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BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS &
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We are very pleased to be able to present this very special Burgundy offer. This contains wines from two of the oldest and greatest producers in the entire region. **Bouchard Père et Fils**, and **Jean Paul & Benoît Droin**.

Bouchard Père et Fils is one of the finest domaines in France. Started by Michel Bouchard in 1731, they are one of the oldest estates in Burgundy. Further to the north in Chablis, Benoît Droin is the 14th generation of his family in charge of the Domaine. Unbelievably their history dates back even further than Bouchard. The Droins have been producing wines in Chablis for over 400 years.

This offer has some wonderful examples of Bouchard's affordable reds we haven't received before from the fantastic 2022 vintage. These are Burgundies for drinking and not collecting. The way it used to be! Then your chance to secure some very rare examples of 2024 Chablis from Droin. The quality of the wines is excellent; there just was very little produced. Chablis was hammered by frost and hail in 2024, with Droin losing 70% of his fruit! Our other Chablis producer Domaine de l'enclos, will not be releasing any 2024s at all. There simply is not enough wine to allocate to all their distributors. Grab what you can now.

Payment not due until arrival. These wines are due April 2026.

- John Caro & Regan McCaffery



BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS
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Jean-Paul & Benoît DROIN



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WINE ORDER FORM	QUANTITY	PRICE* (In mixed 6+)
BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS		
2021 Bouchard Bourgogne Blanc (Chardonnay)		\$40
2022 Bouchard Savigny-lès-Beaune		\$75
2022 Bouchard Monthelie 1er Cru Les Duresses		\$95
2022 Bouchard Aloxe-Corton		\$110
2022 Bouchard Beaune 1er Cru Les Marconnets		\$110
2022 Bouchard Pommard 1er Cru		\$130
JEAN-PAUL & BENOÎT DROIN		
2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Petit Chablis		\$60
2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis		\$65
2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons		\$95
2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis 1er Cru Montmains		\$105
2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir		\$175
2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis Grand Cru Le Clos 'Homage à Louis'		\$205

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BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS



This offer starts with a rare opportunity to purchase some affordable library wines from the great 2022 vintage. That year Bouchard was purchased by the French luxury giant Artémis Domaines; owner of Chateau Latour, Clos de Tart, Château de Puligny-Montrachet, Chateau Grillet, Champagne Jacquesson and Christies Auctions. Since the purchase Bouchard immediately stopped producing any negociant wines. All their Burgundy going forward will be exclusively from domaine owned vineyards.

From later this year, Bouchard's iconic Grand and Premier Cru vineyards will be released under the new brand of **Domaine des Cabottes**. They are building a new multi-million-euro winery just a few hundred meters from Le Montrachet. This will allow a greater level of precision to vinify their finest wines, rather than using the historic vat room at Savigny which was designed for larger quantities.

Domaines Bouchard Père & Fils and des Cabottes will be managed autonomously, with dedicated winemaking teams. Domaine des Cabottes will be headed up by the highly experienced Frédéric Weber, who joined Bouchard Pere & Fils in 2003 and has been technical director since 2016. This will be a no compromise domaine at the very top echelon of Burgundy—only the very best for the vines, wines, and their customers. Since 2022 their investment in the vineyards and in the winery has doubled, and they are employing more people, despite massively reducing their volume.

They are also waiting an extra year before releasing wines to the market. So to fill this gap, Bouchard has offered us a final chance to purchase some of their great value wines from the fantastic 2022 vintage. We haven't been offered any of these before from this vintage. Not only are these fabulous drinking, they are also at the old pricing so exceptional value!

“The 2022 vintage is another tour de force for Bouchard. The 2022 vintage here will offer Burgundy lovers a welcome respite from diminishing allocations and rising prices. In their plenitude, harmony and flair, the wines represent a very welcome respite in themselves. Harmonious and charming, with alcohol between 12.5% and 13.7%, reminiscent, in reds, of a hypothetical marriage of 2017’s easy charm with some of 2015’s depth, and in whites, evoking a somewhat more giving, open version of the 2020 vintage. In other words, pleasure-bent Burgundies that will delight in their youth and at maturity.”

