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“To be sure, the de Montille wines are the antithesis of the much-celebrated "modern" wines in Burgundy. When it comes to purity, precision and transparency, there are few domaines in Burgundy who are their equal” – Burghound.

Hot on the heels of our amazing recent offer of older vintages from top Côte de Nuits property, Domaine Arnoux, comes the equivalent from top Côte de Beaune property, Domaine Hubert de Montille of Volnay. As a domaine that makes wines built to last this represents a rare opportunity to buy some genuinely mature stock of perfect provenance (direct from their cellars).

Quantities of each wine are, naturally, limited but there is an excellent spread of both vintages and crus. Plus there is a good selection of magnums, which would be perfect for grand dinner parties. Having drunk a bottle of 1999 Mitans just before Christmas in Ma Cuisine restaurant in Beaune which was awesome, we are very excited about this offer and hope you will be, too. We have included Burghound notes where we could find them.

We will no doubt have to allocate certain wines and naturally orders across the board will be most welcome. We also have a small selection of the domaine’s much celebrated Puligny 1er Cru Les Caillerets. The vintages offered have been recently tasted and are offered by the domaine with confidence. They have not released the 1999 as they are not happy with it.

1988 Vintage

1988 was a vintage that needed time and doubly so chez de Montille but over the last five years or so the wines have really started to open nicely. Give these wines 45 minutes in a decanter to let them open up.

1988 Volnay 1er Cru Champans	MAGNUMS	£525ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
1988 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans		£545ib/6 bts	1 case (6)
1988 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans	HALVES	£545ib/12 hlvs	1 case (12)
1988 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds		£625ib/6 bts	1 case (6)
1988 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles	HALVES	£505ib/12 hlvs	1 case (12)
<i>“Impressively rich, dense and still relatively primary fruit introduces focused, intense flavors offering good minerality and fine acid support. Tannic but balanced, this should live for a long time. Don’t touch it for another 5 years (tasted 2001)”. Burghound.</i>			
1988 Pommard 1er Cru Rugiens		£675ib/6 bts	1 case (6)

1990 Vintage

A legendary vintage and Etienne's first when officially in charge, These wines probably still have many more years in them but they are terrific. Decant for an hour.

1990 Volnay 1er Cru Champans £575ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

"Generous, very rich, very ripe fruit with equally rich flavors offering excellent complexity and fine length. This is a big wine with solid structure but also solid extract and good balance, which will enable the wine to drink well for many years to come. (Tasted 2001)". Burghound

1990 Volnay 1er Cru Champans MAGNUMS £585ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1990 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds MAGNUMS £650ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

"Still quite youthfully dark with only the barest hint of brick followed by rich black fruit aromas that are also youthful if no longer really young. The deep, intense, ever so slightly rustic and muscular flavors offer plenty of depth and fine complexity with some finishing rusticity on the medium length backend. In short, this is still on the way up though it can be approached now with food. Pretty and serious if not profound. (Tasted 2003)". Burghound.

1990 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles £575ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

"This is still reasonably fresh and elegant aromatically with an attractive mix of primary and secondary notes that merge into rich yet nicely precise, mineral-infused flavors of solid length and complexity. A pretty wine where the obvious minerality helps give this a better sense of overall harmony as the fruit is not too far in front of the structure. This could be approached now but will be better in another 5 years or so. (Tasted 2005)". Burghound.

1990 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles MAGNUMS £585ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1993 Vintage

1993 was an excellent but backward vintage and these wines have only just started coming to themselves. Decant for a good hour.

1993 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans £355ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

1993 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles £345ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

1995 Vintage

The 1995s were very good in cask and they closed up. Five years ago they were still tight as a drum but slowly they have beginning to give a sneaky preview as to their quality. Still youthful but with excellent potential. Decant for an hour and half or keep.

1995 Volnay 1er Cru Champans £340ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

1995 Volnay 1er Cru Champans MAGNUMS £350ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1995 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans £350ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

1995 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds £365ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

1995 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds MAGNUMS £375ib/3 mags 2 cases (3)

1995 Pommard 1er Cru Epenots £340ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

1995 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles £340ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

1995 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens £450ib/6 bts 3 cases (6)

1995 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens MAGNUMS £460ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1997 Vintage

1997 was a rich vintage in Burgundy, in fact some wines verged on overripe and Robert Parker got very excited! At de Montille the house style contrasted nicely with that of the vintage and I remember thinking what a good vintage for Pommard. Burghound only has a couple of tasting notes on these 1997s and they are not very complimentary but I think he may well have just tasted them at the wrong time and with air and time they should prove to be lovely. They showed much promise ten years ago.

