litre demi-muids, 30% of which are new oak. Rich and opulent with lots of ripe, stone fruits. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
<b>Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc</b>	12 x 75cl	£155
<i>Same vinification as the Bourgogne Chardonnay but the higher altitude plots of the Hautes-Côtes give the wine its crisp acidity and finesse. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
<b>Saint Romain</b>	12 x 75cl	£243
<i>Vinified entirely in 400 litre demi-muids, of which 30% are new. Rich and powerful but with lovely freshness. Drink 2019-2022.</i>		
Red		
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Les Tuvilains</b>	12 x 75cl	£339
<i>Full-bodied, gutsy Beaune from a premier cru in the direction of Pommard. Aged in 50% new oak, this is firm and structured but with plenty of rich, ripe fruit. Drink 2021-2026.</i>		
<b>Nuits Saint Georges</b>	12 x 75cl	£321
<i>Consistently one of the best village Nuits Saint Georges. Rich and gutsy with dense, close-knit texture and lovely mixture of red and black cherry fruit. Has excellent ageing ability. Drink 2022-2027.</i>		
<b>Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru Les Vaucrains</b>	12 x 75cl	£579
<i>Magnificent depth and concentration. Full-bodied with intense fruit flavours and impressive length. Drink 2023-2028.</i>		
<b>Corton Le Rognet</b>	12 x 75cl	£579
<i>The most powerful wine in the Ambroise cellar. Seriously impressive with masses of ripe fruit, a dense, close-knit texture and magnificently long aftertaste. Drink 2024-2032.</i>		

## Domaine Rossignol-Trapet

Nicolas and David Rossignol converted to biodynamic viticulture in 2004 and produce wines with great depth and concentration. In 2017, they picked from the 7th to the 13th September and had similarly generous yields to 2009 and 2015 (around 40hl/ha). They continue to use one third new oak for the premiers crus and up to two thirds for the grands crus with their barrels sourced from tonnelleries Chassin, Rousseau and François Frères.

	Case size	En Primeur
Red		
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes</b>	12 x 75cl	£351
<i>45-85 year old vines from three different sectors within the appellation: Craies, Village and Jouises. 60% whole bunch fermentation this year resulting in a rich, gutsy wine with lovely, ripe tannins. Drink 2022-2027.</i>		
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons</b>	12 x 75cl	£409
<i>15% new oak used to age this generous, fruity wine. Succulent, juicy texture with particularly fine, velvety tannins. Drink 2021-2027.</i>		
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Clos Prieur</b>	12 x 75cl	£719
<i>Well situated just below grand cru Mazis-Chambertin. 30% new oak used to mature this most elegant of wines. Concentrated, red fruits and fine length on the finish. Drink 2021-2028.</i>		
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Petite Chapelle</b>	12 x 75cl	£719
<i>A fuller-bodied, more tannic wine as a result of the higher clay content in the soil. Excellent depth of flavour and finishes sweet and long. Drink 2022-2029.</i>		



## Domaine Chanson

### The wine making continues to go from strength to strength

At Domaine Chanson there is a clear balance between the old and new. The Domaine's history is demonstrated by its 15th century cellars, situated in the historic centre of Beaune. Having been bought by Bollinger in the late 1990s, the estate has since undergone exciting improvements in both winery and vineyard, most notably turning to organic farming.

The vintage is unique due to a combination of influences; low yields after 3 successive years of hail; very dry weather (one of the driest since 1880), very sound grapes and technical innovation which have enabled them to control extremely well the quality of their wines.

The wines here are coming along leaps and bounds as a result of whole bunch chilled maceration for 5 days for the reds producing a great intensity and purity of fruit.

	Case size	En Primeur
White		
<b>Pernand-Vergelesses Les Caradeux 1er Cru</b>	6 x 75cl	£130
<b>Meursault 1er Cru Perrieres</b>	6 x 75cl	£319
<b>Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières (Domaine)</b>	6 x 75cl	£319
Red		
<b>Pernand-Vergelesses Les Vergelesses 1er Cru (Domaine)</b>	6 x 75cl	£128
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi (Domaine)</b>	6 x 75cl	£130
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches</b>	6 x 75cl	£239
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Feves</b>	6 x 75cl	£239
<b>Gevrey Chambertain 1er Cru Perriere</b>	6 x 75cl	£251



## Nuiton-Beaunoy (Xavier Ritton)

Nuiton-Beaunoy, today, brings together 115 associated winegrowers from the Côtes and the Hautes-Côtes. Close teamwork between winegrowers and winery technicians make for some excellent value wines.

White

**Bourgogne Chardonnay**

6 x 75

£44

*Light golden colour with silver glints. Prominent white flower fragrances in the bouquet. Unctuous and persistent on the palate with flavours of white fleshed fruit (pear) and stone fruits (apricot, fuzzy peach).*

## Domaine Parisse

Christophe Thibert and his sister Sandrine run this fine estate. Their cellars are based in Fuissé but the 30 hectares of vines are spread over the neighbouring appellations of Pouilly-Fuissé, Pouilly - Vinzelles, Pouilly-Loché and Saint Véran. 2017 was a hot, dry summer and, as a result, they started harvesting relatively early, on the 25<sup>th</sup> August and finished on the 12th September. Vinification is in a mixture of small oak barrels and demi-muids from François Frères, as well as a number of larger oak foudres and stainless steel

vats..



White

**Pouilly-Fuissé**

12 x 75cl

£199

*Made from the domaine's 60 year old vines. Fermented and aged entirely in oak, including 5% new, small oak barrels to add just a hint of spice. Rich and full-bodied with lovely, honeyed fruit and a delicious, succulent texture. Drink 2019-2022.*

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