

Domaine Arlaud The king of Morey Saint Denis



"Super seductive elegance of the wines from village level to grand cru..."



Cyprien Arlaud - Domaine Arlaud

Morey St Denis is a tiny village. Blink and you'll miss it. I've had several introductions over the years, but none really grabbed me on tasting. So we left this village alone for a few years. When Jean Yves Bizot purchased the Clos de la Bidaude at the top of the village overlooking the Clos de Lambrays, my mind turned to all things Morey as I wanted to immerse myself in the terroir, and future of this little gem of a village.

Now, with a gorgeous new tasting room in Morey, you can marvel at the beautiful wooden ceiling that has been made by local artisans. Spectacular yet so refined, like the man himself.

Anyone that we bring to taste is so impressed with the super seductive elegance of the wines from village level to grand cru. All have the depth and hallmark of originality and beauty. These are wines that should be so much more expensive. The 2022 parcel has a small increase in price, and so worth every penny. If quantities allow, we will try and team up Ruchots in future with Bidaude...thus another super parcel.

A magnificent pair of wines for collectors to savour. At present they are paired up with some of the finest wines in the Arlaud, if not all of Burgundy's stable.

After years of talking about Bidaude, Jean Yves thought that I should talk to Cyprien Arlaud as he would be the most important man in Morey as his seriousness has led to beautiful elegant and very refined wines. Mmmm, I thought...you're both quite similar then. Indeed, they are. Both men are passionate about what Morey can do. After several years of tasting with Cyprien, it's so easy to see that we had found a perfect partner. Charming to all that visit, his wines are without doubt some of the best in the Cotes de Nuits. We have offered yet again this year, a parcel consisting of Morey's exceptional...Les Ruchots along with spectacular grand crus from the King of Morey.





Cyprien Arlaud in conversation offers a particular kind of finesse, refinement, directness and energy that one finds only amongst the top tier of vignerons in Burgundy. These are qualities that show up clearly in Domaine Arlaud's wines, transmitted via the alchemy of Cyprien's winemaking.

Yet work done over previous decades to improve soil life in the domaine's vineyards appears to have paid dividends this vintage. From ending the use of herbicides in 1998, to conversion to organic cultivation from 2004, on to fully embracing biodynamic principles from 2009, Arlaud's vines today enjoy some of the most biodiverse, living soils found in Burgundy.

The Aubert de Villaine Connection:

This was confirmed by a story told to us recently by one of Burgundy's most reputable wine merchants. As a young lad, so the story went, Cyprien Arlaud used to see Aubert de Villaine cycle to his vineyards every single day, full of admiration at the great man's humble work ethic. "One day, I will do the same," thought the young Cyprien, as he grew up adoring DRC's wines.

At a recent lunch with Aubert de Villaine, Aubert told our friend the wine merchant, "one of the people I respect most in Burgundy is Cyprien Arlaud. He has worked tirelessly in his vineyards and uplifted all of the Cotes de Nuits."

Morey-Saint-Denis:

Most excitingly, Cyprien is one of a small number of winemakers who, alongside Jean-Yves Bizot, have recognised Morey-St-Denis' as yet unrealised potential to join the elite villages of the Côtes de Nuits. As the masters of the new Morey-Saint- Denis, we are proud to represent both Jean-Yves Bizot, and also Cyprien Arlaud's Morey-St-Denis

Arlaud 2022 - Parcel of 12:

x 75cl Bottles

- > Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru x 3
- > Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru x 3
- > Morey-Saint-Denis Premier Cru, Les Ruchots x 6

£2,958 - IB





Domaine Arlaud 2022 by Neal Martin - Vinous

Cyprien Arlaud is too often overlooked among the coterie of Burgundy's biodynamic winemakers. That might be because his style of wines does not fit the tropes of "transparency' or "red fruit," but rather these are more structured wines that err toward black fruit and that demand bottle age.

