



Joseph Drouhin

L'ELEGANCE NATURELLE
DES GRANDS CRUS BOURGOGNES

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Founded in 1880 by the then 22 year old Joseph Drouhin, this famous Burgundy Negociant is still family owned. Now in the 4th generation, Maison Joseph Drouhin owns extensive parcels throughout the region and in Chablis (see Drouhin-Vaudon page). Continuing the work started by the young Joseph Drouhin, the family domaines extending to some 73 hectares have been worked biodynamically since 1993. Of the current generation Veronique Drouhin is the wine-maker, Laurent is the brand ambassador in the USA, where he now lives, Philippe is in charge of the vineyards whilst Frederic "conducts the orchestra". All continue in the tradition of the founder, Joseph.



Amongst the famous Crus owned by the family is the world-renowned Clos des Mouches, one of the earliest purchases made by Joseph. This property produces very fine white and red wines which far transcends the Beune appellation it bears.

From Montrachet Marquis de Laguiche through Meursault to Corton Charlemagne in the Côte de Beaune, Echezaux to Clos de Vougeot in the Côte de Nuits the domaines produce a wide spectrum from the Laforêt Bourgogne Blanc and Rouge to Grands Crus in Musigny and Chambertin.

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WHITE WINES

Laforêt Bourgogne Blanc 2010



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Alcohol: 13.0%
Oak-ageing: Unoaked
Closure: Screw cap

TASTING NOTE: Fruity and full of life. This is a classic white Burgundy and a good entry level wine for Burgundy in general. The colour is golden yellow, with a greenish glint. The aromas are reminiscent of fresh grape and green almond. Elegant texture

Saint Veran 2009



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Alcohol: 13.0%
Oak-ageing: Unoaked
Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: This wine is stylistically close to Pouilly-Fuissé, with its golden hue, its greenish reflection and its refreshing taste. The aromas are reminiscent of the ripe Chardonnay grape, with subtle notes of musk. A pleasant roundness coats the palate.

Pouilly Vinzelles 2009



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Alcohol: 13.0%
Oak-ageing: Unoaked
Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: The first production of a joint venture with the esteemed Château de Vinzelles. The wine has good varietal concentration and youthful freshness and minerality on the palate. Good for drinking now and over the next two to three years.

Rully Blanc 2010



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Alcohol: 13.0%
Oak-ageing: 6- 8 months in French oak,
20% new
Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: The colour is a beautiful white gold, with delightful purity and brilliance. Aromas are fresh and fruity, with nuances of broom, almond and preserved citrus notes. On the palate, it proves fresh and elegant. A long and delicious aftertaste makes for a lasting impression.

Meursault 2008



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 months in French oak barrel
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A refined wine with a beautiful golden colour and aromatic palate: honey, linden flower and hazelnut, with hints of chamomile or hawthorn. On the palate, a silky roundness. Long finish with flavours of yellow plum and gingerbread.

Meursault 1er Cru “Les Perrières” 2007



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 months in French oak barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A complex and generous wine with a rare elegance. The colour is extraordinarily luminous. On the nose, a palette of interesting and varied aromas: syrup, grilled almond, preserved fruit. In the mouth, a silky and ample texture whilst still fresh and light. Long on the palate, with flavours recalling grilled bread and fruit jam. A consummate example of a white Burgundy.

Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 2008



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 months in French oak barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A generous and elegant wine. Light golden in colour. Intense bouquet of flower, brioche and candied lemon, evolving as the wine matures towards praline and spice. Good texture and finesse on the palate. It has a long finish where once again floral notes and pain d'épice dominate.

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru “Morgeot” 2007 Marquis de Laguiche



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 months in French oak barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: Admirable light golden colour. Intense and elegant aromas come to the fore: hawthorn, apricot notes, evolving towards hints of tobacco. As the wine ages, there are nuances of dried fruit and spices. A silky texture and a subtle touch of tannin give a true personality to this wine. Remarkable finish. A great white Burgundy!



