

# Burgundy 2020 Special Report

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## Top 25 Chablis Producers: *Domaine Long-Depaquit*

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Les Clos

Two parcels combine to form this wine: one mid-slope and another at the top of the slope. This is as impressively big as one would expect a Clos to be, yet in contrast, it shows delicate fresh herb and yeasty notes. On the finish, the wine is an echo chamber of its concentration and needs time to settle down. 2025-34

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Les Vaudésirs

An exuberant Les Vaudésirs, this oozes tropical fruit, vanilla bean and toasted oats. Sensuously rounded on the palate - for a Chablis, even a Grand Cru, this is silky, long and tastes of sunshine. This is the domaine's largest Chablis Grand Cru holding at 2.6 hectares. 2024-30

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Moutonne Monopole

Made of Les Vaudésirs with a 5% dollop of Les Preuses, this is always a unique wine. This vintage shows good cut with chiselled acidity and lifting minerality. The sappy mid-palate is a combination of golden apples, sweet peaches and crushed oyster shells. 2023-2034

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Bougros

Like the Preuses, this undergoes aging entirely in oak, but in oak of two to three uses. The oak is slightly less marked here as the wine is more exotic with pineapple, mango and green tea notes. The mid-palate is slightly custardy, and there's a hint of tannin on the finish that cleans up the concentrated palate with the punchy acidity. 2023-32

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit 2020 Chablis GC Les Preuses

Though Bichot owns 65 hectares of vines in Chablis, this is the smallest holding at only 0.25 hectare. These recently replanted vines stand next to La Moutonne. This spends 10 months in oak, from new to five uses, and there are clear vanilla and caramel notes that cling to the poached apples and pears. Supple and smooth, this is a broad-shouldered Chablis. 2024-30

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis GC Les Blanchots

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaucopins

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Montmains

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Beugnons

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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Lys

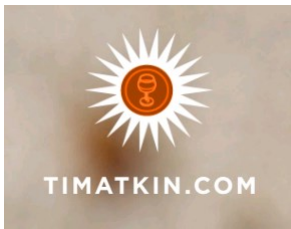
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### Albert Bichot, Dom. Long-Depaquit, Chablis PC Les Vaillons

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## Top 25 *Négociants*:

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#### Albert Bichot 2020 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet GC

Christophe Chauvel says Bichot usually buys one to three barrels of Criots grape must and bought two in 2020. The scintillatingly pure nose pops with a very stylish, Puligny nose of garden flowers, minerals and ripe pears. The palate follows with a waterfall of juicy, flavorful fruit that feels remarkably light thanks to the racy acidity. Toasty notes come out on the long finish. All in all, this is already very well knit. 2022-34



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#### Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Corton-Charlemagne GC

Bichot's Pavillon owns a 1.2-hectare parcel in the Les Languettes sector that averages 40 years in age. This, like all the Pavillon wines, are certified organic. Apple peels and white flowers start the nose, and the palate turns on flavors of fresh pineapple cake and cinnamon. The curvy, concentrated palate finishes with buoyant acidic lift. 2023-32



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#### Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Beaune PC Clos des Mouches

Pavillon's 75 ares are in the upper and final part of Clos des Mouches. The nose starts with buttered and toasted cinnamon bread then follows with baked apples. The palate is smooth and much perkier than the rich nose initially suggests. There's excellent tension that draws out the solid finish. 2022-30



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#### Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Meursault PC Les Charmes

Domaine du Pavillon holds 1 ha 17 across three parcels in the Dessus, or upper, and Dessous, or lower, portions of Charmes. Unsurprisingly, this wine shows the breadth of Meursault with more ethereal, floral aromatics – fitting for vines that lie both in clay (evoking the former) and on limestone (providing the latter.) Lovely floral notes intertwine with melon, yellow cherry and tapioca pudding on the palate. 2022-28

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#### Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Meursault Les Criots

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#### Albert Bichot, Château-Gris, Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Terrasses

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#### Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Mercurey Les Champs Michaux

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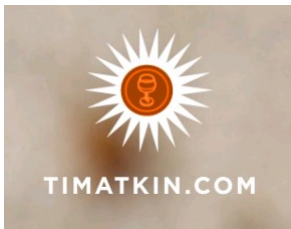
#### Albert Bichot, Macon Lugny Les Charmes

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#### Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Bourgogne Aligoté Champ Renard

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#### Albert Bichot, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay Secret de Famille



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## **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Chambertin GC**

This is a flamboyant, wildly perfumed Chambertin! Its vines lie in the chilly upper reaches of the Grand Cru, which certainly contributes to the wine's vivacity. Dark cherry fruits meet pain au chocolat on the nose. As it opens, evergreen and struck flint weave into the mix. Rather masculine in style, the tannins are dense and somewhat strappy. Blazing acidity pulls the wine into a long finish dappled with smoky minerality. 2025-45

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## **Albert Bichot 2020 Latricières-Chambertin GC**

Bichot harvests these purchased grapes whose vines are planted in clay and limestone soils. The nose starts with tangy red fruits layered with potpourri nuances. Excellent acidic tension and drizzle soft tannins give this simultaneously delicate and powerful Grand Cru instant allure. 2023-40

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## **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Clos-de-Vougeot GC**

Domaine du Clos Frantin has parcels in the top and bottom of the Clos. The combination makes for a vibrantly intense palate with excellent density. The blueberry coulis and forest berry core are shaped by silky, caressing tannins and bracing acidity. While built for the long-term, this should be accessible fairly early, too. 2024-40

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## **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Echézeaux GC**

This 1 hectare of vines is in the Champs Traversins, which has rather sandy soils and lies in the line of the Combe d'Orveau. Blueberries and bramble pour from the glass while perky acidity pounces on the palate. The tannins are fine and persistent through the generous finish. 2023-40

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## **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin 2020 Vosne-Romanée PC Les Malconsorts**

A generous 1.75 hectares of this coveted Premier Cru are in the hands of Bichot, which is its largest landowner. Romanée-Conti and Richebourg are neighboring vineyards. As one would suspect, this is sheer class and very, very moreish. The nose starts with spicy oak, bramble and black cherries. The fruit-filled palate is framed by soaring freshness and suave, powdery tannins. 2023-38

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## **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon 2020 Corton GC Clos des Maréchaudes Monopole**

Planted in the early 1950s, these 2 hectares of vines sit close to the bedrock on a solid slope. The resulting wine is seriously dense in fruit concentration and structure. Field strawberries, plum compote and cherry preserves slide across the palate into a vividly fruit-driven finish. 2024-40

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## **Albert Bichot, Nuits-Saint-Georges PC Château-Gris**

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## **Albert Bichot, Chambolle-Musigny PC Les Chabiots**

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## **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Clos Frantin Vosne-Romanée**

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## **Albert Bichot, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Evocelles**

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## **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard PC Les Rugiens**

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## **Albert Bichot, Morey-Saint-Denis PC Les Sorbets**

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## **Albert Bichot, Fixin PC Clos de la Perrière**

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## **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Aloxe-Corton PC Clos des Maréchaudes**

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## **Albert Bichot, Dom. du Pavillon, Pommard Clos des Ursulines**

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## **Albert Bichot, Dom. Adélie, Mercurey PC Champs Martin**

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## **Albert Bichot, Bourgogne Pinot Noir Côte d'Or Secret de Famille**