Pulling up outside the winery, the rather undeveloped exterior is tarmacked over with brandnew electronic gates. It takes five or ten unfortunate minutes to work out how to enter. There are a few teething issues. Once inside, much of the extension and construction work appears completed, with a new ground-floor tasting room awaiting the painter and decorator. Arlaud escorted me down to the barrel cellar and commenced with a summary of the 2022 growing season.

"It was a dry growing season, warmer than usual. For the Village, we now use cover crops as they are on more clayey soils that can become compacted. This means we are getting less stress in the vines. One of the main challenges was the heavy rain in June that brought some flooding, and this accelerated the vines' vigor. The rain was less here in Morey-Saint-Denis than in Gevrey, but we still received 100mm of rain in one hour.

Fortunately, I don't have vines where the heaviest rain fell, so I didn't suffer any erosion, perhaps because of the way we have plowed the soils by horse for over 19 years. Now, we plow early in the morning to avoid the heat and also according to the moon.

Also, we did more tressage in Clos de la Roche and green harvest. The team had to be gentle with the vines so that they would be less stressed. I started picking on August 29. I think the wines are developing how I expected after tasting them from vat."

Among his Grand Crus, habitually, I prefer the Clos Saint-Denis over the Clos de la Roche, and in 2022, there is no change, albeit a whisker between the two. They both represent wonderful, exuberant Grand Crus oozing pedigree. Both are a step above his Bonnes-Mares this year. His range of Morey-Saint-Denis is amongst the best, alongside, I would say, Virgile Lignier's (Lignier-Michelot) and Laurent Lignier's.

They showcase the finest lieux-dits, such as Les Ruchots and Les Blanchards. As I mentioned, these wines don't tend to show their best when young and benefit from several years of bottle aging.

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Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru 2022 Score: 96-98

The 2022 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru has darker fruit on the nose than the Clos de la Roche: blackberry and bilberry, crushed violet, and plenty of forest floor commingling with light granitic scents. The terroir really shines through here. The palate is medium-bodied with filigree tannins, very harmonious with a cashmere texture. There's impressive weight on the finish with outstanding tension. I thought the 2021 was a knockout last year ... This is, too.

Clos-de-la-Roche Grand Cru 2022 Score: 95-97

The 2022 Clos-de-la-Roche Grand Cru has all the tropes you expect from this vineyard, with exuberant wild strawberry, raspberry confit and blood orange scents bursting from the glass. The oak is very well-integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins and darker fruit than the Charmes-Chambertin, with impressive precision on the finish. This is extremely promising.

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2022 Score: 93-95

The 2022 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, one of the last to be picked over three different passes, has a plush and expressive bouquet with dark cherries, raspberry coulis and light violet petal aromas that recede and reveal orange rind and yuzu scents. The palate is medium-bodied with firm grip on the entry. It's a solid Charmes-Chambertin that is Mazoyeres in style because, well, that's where it's from! A serious Charmes-Chambertin that will age well in bottle.

Morey-Saint-Denis Les Ruchots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 93-95

The 2022 Morey-Saint-Denis Les Ruchots 1er Cru has a classic Morey-Saint-Denis bouquet with mineral-driven black fruit and touches of melted tar and tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, well-balanced and grippy, with perhaps the most saline finish amongst Arlaud's Morey Premier Crus. This will need more time than the Aux Chesaux, but it will be worth the wait.

Gevrey-Chambertin Aux Combottes 1er Cru Score: 93-95

The 2022 Gevrey-Chambertin Aux Combottes 1er Cru is often one of Arlaud's strongest cards in his pack. The flattering bouquet has pure, very floral red berry fruit mixed with rose petals and iris flowers. This is very expressive and charming. The palate is medium-bodied with gentle grip, belying a quite structured Gevrey with a slightly chalky finish. This is one of his most mineral-driven cuvees with a very long finish.



Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru 2022 Score: 92-94

The 2022 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru has a slightly more reduced nose than the Clos Saint-Denis: blackberry and blueberry fruit, quite a strong marine influence here. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins and gentle grip. It's grainy in texture, and the oak needs a few months to assimilate fully. It misses the same degree of refinement as the Clos Saint-Denis at the moment.

Morey-Saint-Denis Aux Chesaux 1er Cru 2022 Score: 92-94

The 2022 Morey-Saint-Denis Aux Chesaux 1er Cru is very delineated and harmonious on the nose, with blackberry and wild strawberry fruit, crushed rock and light dried rose petal scents from the whole bunches. The medium-bodied palate has a fresh, saline entry, beautifully structured with gentle grip. Darker fruit surfaces toward the finish with hints of candied orange peel and blood orange. Excellent.

Chambolle-Musigny Les Noirots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 91-93

The 2022 Chambolle-Musigny Les Noirots 1er Cru has an opulent bouquet with black cherries, rose petals and a touch of sous-bois. The medium-bodied palate offers more succulence and structure than the Chatelots, with insistent grip and a firm backbone on the finish. There's a bit of sinew here, so it will require three or four years in bottle to loosen up.

Chambolle-Musigny Village 2022 Score: 89-91

The 2022 Chambolle-Musigny Village, aged in 10% new oak and completely de-stemmed, has an attractive bouquet demonstrating a little more nuance than the Morey Village. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chewy tannins on the entry. It softens towards the finish with raspberry and Morello cherries mixed with a dab of licorice. This should turn into a very fine Chambolle.

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Morey-Saint-Denis Village 2022 Score: 87-89

The 2022 Morey-Saint-Denis Village comes from two parcels. Raised in 10% new oak, it has a light sea spray note that fuses with the mainly black fruit, then becomes more floral in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, as you expect from a Morey-Village, with fine weight, finishing with a dash of black pepper. A capable Morey-Saint-Denis that will require a couple of years in bottle.

Bourgogne Roncevie 2022 Score: 85-87

The 2022 Bourgogne Roncevie has commendable fruit concentration on the nose, with black cherries and bilberry fruit. The palate is well-balanced, and the 10% new oak neatly integrated. It is quite sweet, with touches of blackcurrant pastilles towards the finish. Fine.

Echezeaux Grand Cru 2022 Score: 91-93

The 2022 Echezeaux Grand Cru has a very floral nose, beautifully defined with Morello cherries, crushed strawberries, and touches of blueberry. Very seductive. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine line of acidity. It's quite fresh and elegant in style, to the point where it might need a tad more substance and grip on the finish. Still, it's a lovely wine.

Nuits Saint-Georges Les Chaignots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 87-89

The 2022 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Chaignots ler Cru is one cuvee that felt a bit trop on the nose, maybe with a little more VA. The palate is much better with juicy, ripe black fruit, graphite and blood orange. Here, it's as if the palate deserved better aromatics.







Cyprien Arlaud began picking on 29th August, bringing in the Grands Crus fairly early, with most wines between 13.2 and 13.5%.

He has been looking to find energy and balance in the warmer summers and has not treated 2022 the same way as the other solar years.



He felt that the August showers had a positive effect for 24 hours and then brought forward the vine's cycle towards defoliation. Having seen this, he introduced a policy of picking half of several plots, waiting for a shower then going in for the rest the following day.

The silky and balanced style of the vintage was evident in the fermenting tanks early. It reminds him a lot of 2002 but he expects to preserve more energy in the wines this time round.

The wines will be bottled in the spring. Included in the tasting were four wines under the Cyprien Arlaud label. These are officially negociant wines, but Cyprien has had the contract to run the vineyards as well as buying the grapes since 2013.

These vineyards are certified organic, but unlike his own vines are not farmed biodynamically.



Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru 2022 Score: 94-98

A healthy rich purple. The bouquet has taken the oak more than Clos de la Roche at least on today's showing. Also on the palate which then slightly simplifies the abundant red fruit. Drier tannins and a sprinkling of coconut. That sample was from a single barrel, so we tried another one which was much less marked by the wood. Just an explosive immediate fruit. Astonishing density of dark raspberry fruit on the palate, still some final tannins to resolve, but rather a gorgeous wine.

Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted: November 2023.

Clos-de-la-Roche Grand Cru 2022 Score: 96-98 5 Star Wine

A glowing mid crimson purple. The bouquet is enchanting with the white pepper and rose petal lift from the whole bunches, a little under half. Perfectly judged ripeness. The wine is beautifully discreet on the palate, but it is all there. Not super concentrated but detailed, precise and entirely in balance. Note: one of the ways in which Cyprien ensures a first class result with his Clos de la Roche is by marking up underperforming vines and deselecting their fruit at the picking stage.

Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted: November 2023.

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2022 Score: 93-95

A solid mid purple. Relatively luscious dark red fruit on the nose. The acidity pokes out a little bit at the moment, along with the stonier side of the vineyard, but I think this is more a question of the stage the wine is at. I did not quite get the succulent strawberry overcoat of which Charmes is capable. Perhaps, for once, Cyprien has made more of a Mazoyeres than a Charmes?

Drink from 2032-2039. Tasted: November 2023.

Morey-Saint-Denis Les Ruchots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 92-95

concentration. Alpine raspberries, were they to exist. Less evidently ripe, so the structure shows a little more austerely, but the fruit races through to the finishing line, a fine tensile backbone, all in fresh red berries. Drink from 2030-2038. Tasted: November 2023. 92-95

Gevrey-Chambertin Aux Combottes 1er Cru Score: 94-97 5 Star Wine

Mid purple in colour. A sublime elegance to the nose, graceful refined yet still full of energy. Floralon top of ripe red berries. Perfectly judged ripeness. There is so much intensity here yet produced with a really fine hand, very persistent indeed, and seemingly effortless. The refined tannins are entirely hidden. Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted: November 2023.







Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru 2022 Score: 95-97

A bright fresh mid purple. The bouquet is superb, in a really lush and almost creamy red berry fruit, not as wild as some until a little savoury touch at the finish. Complex, a fine weave to the texture, with pure red berry fruit coming out at the finish. Despite its location I tend to think of Bonnes Mares as a Morey style Grand Cru, but you can certainly see the touch of Chambolle in this.

Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted: November 2023.

Morey-Saint-Denis Aux Chesaux 1er Cru 2022 Score: 93-95

Mid crimson purple. Perhaps a slight reduction but the fruit really wants to express itself here. Expressive yet with refinement. Richer raspberry fruit here, fills the mouth impressively, though never over opulent, a little pepper and spice at the back, long and satisfying.

Drink from 2030-2038. Tasted: November 2023.

Chambolle-Musigny Les Noirots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 91-93

A fair depth to the crimson colour. The nose is more backward, less on the primary fruit, which is darker anyway. Fills out the middle of the palate, with slightly drier tannins. The Noirots clearly needs more elevage. Drink from 2032-2039. Tasted: November 2023.

Chambolle-Musigny Village 2022 Score: 90-91

Bright ruby in colour. The nose shows a touch of reduction. Nutty and cherries, there is rather good intensity on the palate, a line of intense cherries, no sign of the reduction here.

Drink from 2028-2033. Tasted: November 2023.

Gevrey-Chambertin Village 2022 Score: 89-91

Glowing purple, pretty fresh raspberry fruit, quite high acidity, this seems a little leaner. Fair length, and may develop more amplitude with a little more ageing.

Drink from 2028-2033. Tasted: November 2023.

Morey-Saint-Denis Village 2022 Score: 90-91

A pretty mid ruby colour. Fresh raspberry, very sensual up front, firmer tannins behind, but the fruit covers them nicely. Linear in style, good acidity, and with a more complex crunch to the fruit at the back. Drink from 2028-2033. Tasted: November 2023.