1997 Volnay 1er Cru Champans		£315ib/6 bts	1 case (6)
1997 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans		£325ib/6 bts	3 cases (6)
1997 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans	MAGNUMS	£335ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
1997 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans	HALVES	£325ib/12 hlvs	2 c/s (12)
1997 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds		£350ib/6 bts	3 cases (6)

"Quite dark with gorgeously ripe, rich and seductive fruit aromas that combine with rich, long and intense flavors that possess very firm structure and this is one of the rare '97s that will really benefit from at least a decade of aging. This is moderately awkward today but if it harmonizes with time, my score will appear conservative.(Tasted 2001)". Burghound

1997 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds	MAGNUMS	£360ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
1997 Pommard 1er Cru Epenots		£315ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
1997 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles		£315ib/6 bts	4 cases (6)
1997 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles	MAGNUMS	£325ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
1997 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens		£420ib/6 bts	3 cases (6)
1997 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens	MAGNUMS	£425ib/3 mags	2 cases (3)

1998 Vintage

1998 was rather overlooked as everyone was already talking about the 1999s but they have proved to be very good and in the last couple of years have really started to show their quality. These examples are terrific.

1998 Volnay 1er Cru Champans		£340ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
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"The nose offers up rich, very dense fruit but the sweet flavors are remarkably supple with prominent tannins on the long finish. Solidly constructed with very good persistence. (Tasted 2001)". Burghound.

1998 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans		£350ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
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"Somewhat more evolved than the Champans with copious amounts of extract and real concentration. There is a lovely sweetness to the flavors that are quite Volnay in character with finesse and elegance to burn. Really a lovely, finely wrought, beautifully detailed wine in perfect balance. Outstanding (Tasted 2001)." Burghound

1998 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds		£365ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
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"Much like the Mitans in style yet with even better density, richness, concentration and length. In other words, this takes what the Mitans offers and then dials everything up a notch while not sacrificing any of the Volnay character or balance. While the Rugiens is better still, I too very much like the supreme elegance here. Outstanding. (Tasted 2001)" Burghound.

1998 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds	MAGNUMS	£375ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
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1998 Pommard 1er Cru Epenots		£340ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
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"Good ruby color with violets and blackberries on the nose. This too is beautifully expressive of its Pommard origins and while there is solid tannic structure and support, the flavors still come across as relatively supple yet intense and long. (Tasted 2001)". Burghound.

1998 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles		£340ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
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"Austere pinot fruit with excellent density and delineation plus dusty tannins. The complexity is subtle and lovely and the finish is elegant and infused with minerals. As is usually the case, this is a wine of finesse rather than power. This is quite promising.(Tasted 2001)." Burghound.

1998 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles	MAGNUMS	£350ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
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1998 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles	HALVES	£340ib/12 hlvs	2 c/s (12)
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1998 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens		£440ib/6 bts	2 cases (6)
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"The darkest of these 98s with licorice notes and very ripe fruit that is easily the most complex among these 98s. In the mouth, the wine reveals intense flavors of crushed berries, notes of minerality and massive extract. While this is big boned, it is refined and elegant rather than cut from the usual robust character of young Rugiens. Another great de Montille Rugiens of certifiable grand cru quality. (Tasted 2001)". Burghound.

1998 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens	MAGNUMS	£450ib/3 mags	1 case (3)
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1999 Vintage

1999 is a great vintage and these are great wines that still need time.

1999 Volnay 1er Cru Champans £395ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

"The fruit is quite austere with notes of crushed herbs, good flavor precision and sneaky persistence. As it sometimes does, the Champans lacks the same degree of elegance but there is no doubting the density and extract. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

1999 Volnay 1er Cru Champans MAGNUMS £410ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1999 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans £430ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

"Much darker than the prior wines and a big step up in overall intensity and extract with rich, dense flavors that offer layers upon layers of complexity. Gorgeously perfumed and moderately tannic with wonderful length. This is wonderfully focused and offers lovely finishing sweetness. Very impressive and as good a young de Montille Mitans as I can ever remember having. Outstanding." Burghound.

1999 Volnay 1er Cru Mitans MAGNUMS £440ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1999 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds £455ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

"Deep ruby. Explosive, dense, rich fruit with big scale flavors and a solid underlying scaffolding of ripe tannins and superb length. Quite muscular yet for all the size, it remains firmly Volnay in character; a big Volnay perhaps but Volnay nonetheless. I was particularly impressed by the sense of balance and harmony here. Really extraordinary juice. Outstanding. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

1999 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds MAGNUMS £465ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1999 Pommard 1er Cru Epenots £405ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

"Much less expressive than the Taillepieds with reserved yet elegant red pinot fruit and powerful, intense, linear flavors plus plenty of ripe structure. Long, velvety and impressive. This is a very big wine considering the typical de Montille style. Outstanding. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound

1999 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles £405ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