Puligny-Montrachet 2007/2008



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.5%
 Oak-ageing: 12 months in French oak barrels
 (25% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: An elegant wine. The colour is pure and bright, with glints of white gold. The nose evokes trees in bloom and white fleshed fruit, like white peaches and on aging aromas evolve towards almond and dried fruit. The palate is fresh and silky. A long and persistent aftertaste which ends in an exceptional wealth of floral and fruity flavours.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Clos de la Garenne 2007



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.5%
 Oak-ageing: 12 months in French oak barrels
 (25% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A wine with great finesse. Pale gold, brilliant colour. The nose has refined aromas of hawthorn, fresh almond and apricot, evolving towards candied or dried fruit and hazelnut. The palate exhibits a harmonious structure with fresh and velvety tones. Long, flavourful aftertaste.

Beaune Clos des Mouches Blanc 2007 (2008 to follow)



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.5%
 Oak-ageing: 12 – 15 months in French oak
 Barrels (25% new).
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: An outstanding wine. Pale yellow in colour with complex floral nose of white lilac and white roses. The nose initially exhibits fruit aromas which evolve towards grilled hazelnuts and almonds. With age, the nose develops wonderful notes of white truffle, citron, honey and nutmeg. This wine allies the complexity of a Bâtard Montrachet and the power of a Corton-Charlemagne.

Montrachet Marquis de Laguiche 2007, Grand Cru



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 15 - 18 months in French oak
 barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A wine which could be the yardstick by which all other Burgundies are judged! The colour has a golden sheen. The nose exhibits a multitude of aromas: floral notes of lily of the valley, peach blossom, exotic fruit, honey and grilled almonds. The palate demonstrates a harmonious roundness without being heavy. An exceptionally long aftertaste which enhances the finesse of the whole.

RED WINES

Laforêt Bourgogne Rouge 2008



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 12.5%
 Oak-ageing: Unoaked
 Closure: Screw Cap

TASTING NOTE: A wine full of charm: bright ruby colour and a nose rich with aromas of red fruit (raspberry, red currants, wild strawberry). On the palate, the wine is pleasant, fruity and refreshing, with light tannins and great elegance.

Rully Rouge 2008



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 - 15 months in French oak barrel (10% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A beautiful bright ruby-red colour. The nose shows aromas of puréed raspberry, gooseberry, red currant and blackberry. On ageing, aromas evolve towards riper notes of syrup and tobacco. A refined nose. The palate is typical of a great Burgundy with a fresh, velvety round texture, elegant tannins which meld well on maturing. Long, refined finish, with touches of fruit compote.

Côte de Beaune-Villages 2006 (2007 to follow)



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12-15 months in French oak barrels (10% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A wine which is simple yet elegant. Purple in colour with delicate red fruit aromas on the nose. A great example of what the Pinot Noir grape can produce in Burgundian terroir. The 2007 vintage produced wines with good structure and levels of acidity which are indicative of slow maturation.

Côte de Beaune Rouge 2007



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 to 15 months in French oak barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: The Côte de Beaune Rouge is the second wine of Clos de Mouches, blended with younger parcels of Domaine wines. A Beautiful purple colour. On the nose, delicate and fruity aromas such as strawberry and red currant. On the palate, the tannins are refined and lend subtle roundness to the body. The aftertaste is long and elegant.



Chorey-lès-Beaune 2007 (2008 to follow)



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 – 15 months in French oak barrels (10% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A pleasing wine with a bright, clear red colour. The bouquet is surprisingly intense and fruity. The palate exhibits a supple and round body. A long and flavourful finish with hints of blackberry compote: wild blackberry will be the dominant aroma as this wine ages and after 3 to 5 years, the wine will take on a distinctive aroma of truffle and vegetation.