– Parker’s Wine Advocate, William Kelley

Ladies and gentlemen, we have a fine and consistent Burgundy vintage on our hands! I believe that 2022 does deserve the epithet classic, albeit Modern Classic. Very good wines and plenty of them, consistent across the region and across classification levels. 2022 is an amazingly consistent vintage. All other things being equal, I would recommend going large in 2022, large in the sense of a broad range because there are so many really good wines at all levels. Bouchard winemaker, Frédéric Webber agrees, “For the reds, it is a very great vintage. Maybe the best red vintage recently. I prefer it to 2018, 2020, and 2021. Maybe it’s even better than 2019, as it’s fresher.”

– Inside Burgundy, - Jasper Morris MW



2021 Bouchard Bourgogne Blanc (Chardonnay) - \$40

The 2021 Bouchard Bourgogne Chardonnay represents the last-ever vintage of one of the great values in Burgundy. When Artémis Domaines bought Bouchard Pere & Fils in 2022, we knew it was a matter of time before they would raise their prices. But unfortunately, we also lost one of the great affordable white Burgs. Their vision of Bouchard's future focuses solely on the Domaine's higher-end wines. Bouchard's 2021 Bourgogne Chardonnay is outstanding value, and a fitting final calling-card for the historic house. For this wine, Bouchard taps an assortment of standout vineyards, both in the Côte d'Or, where they're based, and the Côte Chalonnaise, a top source for excellent values. The 2021 vintage was excellent, producing chiselled whites with the sort of 'proper' structure that's becoming uncommon in our era of solar vintages. This was the first genuinely cool climate year in Burgundy since perhaps 2014 or 2008. It's got aromas of crunchy green apple, lemon zest, and a hint of hazelnut, along with bright pear, citrus, and mineral flavors on the palate, balanced by a refreshing acidity.

2022 Bouchard Savigny-lès-Beaune - \$75

Situated 5 km north of Beaune, this village was mentioned in 936 for the first time, but only took on its present name of Savigny-lès-Beaune in 1863. Vineyards have been planted here for a long time. They belonged to the Dukes of Burgundy then to the Cistercian monks. The vines are planted at an altitude of 220 to 360 metres on particularly chalky ground which is what gives the wines of Savigny such great refinement and finesse.

"Offering up aromas of sweet cherries, plums and licorice, the 2022 Savigny-lès-Beaune is medium bodied, broad and charming, with a sweet, fleshy core of fruit that largely conceals its supple structuring tannins. Drink or hold"

92/100 James Suckling

2022 Bouchard Monthelie 1er Cru Les Duresses - \$95

At Monthelie - pronounced "Monthlie" - the first traces of vineyards date back to the 9th century. Situated between Volnay, Meursault and Auxey-Duresses there is a Romanesque church typical of medieval Burgundy, and a castle dating back to the year 1000. The "Climat" "Les Duresses" spreads over the villages of Auxey-Duresses where it is the prize vineyard, and the village of Monthelie, where it is one of the most remarkable Premiers Crus. This 1.72 hectares of the Bouchard Pere et Fils estate, with limestone, clay, marly and gravelly soil, is often harvested a little later than the other vineyards of Monthelie, producing rich wines.

"I love the nose of red roses and red fruits of this excellent Monthelie. Way more graceful than the reputation of this appellation leads you to expect. Also good concentration, the velvety tannins building very nicely at the long finish. From two plots in this appellation. Drink or hold!"

93/100 James Suckling



2022 Bouchard Aloxe-Corton - \$110

The first traces of vineyards in Aloxe-Corton date back to the 2nd century BC. This appellation on the north side of the Côte de Beaune is situated at the foot of the Corton hill, on its eastern side bordering with the Côte de Nuits. The orientation of the vineyards is south east and the soil is made up of limestone and clay on a marly subsoil. The style is firmer and more muscular than typical Burgundy reds, with dark cherry, blackberry, earth, spice, and a subtle gamey note with age. Traditional vinification, careful oak ageing, built to evolve for many years. Classic expression of a structured yet elegant Burgundy terroir.

2022 Bouchard Beaune 1er Cru Les Marconnets - \$110

This fine vineyard in Beaune owes its name to the Germanic tribe of the Marcomans who settled here in the 3rd. century AD. Bouchard Pere & Fils has owned vineyards here since 1791 and today harvests from 2.32 hectares situated at the northernmost point of the territory of Beaune. The layers of grey, marly chalk give this Premier Cru distinction, character, elegance and bouquet.

"The nose is cool and elegant with its array of black cherry and raspberry trimmed in anise and violet hints. There is excellent punch to the even more mineral-driven medium-bodied flavors that possess a succulent mid-palate that contrasts with the moderately austere, firm and serious finale. This always needs at least some patience and 2022 will not be any different. Excellent."

