

95 ALBERT BICHOT Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses 2018

From a parcel owned and farmed by a family on Bichot team, this Amoureuses has the stamina of a Musigny. The wine's fragrance glows with intensity, layering rose and rock, rosehips and red plums. Oak plays a prominent role in the youthful structure, but the wine sustains it, turning the oak to sophisticated advantage. Ample ripe yet runway-model thin, the wine lasts on floral notes, along with a sense of rocky grandeur.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

Bichot farms two plots in Clos de Vougeot, one toward the top of the vineyard, the other lower down the slope, 1.5 acres in all. In 2018, the wines cool, zesty summer-cherry flavors and green-peppercorn spice fill a clean, fragrant wine. Sébastien Piekutowski of the *Dream Away Lodge* in Becket, Mass., commented on its textural delicacy, between chalk and licorice. It has the potential to amaze once it has aged he said.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Malconsorts Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

With its muscular structure and saturation of fruit, this looks south from Malconsorts toward Nuits in its black cherry richness. This is what power and concentration look like said Christy Frank of Copake Wine Works, NY, commenting on the luscious depth of flavor. A ripe 2018, this is approachable now given the breadth of its fruit, but it will need five years or more to show the distinctions of its premier cru provenance.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Vosne-Romanée Domaine du Clos Frantin 2018

Bichot farms 2.4 acres for this wine, blending fruit from Les Damaudes in the southwest corner of Vosne, on the hill above Malconsorts, with grapes from Maizières to the north and east, lower down the hill in Flagey-Echezeaux. Those two terroirs come together in a fragrant wine with the glow of red fruit and the glint of mineral facets. The fruit flavor is distinctive and rich, not a fruit you might find at the market, but some combination of red and purple berries that merges into a rich satin drape of flavor, formidably structured and filled with youthful energy.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Santenay Les Charmes 2018

With black-fruit richness draped in velvet tannins, a sip of this wine is like diving into a bowl of blueberries and raspberries, or so it struck Berkshire chef Amy Loveless. It's a voluptuous pleasure, a Burgundy to catch now for its freshness and vibrant beauty.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Rochegrès Moulin à Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2018

From close to five acres of 80- to 100-year-old vines, this wine is peppery and tannic under a drape of black-cherry flavors. Those bitter, rooty tannins transform toward mineral notes while the fruit adds floral highlights, all suggesting this will benefit from a year or two of age.

89 ALBERT BICHOT Moulin à Vent Domaine de Rochegrès 2018

From a 7.4-acre parcel of vines 25 to 35 years old, this is a powerful, plummy Moulin-à Vent with an undertow of generous tannins. The fruit is lush and a little dimpled in its black grape-skin flavors. For duck rillettes.



93 ALBERT BICHOT Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Domaine du Pavillon 2018

Bichot farms close to three acres in Les Languettes, a climat on the south-southeast face of the Corton hill. This wine is clean, fragrant and fresh, offering grand cru luxury without any effort. Its bright tangerine notes deepen to lemon custard, green pear highlights lasting along with the richer fruit. This is a substantial white, built for rich food. Taster suggested even braised duck with prunes.

93 ALBERT BICHOT Nuits-St-Georges Château Gris Les Terrasses Monopole 2018

This grows at the top of an 8.6-acre terraced vineyard (the bottom is planted to pinot noir). And it's a powerful argument for chardonnay in the clay-limestone soils at the higher elevations of Nuits-St-Georges. It reminded Berkshire chef Amy Loveless of a meringue in the lightness of its body and the richness of its flavor, with oak providing a whisper of caramelization. The acidity touches on lemons and minerals, sustaining the wine's flavor for minutes on the breath. Complete and completely delicious.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs Domaine Long Depaquit 2018

From a parcel of 45-year-old vines, this wine has the scent of early spring, opening to apple blossoms and Queen Anne lace. The fruit has a juicy apple freshness, taking on depth and power over the course of several days. The delicate floral notes seem to emanate from the lees, adding to the range and persistence of the wine's flavor. Built to cellar.

92 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos Domaine Long Depaquit 2018

Concentrated and compressed, this is a tough young Chablis with a texture that points to its provenance. 7 acres of clay and Kimmeridgean limestone with hard marl. Tangy notes of orange, bitter melon and dry honey seem to come right from the rock. This should blossom with six to ten years in the cellar.

91 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins Domaine Long Depaquit 2018

Bichot's Chablis domaine includes 12.8 acres in Vaucopins; this wine fermented and aged mostly in stainless steel with 15 percent of the lot in used oak barrels, developing leesy complexity to its brisk cool fruit. Tina Vaughn of NYC *The Simone* described the wine as delicate and lady-like, with scents of lemon sorrel to pour with a spicy potato soup.

90 ALBERT BICHOT Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots Domaine Long Depaquit 2018

With its sweet citrus notes, this wine overt fruit and cardamom spice offers a lot of sensual appeal. Sexy, but is it Chablis one taster asked, then dove back for another sip.

