

2002 Burgundy Offer



2002. Is it the next best thing since 1999? There has been many views put forward to suggest that it certainly looks to be the premier vintage of the two, but of course the real test will be to try some yourself and make your mind up. To help give you a balanced option we've included a couple of the "big guns", but also some smaller very exciting producers and a few Bourgogne wines that we think will show you just what 02 was made of.

Tasting Notes by Allen Meadows from Burghound, unless noted otherwise.

Domaine de l'Arlot

Domaine l'Arlot, which is situated in Prémieux-Prissey, started in 1987 with the help of insurance company AXA. The domaine makes a range of highly praised wines from Nuits-St-George and Vosne Romanee, including two monopoles one of which is the namesake of the domaine. The man in charge, Jean-Pierre de Smet, learnt his trade working with Jacques Seysses at Domaine Dujac (see below).

2002 Romanée St.-Vivant: (from a .25 ha parcel that was planted in 1973 – an average year produces 3 barrels). The nose is quite similar to that of the Suchots but with more spice and the same distinct floral notes that introduce beautifully detailed, nicely complex but very understated, indeed almost backward middle weight flavors that finish with a regal austerity. This is not for those who like "friendly" young burgs and it will require several years to shed its youthful shell. (89-91)/2012-20

2002 Vosne-Romanée "Les Suchots": (from vines of 15 to 50 years of age). Vosne spice and a distinct floral element combines with balanced but edgy flavors that come across as tough and frankly a bit hard and ungenerous. This has perhaps the highest acidity of any of these wines and this may be accentuating the structure, especially on the finish. This may round out with time but it will be a wine for the patient. (86-88)/2009-15

2002 Nuits St.-Georges "Clos-des-Forêts St. Georges" (Monopole): (from vines planted in the early 1950s). This too is extremely ripe with a much earthier, more obviously Nuits character on the nose leading to sappy, dense, sweet and punchy flavors underpinned by excellent acidity and fine length. This offers really fine balance and just enough additional complexity that it should edge out the Clos-de-l'Arlot. I very much like this. (88-91)/2008-15

2002 Nuits St.-Georges "Clos-de-l'Arlot" (Monopole): A completely different expression as this is quite floral, trimmed in a bit of earth and iron that leads to impressively elegant, fine and detailed flavors of fine finishing complexity and while this too is firm, it is also round. A lovely, relatively refined effort that should drink well over the medium term. (87-90)/2007-14

Domaine Dujac

Jacques Seysses founded the Domaine in 1967 with the aim of producing fine, domaine bottled Burgundy. Many believe Dujac makes wines that capture the essence of Burgundy, making majestic wines that bring seasoned tasters to their knees. And that is just the village wines!! With access to five grand cru vineyards it's not surprising they have generated such demand for their produce, unfortunately it is very rare and with 2002 being such a good quality vintage the demand is only increasing.

2002 Bonnes Mares: As good as the Clos de la Roche is, this is yet another notch up with its explosive earthy red fruit nose and intensely powerful, delicious, lush, full-bodied, perfumed, meltingly seductive flavors that are gorgeously textured, and incredibly sappy. This is supple yet thick and possesses flat out splendid length. In short, this is a real stunner of a wine and may be the best example in many years. (92-95)/2012-25

2002 Clos St.-Denis: A hint of reduction partially hides the aromas of earth, underbrush and a certain *animale* quality though the rich, full-bodied, refined and notably elegant flavors possess a subtle and understated complexity and considerable grace. very much like the balance here and this could surprise to the upside if it adds a bit of weight. (90-93)/2009-17

2002 Clos de la Roche: This is bigger and a good deal more powerful but not noticeably finer or more elegant. However, it is more complex, intense and robust and the class and breed are abundantly evident. This is wonderfully perfumed in the mouth with a really lovely textured quality to the superbly long finish that simply goes on and on. A great effort. (91-94)/2012-20+

2002 Gevrey-Chambertin "Aux Combottes": Red cassis fruit aromas of striking elegance and finesse introduce round, supple, forward, and precise middle weight flavors. The finish is quite long and I very much like the vibrancy and overall freshness here plus this too displays near perfect balance. (88-91)/2009-20

2002 Vosne-Romanée "Les Beaux-Monts": (from young vines as the first vintage was 1990). Very floral on the nose with background spice nuances lead to sappy, dusty, delicious and mineral-inflected flavors with fine persistence. This receives its marks for sheer class as it's not a particularly concentrated wine but it is extremely pretty. (87-90)/2008-17