"Intense, subtly complex and pure red fruits with marvelous minerality and really lovely detail on the palate plus a fine, elegant, persistent finish. This is positively crystalline in its purity and it is just flat out wonderful. Outstanding. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

1999 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles MAGNUMS £410ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

1999 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens £545ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

"Wonderfully complex aromas of ripe black fruit, crushed herbs and berries with an unmistakable earthy character. Medium bodied yet powerful, concentrated though not overtly tannic with plenty of underlying material and buckets of sappy extract. Despite all the extract, this finishes with a distinct note of austerity. Undeniably of grand cru quality and regal in its subtle intensity and fine, sneaky length. Simply fabulous Rugiens. Outstanding (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

1999 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens MAGNUMS £555ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

2000 Vintage

2000 was the classic restaurant vintage in that the wines are soft and relatively approachable. They are excellent to drink now and over the next few years and offer good value.

2000 Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds £275ib/6 bts 1 case (6)

"Bright red fruits introduce ripe, round, elegant and very Volnay flavors that are a bit deeper than the Mitans but certainly less structured. This is beautifully balanced if not especially dense and the purity of expression is admirable. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

2000 Pommard 1er Cru Pézerolles £265ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

"Ripe, full, elegant, mineral-nuanced fruit with sweet, moderately full pinot flavors and more structure than any of the prior wines. As usual, there is a clear sense of minerality and the finish has an attractive velvety quality to it. Other than the Rugiens, this is the class of the cellar. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

2000 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens £350ib/6 bts 2 cases (6)

"Less expressive than the Pézerolles or Taillepieds and this is easily the biggest, most complex and most structured of the de Montille 2000s. The finish is persistent and relatively fine for young Rugiens. A solid if not sensational effort for the vintage. Outstanding. (Tasted 2002)". Burghound.

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets

"For those who are not familiar with the wine, it is one of the few wines that I buy year in and year out as there has been an unbroken string of successes since its 93 debut. This is the only white wine the Domaine makes, having bought a .85 ha parcel of the Caillerets vineyard when Jean Chartron was forced to sell off portions of his holdings to raise money for inheritance taxes. From 1993-1999 the wines were made by Jean-Marc Roulot, who is, once again, Etienne de Montille's brother-in-law. In 2000, Etienne assumed responsibility for the Caillerets" - Burghound. It's one of the best vineyards in Puligny, lying on the same slope as Montrachet itself.

1993 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets £450ib/6bts 1 case (6)

"The first vintage for this wine and a propitious start it is. Chalk, minerals and limestone-infused fruit combine with concentrated, fresh, soil-inflected flavors offering outstanding detail and subtle, sneaky length. A beautiful wine that can be enjoyed now yet should continue to hold at this level for another 5 years. (Tasted 2001)" Burghound.

1995 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets £450ib/6bts 1 case (6)

"Complex, elegant and very stylish aromas and flavors of obvious and unmistakable breed mark this dense, pure and very classy effort. While many '95s today are displaying advanced secondary aromas, this is still quite fresh and youthful if no longer exactly young with lovely density and superb detail. But as I say, it's the class of the vineyard that really comes to the fore and this is a brilliant effort for the vintage. I would personally be drinking this now though there is certainly no rush as well-stored examples should continue to drink well for another 5 to perhaps 8 years. (Tasted 2004)." Burghound.

1996 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets £450ib/6bts 1 case (6)

"Elegant, understated and very fine citrus and white flower fruit with wonderfully intense, incredibly focused and detailed flavors of real breed and a long, vibrant finish. This is not a showy wine but rather an exercise in finesse and subtlety. I very much like this and it should age for years as the fruit remains impeccably fresh yet has it begun to reveal moderate secondary development. As such, it is approachable now and while it will hold well, I do not expect further upside development. In short, this is really lovely juice that is at the top of its game. (Tasted 2006)" Burghound.

1997 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets £450ib/6bts 1 case (6)

"This too offers the hallmark minerality of classic Caillerets in spades with honeyed, slightly floral fruit and round, rather dense and quite ripe fruit flavors all with zero heaviness and framed by sensational length. Another terrific Caillerets and one of the top wines of the vintage in my view as it offers much better flavor delineation than the typical '97. Clearly more forward than usual and it is now drinking perfectly though if well-stored, there is certainly no rush to drink up. (Tasted 2004)" Burghound.

1998 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets £450ib/6bts 1 case (6)

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2000 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets £475ib/3 mags 1 case (3)

"Wonderfully fresh with amazingly intense, pure, focused fruit followed by detailed, medium weight flavors seemingly fashioned from crystalline rock. This literally stains the palate and the persistence is of grand cru caliber. Classy, refined and altogether gorgeous with stunning balance. Outstanding. (Tasted 2003)"