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Vintage 2020

CRIOTS-BATARD-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU: 95

A wine with subtle ripe pear and floral notes that are refreshingly not overly marked by the wood. The texture is silky and fine, and despite the warmth of the year there is very pleasant tension and balance. Well done. Made from purchased grapes picked on the 24th of August. The grapes were gently pressed and briefly settled before fermentation in used casks.



CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin: 95

Dark blackberry fruit, with notes of mineral and spice. On the palate the wine is very tannic, structured and very long. It is a bit closed and backwards, but there is great potential for ageing and it should open well with time. Bichot owns a 0.17ha parcel of Chambertin at the very top of the slope, planted north-south. The grapes are fermented slowly in open-top wood fermenters and punched down regularly.



LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU: 93

A pleasant cherry and floral aroma, and a silky texture. Made from purchased grapes that the team from Bichot picked. The harvest here was among the very last (4th September) when the grapes had reached almost 14% potential alcohol. The grapes were partially destemmed and gently fermented before ageing in 35% new casks.



CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU Domaine du Clos Frantin: 94

Lovely and ripe cassis fruit, in a silky yet dense texture, balanced by abundant freshness that leads to a pleasant persistence on the finish. Produced from two parcels, one that passes from Baudes Basses to Baudes Hautes, and the other in Grand Maupertuis. The total is 0.71ha and harvest began on the 31st August. A long, slow fermentation in conical wooden vats and ageing in cask (60% new).



VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1^{ER} CRU LES MALCONSORTS Domaine du Clos Frantin: 96

The wine shows a pronounced aroma of ripe black cherry and floral notes the winemaker describes as peony, mingled with notes of mineral, spice and smoke. Initially somewhat reserved on the palate, the texture is silky and with time reveals substantial but fine-grained tannins, good freshness and impressive length. Bichot owns two parcels of Malconsorts that total 1.75ha at the southern extremity of the lieu-dit bordering Nuits. Picking began on the 31st August, right after the first small shower that refreshed the vines.



CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1^{ER} CRU LES CHABIOTS: 91

Inky dark colour, with aromas of cassis and fig, plus an undercurrent of chocolate within a rich and soft texture. This wine was produced from purchased fruit from a parcel of 0.8ha in Chabiots. The tiny grapes were fermented with one-third whole clusters in the tank.



MOREY-SAINT-DENIS 1^{ER} CRU LES SORBETS: 92

Very forward plum and fig fruit, with a note of dark chocolate. The texture is ripe and velvety, but there is plenty of depth here. Very pleasant. Bichot purchases the fruit from this parcel of 1.28ha in Les Sorbets. In 2020 it was picked on the 28th of August and fermented with one-third whole clusters.



VOSNE-ROMANÉE Domaine du Clos Frantin: 93

Ripe and forward, with a lush, liquorice-scented mulberry fruit and a brambly edge. The texture is plump and round in this altogether very pleasant wine. Blended from three parcels in Vosne of 0.5ha each: two in Damaudes, including one at the top of the slope, and one in Basses Maizières. In Damaudes - the sunnier spot - picking commenced on the 28th August.



GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN LES MUROTS Domaine du Clos Frantin: 91

The nose is perfumed, with an aroma of bright red cherry and smoke, while the grippy tannins are typical of the village. This is about elegance rather than power.

