

Domaine Rapet Père et Fils 2019

A new addition to our portfolio this year, and one you really should take advantage of as the quality of the wines here are exceptional, and they represent outstanding value.

As 2019 was a very warm year, the traditional cooler sites of which Pernand-Vergelesses, Savigny-lès-Beaune and Corton can all be grouped into, benefited massively. All getting special mention in Neal Martin's review of the vintage as sites not to overlook – take note!

You will need as ever to balance you order. We are offering only five wines from his line-up, but if you are interested in the full line-up please get in touch.

“The Rapet family can trace its roots in Pernand back to 1795, and they are both one of the largest landholders in Corton-Charlemagne as well as one of its finest exponents, so it is a mystery why these wines aren't better known and better distributed....This is a fine set of 2019s that are sure to represent good values.” William Kelley

The unassuming Vincent Rapet—whose family can trace its roots in Pernand back to 1795—continues to operate largely under the radar, making thoughtful incremental improvements, some of which were described in my last vintage report. There's a long track record here, and I can extol the merits of the domaine's older wines from personal experience: the 1979 is among the best mature examples of Corton-Charlemagne I've tasted. As I've written before, vinification is pretty classical, with the whites whole-cluster pressed and fermented in barrels (some 20% of which are new), as well as a few concrete eggs for some cuvées that Rapet believes give a more tensile, fresher profile to the wine. The reds, which have improved in recent years, see a brief cold soak followed by some 15 days of maceration, maturing in around 30% new wood from carefully chosen sources, including Chassin and Taransaud. This is a fine set of 2019s that are sure to represent good values. **William Kelley**

2019 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Aux Fourneaux

£125 c/s IB – 10 cases available (6 bts per case)

30% new wood, and 30% whole bunches, the vines being fully mature. Deeper fresh purple compared to the village Fourneaux. The fruit concentration is clearly weightier here, a little bit of sucrosity with very good length.

The 2019 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Aux Fourneaux is showing very well, bursting with aromas of raspberries, cherries, rose petals and spices. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and vibrant, with ripe tannins and succulent acids, it's deeper and more concentrated, as well as more elegant, than its communal-level counterpart.

91 Points, William Kelley

2019 Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves

£210 c/s IB – 10 cases available (6 bts per case)

The deepest and most textured of Rapet's Beaune premiers crus is the 2019 Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves, a medium to full-bodied, layered and nicely concentrated wine evocative of cherries, dark berries, plums and smoky soil tones. As is generally the case, this will reward a bit of bottle age.

92 Points, William Kelley

Red iron rich soils at the top here. Fine mid purple with a very complete nose, holding on to its shape well. A fresher feel to the wine with more notable tannins in the structure and an extra dimension in fruit, light liquorice touch with good energy. Very good.

92-94 Points, 4 stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

2019 Corton, Grand Cru

£345 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2019 Corton Grand Cru has also turned out very well, exhibiting aromas of red berries, spices, forest floor and orange oil. Full-bodied, layered and perfumed, with fine concentration, powdery tannins and lively acids, it's elegantly muscular in profile, concluding with a long, sapid finish. As I've written before, this comes from Les Meix and Les Chaumes, lieux-dits below Pougets and just above the village of Aloxe-Corton.

94 Points, William Kelley

From Chaumes et Voierosse and Combes, a well protected site. Flinty soil with nothing, but stones. Rich dense bouquet, much more depth here and a slightly fresher fruit. Deep red fruit, with good tannins too and attractive acidity, this is the keeper of the two Cortons. And rather impressive.

92-95 Points, 4 stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

2019 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru En Caradeux

£195 c/s IB – 10 cases available (6 bts per case)

For what is generally a rather demonstrative wine, the 2019 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru En Caradeux Blanc was quite tightly wound when I tasted it, unfurling in the glass with notes of pear, orange oil and toasted bread. Medium-bodied, lively and reserved, it's taut and mineral, concluding with a mouthwatering finish.

91+ Points, William Kelley

2019 Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru

£475 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2019 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru is performing very well, mingling notes of crisp orchard fruit and orange oil with hints of nutmeg, toasted almonds, white flowers and clear honey. Full-bodied, layered and concentrated, it's muscular and multidimensional, with tangy acids and a taut, chiselled profile that's built for the cellar.

94+ Points, William Kelley

If you want the technobabble, the vines here are now 'tressed' rather than hedged and vinification takes place in a couple of cement eggs as well as barrel. The vines are mostly in En Charlemagne with a small part in Le Charlemagne. Attractive lemon and lime colour, lovely stylish and very classic bouquet. Terrific tension behind, no feeling of heat, a crystalline minerality and exceptional persistence. Very fine indeed.

96 Points, 4 stars, Jasper Morris MW, InsideBurgundy.com

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