2002 Morey St.-Denis: Earthy red fruit notes with noticeable oak spice leading to suave, refined and smooth flavors with only a trace of rustic tannins. This is not a particularly elegant wine and the oak rounds out the finish yet there is sufficient density that I suspect the wood will be successfully absorbed. (86-88)/2008-14

Domaine Roulot

The Roulots are an old Meursault wine-growing family. The archives show that Guillaume Roulot produced Meursaults as early as 1830. During the post-World War I period, Paul Roulot replanted the tiny domaine. Guy Roulot succeeded his father Paul and further expanded his holdings during the period 1950-1960. The critics believe Roulot Meursaults represent some of the very best White Burgundy. In addition to the Meursaults, Domaine Guy Roulot produces an excellent Bourgogne Chardonnay from vines situated in the village of Meursault. While lying outside the zone of appellation contrôlée for Meursault, the wine has an excellent Chardonnay character, fine bouquet and the richness of Burgundy.

We could not find extensive notes on these wines but we believe that given the track record of this House and the attractive prices of these wines from this house will easily rate along side any of the equivalently priced Australian wines for short to medium term drinking wines. They could also serve to help keep you occupied while your cellar of Premier & Grand Cru wines are aging.

2002 Bourgogne Blanc: 'Very gently oaky. Ripe, positive and elegant. Lovely finish. This is Delicious' – Clive Coates, The Vine.

2002 Bourgogne Rouge: No notes available.

Domaine Ramonet

The famous domaine, according to some authorities, is the home of Burgundy's greatest genius, Andre Ramonet. Half of the 34 acre domaine is white, which is arguably the best White Burgundy seen (in very small quantities) in Australia. However the reds are not to be overlooked. In his book "Cote d'Or", Clive Coates says of Ramonet "The beauty of the Ramonet wines is that they are totally individual; more Ramonet than Chassagne. Risks are taken, and they do not always come off. But when they (usually) do, they are brilliant. These wines are not for the faint-hearted."

Because of all the press Ramonet whites get the reds seem to go unheralded by critics and buyers alike. This continues to make their great quality reds look relatively good value compared to the whites.

2002 Chassagne Montrachet "Clos de la Boudriotte" Rouge: No notes available.

2002 Chassagne Montrachet "Morgeot" Rouge: Pepper, spice, underbrush and plenty of Chassagne earth mark the nose and leads to medium weight, sweet, moderately structured and punchy flavors that display almost no rusticity on the medium length finish. This is really quite good with nice power, excellent flavor authority plus the sap adds a touch of buffering sweetness to the finish. While not an elegant wine, it is very Morgeot and satisfying in its fashion. 88/2008-12

2002 Noel Ramonet Chassagne Montrachet "Boudriotte" Rouge: Noel Ramonet is one of the brothers who puts out a separate label under his own name from his own vineyards, some of the fruit may also end up in the Domaine wines. No tasting notes available.

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	Pricing		Bottles Req'd	
	Regular	Special		
Domaine de l'Arlot				
ROMANEE ST VIVANT	Grand Cru	340	306
VOSNEE ROMANEE 'Les Suchots'	Premier Cru	125	113	.....
NUITS ST GEORGE 'Clos des Forets'	Premier Cru	125	113	.....
NUITS ST GEORGE 'Clos de l'Arlot'	Premier Cru	115	103	.....
Domaine Dujac – Stocks are extremely limited				
BONNES MARES	Grand Cru	355	317	.....
CLOS ST DENIS	Grand Cru	265	235	.....
CLOS DE LA ROCHE	Grand Cru	265	235	.....
GEVREY CHAMBERTIN 'Aux Combottes'	Premier Cru	195	175	.....
VOSNE ROMANEE 'Les Beaumonts'	Premier Cru	195	175	.....
MOREY ST DENIS		105	92	.....
Domaine Roulot				
BOURGOGNE BLANC		50	45	.....
BOURGOGNE ROUGE		47	42	.....
Domaine Ramonet – All wines below are rouge				
CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET 'Clos de la Bodriotte'	Premier Cru	108	97	.....
CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET 'Morgeot'	Premier Cru	80	71	.....
Noel Ramonet CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET 'Boudriotte'		80	71	.....

Minimum order quantity is 3 bottles – which can be mixed.

We reserve the right to adjust any orders if stock runs out, but will notify you of any changes, prior to charging. Please note that orders are allocated on a "first-in first-served" basis.

Note: No further discounts are available on this offer. All prices listed are our "best price"

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