Drink to 2032+

93/100 Burghound

2022 Bouchard Pommard 1er Cru - \$130

This wine encapsulates the famed village of Pommard, celebrated for its deep, intense flavours and impressive ageing potential. Made from a blend of the Premier Cru vineyards Les Chanlins and Les Combes, it offers a complex bouquet of ripe fruit and wild animal notes, with a subtle oaky undertone that enhances its character. On the palate, this wine is solid and powerful, with a robust tannic structure that promises excellent longevity. Maturation lasts 12-14 months in French oak barrels, 30-40% of which are new.

"A slightly fresher nose features pretty violet top notes to the earthy coulis of black pinot fruit scents. There is fine mid-palate density and evident power to the bigger-bodied flavors that exude a bracing salinity on the youthfully austere, firm and moderately rustic finale. Patience suggested." Drink to 2036+

92/100 Burghound



JEAN-PAUL & BENOÎT DROIN



"Benoît Droin greeted me at his winery in the heart of Chablis ville. Last year, Droin took an hour off to show me through his wines. Was it worthwhile? "I lost 70% of the crop in 2024, 100% in some areas," Droin told me. Indeed, there is no Vaulorent, Côte de Léchet, Vaucoupin or Les Grenouilles this year. "There was a lot of hail in the Grand Crus, but we still managed to crop between 25-30 hl/ha, as there was only minor damage."

-Vinous, Neal Martin

"As I've written before, Benoît Droin's immensely dependable wines are among the most consistent in the region, and to my palate, the combination of Diam closures and élevages employing recently used and, indeed, occasionally new wood (though only up to 10%) means that these wines need a few years in bottle to show their best. But everything invariably comes together to impressive effect. These are concentrated yet incisive examples of Chablis, capable of aging with grace while offering broad and rewarding drinking windows."

-Parker's Wine Advocate, William Kelley

2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Petit Chablis - \$60

This wine is made from two parcels (1.85 hectares) of Portlandian soil located on the plateau above Le Clos Grand Cru, produced entirely in stainless steel, following tradition. The result is a punchy introduction to the range, offering a rich and expressive nose filled with ripe citrus aromas and hints of stone fruit. The palate follows with bright, fruit-forward flavors and a delightful gourmand character; rounded off by a pleasing salinity at the finish. A true crowd-pleaser; this wine is hard to resist.

"A perfect introduction to the delicious work of Benoît Droin, boasting classic aromas of lemon peel, flint and soft white flowers. The body is light and the acidity is crisp, providing a refreshing white with impressive finesse that should drink well upon release and over the next several years. The grapes are from a large parcel at the top of the grand cru slope, fermented and aged in tank before bottling." Drink 2026-2030

92/100 Decanter; Charles Curtis MW

2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis - \$65

The Droin estate spans 9.33 hectares, divided across 14 different parcels. This year due to tiny quantities of many of his 1er and Grand Crus, any fruit there was went into this wine. As is customary, both fermentation and aging occurred in stainless steel tanks. The wine's nose features classic notes of iodine and oyster shell, complemented by ripe citrus fruit aromas. The wine also boasts a strong mineral character, highlighted by a long, dry finish that leaves the mouth watering. An incredibly classy village Chablis.

"Stylish, with a bit of reduction and notes of lemon peel, green apple and pear, along with a suggestion of acacia blossoms and honey. The clean, pure fruit continues on the palate, where there is more density and weight than many. This will drink well on release and continue to improve with mid-term cellaring." Drink 2026-2031

94/100 Decanter, Charles Curtis MW



2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons - \$95

Arguably one of the flagship wines of the estate, this benefits from substantial holdings totaling 4.82 hectares across the 5 sub-sectors of Epinottes, Roncières, Séchet, Chatains, and Beugnons. (Sees 15% of new and 1yr old wood).

"The 2024 Chablis Vaillons 1er Cru has a comparatively strict and correct nose for this vineyard. It's stonier than I expected. The palate is more generous with hints of fresh apricot and peach. This is well balanced, pretty and quite persistent. Give it until the end of 2026 for the aromatics to open up." Drink 2026-2033

92/100 Vinous, Neal Martin

"The 2024 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons, 30% of which is vinified in wood, wafts from the glass with aromas of orange zest, pastry and honeysuckle, followed by a medium- to full-bodied palate with a crisp yet demonstrative core of pure, open-knit fruit. Sourced from a warm site of higher maturity—where Droin typically begins the harvest—it has, unsurprisingly, turned out very well this year." Drink 2026-2037

91/100 Parkers Wine Advocate, Kristaps Karklins

2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis 1er Cru Montmains - \$105

"Seriously charming, this boasts tangy acidity, oodles of fresh fruit and a moreish, toasty finish—despite Benoît's reduction in new oak in this vintage. Already integrated and plush this will be irresistible from the start. This comes from the Montmains lieu-dit, which Benoît thinks is the best across the range of the long hillside. 40% 2 & 3yr oak."

