



BRUNO DESAUNAY

2021 EN PRIMEUR OFFER



THE RISE OF A WONDERFUL MAN AND VIGNERON

2023 saw a sad start to the year for me as it saw the passing of Bruno Desaunay. I mention him firstly as a wonderful man and secondly as a vigneron as he loved people, especially his close family and friends. He always had a smile and a welcome for everybody, whether he knew them or not. The picture below is from our first tasting 20 years ago...



His life centred around the village that he loved, Flagey - Echezaux. He adored his life in this little paradise. Whilst tourists flock to Christian Quenel, the swanky restaurant of Flagey, paying hundreds of euros for a bottle of Bruno's wine, he would be happy watching basketball with friends at a local bar or at home. His day always began in the vineyard with his longstanding team and would end at home. We were delighted to bring this shy, unassuming man out with us for dinner on our trips to meet clients. There was always something to learn, but most importantly of all, he brought a smile to everyone's face with witty stories.

He lived with his grandparents until the age of 6, then with his father until the age of 16. Christine, his wife, was his childhood sweetheart. They married and he joined the family business of Domaine Bissey, which like so many growers at the time sold much of their produce to Negotiants.

He learnt his trade in Dijon and realised that his finished wine was better than the negociants were producing with his grapes, so he continued to bottle more himself and was surprised and delighted when merchants globally started knocking on his door. Indeed, my first experience of his wine was with a friend, Tim Marson MW, some 20 years ago when we were introduced to the domaine. He was stunned by the plushness and pin point precision of the wine. As demand increased, Bruno bottled more wine under his own name and his son Richard joined him in the vineyard, The domaine was now called Desaunay Bissey, a nod to Bruno from a family who recognised that their son in law had brought prestige to the domaine.



THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Bruno led a simple life and only had good words for everybody. I was surprised how many people attended his funeral. The church at Flagey was packed as was the outside. It was surprising to see how many young people were there too, as he was obviously so well liked in the village. Many of Burgundy's good and great, including Christophe Roumier, came along on this cold morning to pay their respects. He was buried on a bright, sunny day in the local cemetery and lies with different strands of many Tardys and Fourriers... so good company!



The next photo was taken in June 2022 at a dinner at Chateau Gilly with Bruno, Jean-Yves Bizot, Claire Naudin and clients of mine from Canada.



2021 will be the last vintage that was completed entirely by Bruno, with 2022 seeing him not obviously being able to finish the vinification. We wish Richard and Christine good luck for the future. With the great team that they have and with great vigneronns such as Bizot and Lachaux offering assistance, I'm sure that the future is bright for young Richard. With so much knowledge from Bruno being passed down and with some enviable holdings, the future can only be bright and the domaine will, in my opinion, go from strength to strength.

There is much interest in this release as Bruno had over the past five years begun to achieve the high scores and accolades...selling out each year.

With constant enquiries from brokers, we have kept the entire allocation exclusively for our clients who have enjoyed the wines and seen the rise of this wonderful man.



DESAUNAY

2021 EN PRIMEUR PRICE LIST	2021 PRICE CASE X 6 IB	
Desaunay Bourgogne Pinot Noir	£115	
Desaunay Gevrey Chambertin	£285	
Desaunay Nuits Saint George Les Belles Croix	£275	
Desaunay Chambolle Musigny	£315	
Desaunay Vosne Romanee	£325	
Desaunay Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Les Rouges	£430	
Desaunay Vosne Romanee Beaux Monts	£455	
Desaunay Echezeaux	POA	
Desaunay Grands Echezeaux	POA	
Desaunay Bourgogne Chardonnay	£115	
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With the sudden passing of Bruno,
no tasting notes were written.