

Domaine Bruno Clavelier 2019

Bruno has been a proponent of biodynamics for years, and he tends his vineyards like a garden. If you haven't tried his wines yet, you should! Quintessential burgundy with excellent terroir transparency.

The volumes available this year are tiny due to vintage conditions, and as such, orders that include the fabulous Bourgogne mixed with other wines will be given priority, along with clients that have historically purchased Clavelier and supported Asset Wines across the campaign.

“Bruno Clavelier has just stood down as being the coach of the Nuits-St-Georges rugby team after helping them gain promotion last year. They are now in the same division as Beaune, who they managed to beat in a thrilling game in the local derby in October.

Back to wine now. Bruno began picking on 14th September. With alcohol levels between 12.5 and 13.5% with just the Corton at 13.6%. The wines are a little more velvet textured this year as I think Bruno has probably picked his grapes at the ideal moment. There have been vintages in the past where I felt he may have started too early. He now uses 60% whole bunch vinification throughout, with a light hand on the oak, from 15-25% for the village wines and 25-33% for the crus.” **Jasper Morris MW**

2019 Bourgogne Pinot Noir Les Champs d'Argent Vieilles Vignes

£150 c/s IB – 6 cases available (6 bts per case)

This is your perfect daily drinking Bourgogne Rouge, from 70 year-old vines between Vosne and Nuits. A very attractive bouquet with a lovely cool ripe, fresh finish, and just the right amount of acidity. This is fine burgundy, you can tell there is a lot of care even in this entry level cuvée. Highly recommended!

2019 Vosne-Romanée La Combe Brûlée

£440 c/s IB – 1 case available (6 bts per case)

This silty, flinty and stony vineyard which benefits from a cool air flow was planted in 1928. Medium crimson, dense ripe red fruit on the cusp between raspberry and strawberry. Very silky behind, and softer across the palate than some vintages, stretching out to a beautiful finish. Very persistent indeed.

91-94 Points, 4 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

(a villages level wine from 65+ year old vines). This too is sufficiently reduced to render the nose impossible to read. There is a bit more flesh to the delicious and perfumed medium weight flavors that also flash plenty of minerality on the saliva-inducing finish that is just a bit firmer. This lovely effort is very Vosne.

89-91 Points, Outstanding! - Burghound

2019 Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Cras

£660 c/s IB – 1 case available (6 bts per case)

80 to 100 year old vines, grown on grèzes litées mixed with big flinty rounded stones. Deep fresh purple, with darker fruit on the nose, some black cherry too. The vine age helps explain the intensity. Everything is concentrated including very good acidity. Really good this year.

93-96 Points, 5 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

There is a hint of the sauvage to the ripe and beautifully fresh aromas of red currant, dark raspberry, plum and earth. There is almost painfully good intensity to the larger-scaled and muscular flavors that retain an appealing refinement on the youthfully austere mineral-suffused finish that is at once intricately balanced yet powerful. This is excellent and highly recommended though I underscore that patience is absolutely necessary.

92-94 Points, Sweet Spot, Outstanding! - Burghound

2019 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Beaux Monts

£715 c/s IB – 4 cases available (6 bts per case)

This is grown high up on the Flagey side of the vineyard, on oolitic limestone. Glowing purple with a pinker tinge, deep strawberry notes, significant weight of fresh fruit on the palate, more intensity than aux Brûlées, entirely red fruit, maintaining the crisper approach, with a long clean finish.

93-96 Points, 4 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

(from 50+ year old vines on the Flagey side). A riper and even spicier nose reflects notes of cinnamon, anise, sandalwood, violet and essence of plum. There is impressive volume to the succulent yet powerful and punchy flavors that brim with both minerality and sappy dry extract before concluding in an austere, compact and very serious finale. This is a big VRBM that is clearly built to age over the longer-term.

91-94 Points, Sweet Spot, Outstanding! - Burghound

2019 Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru La Combe d'Orveaux

£760 c/s IB – 4 cases available (6 bts per case)

9 barrels of which 3 are new. Grown on a white oolitic soil with calcite crystals. Fine brisk pink purple, with beautiful elegance to the nose. Sublime deep sweet red fruit with rose petals, showing the oak a touch more. Really classy, mouth-filling wine with a long red fruit finish.

93-96 Points, 4 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

(planted with vines of 20+ and 65+ years of age that sit directly above Musigny). A wonderfully elegant and expressive nose combines a plethora of floral wisps with those of anise and clove-inflected red currant scents. The rich and nicely voluminous middle weight flavors exude a bracing minerality on the refined, delineated and sneaky long finish that flashes outstanding depth. This lovely effort is textbook Combe d'Orveau and a wine that should age well over the next 12 to 15 years.

91-94 Points, Sweet Spot, Outstanding! - Burghound

2019 Corton Le Rognet, Grand Cru

£765 c/s IB – 2 cases available (6 bts per case)

Grown on Oxfordian limestone with little marine fossils, just above Corton-Vergennes. 2 new barrels out of five. Bright crimson purple of medium intensity, sweet roses and fresh red fruit, this starts quite forward but develops well, not too much acidity but very fine length and very seductive. Bruno's father thought that classic Corton needs a minimum of 12 years, but this might start to show before then.

93-95 Points, 4 Stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

Here too there is a whiff of herbal tea sitting atop the cool essence of various wild red berries and newly turned earth scents. There is first-rate richness and volume to the big-bodied and tautly muscular flavors that also conclude in an overtly austere finish that offers dramatically good persistence. This too is quite firmly structured and like any Corton worthy of the name, it's built for extended cellaring.

92-95 Points, Burghound

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