93/100 Tim Atkin MW

"The 2024 Chablis Montmains 1er Cru come from Montmains proper, and offers liting apricot and clementine scents on the pretty nose, which is perhaps what I was expecting from the Vaillons! The palate is very well balanced with more body and slightly less tension than the Vaillons. This is more approachable with its open-armed, tropical-tinged finish. The 2024 will be difficult to resist!" Drink 2026-2032

91/100 Vinous, Neal Martin

"Delivering aromas of pear, almond paste and orange peel, the 2024 Chablis 1er Cru Montmains is medium- to full-bodied and bright yet giving, concluding with a saline finish. It derives from a clay-rich site that is typically harvested a week later than Vaillons, 40% of which is vinified in wood." Drink 2026-2037

91/100 Parkers Wine Advocate, Kristaps Karklins



2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir - \$175

Droin's 1.05 hectares in Vaudésir are divided between two parcels on either side of a steeply sloping valley. The larger parcel faces north, contributing freshness, while the other faces south, adding weight and power. The nose is open and expressive, with peach, orange, and sweet spice notes all vying for attention. On the palate, the abundance of fruit makes this wine surprisingly approachable at this stage. It has a creamy, viscous texture that is well-balanced by a fine, iodine minerality.

"Coming primarily from the entry of the valley with another small part from the northern hillside, this is a flattering Vaudésir. Its nose smells of sliced bread, pear peels and baking spices. The palate is richly fruited with a creamy, glossy feel and the finish is velvety rich. The acidity gently laces between the sweetly-fruited layers. While this should be capable of rewarding up to a decade of keeping, it could be approached after only 5 or so."