Savigny les Beaune aux Fourneaux 2008



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 – 15 months in French oak barrels (10% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A wine which shows characteristic aromas of spice and violet, mingled with blackberry, on the nose. The palate is refined and supple. A subtle, long, persistent finish

Volnay 2007



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 14 – 18 months in French oak (20% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: An elegant wine with a vivid, bright colour. Initially the aromas evoke violets and black currant, but on ageing they will take on notes of ripe, candied fruit, mushroom and mild spices. The palate is round with a velvety texture. A long aftertaste, with touches of candied fruit and vanilla.

Beaune Clos des Mouches Rouge 2006



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 14 – 18 months in French oak
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: An exceptional wine. Beautiful, deep-red ruby colour, with the bright sheen of great Burgundies. Intense and fresh nose dominated by red fruit such as Morello cherry, raspberry and blackberry, underpinned by complex smoky notes which evolve towards liquorice. On maturing aromas of pepper, tobacco and humus appear. On the palate, the first impression is clear-cut with an almost fleshy texture though the body is firm and well meshed, without heaviness.

Côte de Nuits Villages 2007 (2008 to follow).



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 to 15 months in barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A delicious red Burgundy with harmonious flavours. The wine has a bright, ruby colour. The nose has intense aromas of wild cherry, liquorice and mild spices, evolving towards notes of undergrowth and mushroom, whilst the palate's balance between tannin and acidity produces a velvety texture. A long aftertaste dominated by small, red berries.

Nuits-St-Georges 2006 (2007 to follow)



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 14 to 18th months in French
 Oak Barrels (20% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: The 2007 vintage produced wines with a good level of acidity which will encourage slow maturation. Deep red colour. Powerful and elegant aromas, with notes of cherry and blackberry underpinned by cedar wood and even game. The palate demonstrates a beautiful balance between structure and softness, whilst the long finish brings forward fruit syrups and mild spices.

Chambolle-Musigny 2007



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 14 to 18 months in French Oak
 Barrels.
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A wine which recalls fine lace and silk. Bright, intense colour and complex aromas evoke violet, black cherry and damp earth. There are also heady notes of truffle and game. The palate shows refined tannins with a good balance between texture and acidity. Long aftertaste with notes of cherry and candied peel.

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru 2006 (2007 to follow)



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.5%
 Oak-ageing: 12-14 months in barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: Classy and elegant nose with hints of wild strawberry, leading to intense ripe fruit with refined, soft tannins on the palate. Excellent balance and firm smooth length, with notes of rich truffles and morello cherries.



Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Richemone 2005



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.0%
 Oak-ageing: 12 to 15 months in barrels
 Closure: Natural Cork

NOTE: A one off production from this renowned vineyard. Not yet tasted by us as we took Drouhin's word for it. Please send us a tasting note after purchase!

Charmes-Chambertin 2006 Grand Cru



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.5%
 Oak-ageing: 14 to 18 months in French oak
 barrel (20% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: A generous and distinctive wine with a rich ruby colour. On the nose, the first impression is that of cherry, which evolves into woody and fine spicy aromas, with an elegant hint of musk. The flavours are extraordinarily rich and harmonious. The structure of the wine is supported by tannins which give the body a silky texture, whilst acidity lends energy and liveliness. A rich, delightful finish.

Gevrey Chambertin 2008



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
 Alcohol: 13.5%
 Oak-ageing: 14 to 18 months in French oak
 barrels (20% new)
 Closure: Natural Cork

TASTING NOTE: This wine has a beautiful, bright ruby colour. Intensely fruity on the nose, with aromas of black cherry, wild blackberry and liquorice. The woody character is subtle and marries delicately with the other aromas. As the wine evolves, there are more complex notes, such as mild spice, nutmeg and leather, with mushroom and damp earth nuances making a later appearance. Tannin is present on the palate but not astringent and blends well with the natural freshness and velvety texture of the wine. The rich and complex aromas follow through in the long finish.

A wider range of Joseph Drouhin wines is available ex cellar, as well as small parcels of older wines. Please contact us for further details.