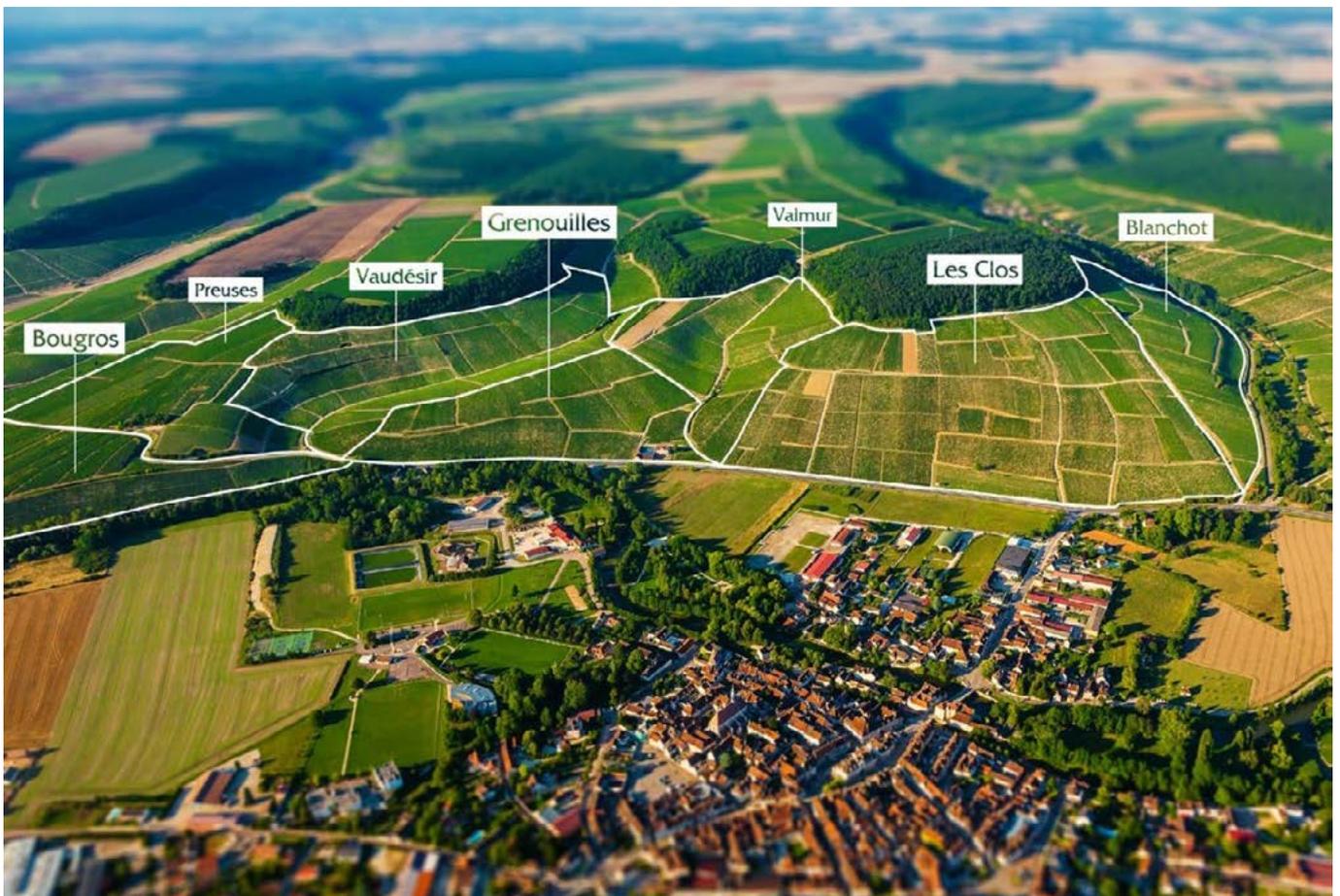
94/100 Tim Atkin MW

"The 2024 Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru was not too impacted by the hail. It has a tightly wound, petrichor- and Crustacea-tinged bouquet that remains tight-lipped at the moment. The palate is fresh on the entry with citrus peel, clementine and grapefruit notes. It is harmonious, with finely judged acidity and a poised finish. This is a Grand Cru that stays within its means and benefits from that. The 2024 is very fine." Drink 2026-2038

93/100 Vinous, Neal Martin

"From a sunny site that benefits from comparatively warm nights, Droin's 2024 Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir delivers aromas of lemon confit, beeswax and peach, mingled with pastry notes, followed by a medium- to full-bodied, textural yet racy palate. Gourmand in profile, it marries the inherent maturity of the site with the taut musculature lent by the cool growing season. Like Vaillons, it derives from a high-maturity site and has turned out very well this year." Drink-2026-2039

93/100 Parkers Wine Advocate, Kristaps Karklins



2024 Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin Chablis Grand Cru Le Clos 'Homage à Louis' - \$205

Made from three parcels, one of which was acquired by Louis Droin in 1920 - "Au Clos, lieu-dit Les Clos". Despite every vintage of Le Clos between 1920 and 2019 including this parcel, the authorities strangely argued this was actually part of Valmur. Leading to Benoît labelling it Grand Cru 'Homage à Louis' for 3 vintages. After several years of legal battles, Benoît has finally received approval from the INAO to label this wine as Les Clos once more, although he has chosen to keep the "Hommage à Louis" designation as well. This wine exudes true sophistication and always shows immense potential.

"The 2024 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Hommage à Louis (the name is now officially ratified by the authorities) has the best aromatics among the Grand Crus, with more mineralité and intensity. Wet limestone and sea cave aromas burst from the glass. The palate is vibrant with energy and tension. It has a light reduction that Droin attributes to the blue clay soils and a complex, persistent finish. The 2024 is excellent!" Drink 2027-2044

95/100 Vinous, Neal Martin

"Part of this cuvée, made of three parcels, comes from blue clay soils that tend to produce reduction. However, there is none present now, allowing the wine to show a peacock-like array of vivid flavors: peach fuzz, cherimoya, toasted hazelnuts and warm, wet rocks. The vines range in age from 20 to over 60 years old. As is virtually always the case, this is very much built-to-age and a wine that is going to need at least some bottle aging"

95/100 Tim Atkin MW

"The 2024 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Hommage à Louis, vinified equal parts in tank and wood, comes recommended. It opens in the glass with aromas of lemon oil, pear and almond paste, mingled with notes of spring flowers and warm stones. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, layered and elegantly muscular, framed by a crisp core of fruit, racy acidity and a long, chalky finish. Deep and authoritative, it represents a commendable achievement in a challenging vintage" Drink 2026-2040

94/100 Parkers Wine Advocate, Kristaps Karklins