Bourgogne Roncevie 2022 Score: 87-88

Glowing red to crimson colour. Immediately juicy red fruit on the nose, raspberries, quite intense, now totally in cherries, maraschino style, with good length, no great structure but enough. Forward fresh and friendly. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: November 2023.

Echezeaux Grand Cru 2022 Score: 95-97

From the upper part of Les Treux. Glowing purple. The nose is discreet. The palate does the Echezeaux latticework thing with lots of detail, and exceptional length. Goes on dancing, tiptoeing, across the palate for a long time. Just one barrel. The fruit stays with me.

Drink from 2032-2040. Tasted: November 2023.









Domaine Arlaud 2022 by Greg Sherwood - MW

Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru 2022 Score: 95-96+

A thrilling aromatic boasts blue and purple fruits, rose petal, violets and creme de cassis saline notes before subtle earthy brûléed cured meat nuances. Sweet fruited but also tightly wound and focused with a sweet - sour acidity, ripe red plum, and a tangy, savoury finish. There is so much to be impressed about this classy wine.

Clos-de-la-Roche Grand Cru 2022 Score: 95-97

Another incredibly exotic Grand Cru with seductive aromatics packed full of pressed rose petals, pink flowers, fraises des bois, peach skins, and a grapey musky complexity. The palate is true and precise, deliciously intense, and fresh but also displaying a wonderfully weightless concentration and intensity with a fine boned mineral tannin frame. A beautifully complex, contemplative wine.

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2022 Score: 94-96

A very classy regal expression with an intricate aromatic of violet perfume and ripe berry fruit notes, all punctuated by a subtle, spicy, dusty minerality. Full, bold, and ripe fruited, this wine holds a great shape in the mouth with ample fleshy blue and purple fruits, a slight salinity, before a long, creamy persistent finish. Mouth-watering, utterly seductive and simply a beautiful expression of Grand Cru fruit.

Morey-Saint-Denis Les Ruchots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 93-95

A very individual wine with incredibly exotic aromatics of rose petals, lychee puree, black cherry, and savoury pink musk a la Gewürztraminer. The palate shows great ripeness while also retaining a fine vein of limestone minerality and a creamy harmonious balance. An utterly charming, classical Morey wine.

Gevrey-Chambertin Aux Combottes 1er Cru Score: 92-94+

Deep, expressive, and very classy, the nose shows perfumed spicy rose petal notes before meatier red and black fruits over crushed limestone, struck flint and a certain sapidity. The palate is equally exotic and expressive, with layers of red plum and earthy red currant enlivened by bright tart cherry acids before a musky, mineral, aromatic finish. Super impressive once again.

Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru 2022 Score: 95-97

No use of new oak with circa 48-year-old vines makes for a beautifully focused expression with a seamless aromatic of roses, violets, cherry liquor, salty black and blueberry nuances underpinned by a maritime minerality. The palate is broad, dense, and creamy but also incredibly seductive with peppery cedar oak spice, tart tangy acids and a long cinnamon and gingerbread kissed complexity on the finish. A top-class wine from one of Burgundy's great terroirs.

Morey-Saint-Denis Aux Chesaux 1er Cru 2022 Score: 94-95+

An utterly stunning aromatics showing truly seductive notes of freshly baked blueberry crumble, salty oyster shell and creme de cassis nuances. Wonderfully plush, broad and fleshy in the mouth, the concentration and fruit focus is impressive, expertly caressed into a dense, creamy textural wine with great balance, velvety tannins and an understated power on the finish.

Chambolle-Musigny Les Noirots 1er Cru 2022 Score: 93-95

A very sophisticated wine whispering true class and pedigree. The aromatics are delicate, intricate, and wonderfully perfumed with notes of violets, rose petals, red cherries, and pink musk. The balance and silky harmony are incredible, enlivened by a salinity and a sweet - sour tangy acidity beautifully married with ripe polished pure red and black berry fruits supported by taut, focused tannins. This is definitely a beautiful, head turning wine!

Gevrey-Chambertin Village 2022 Score: 92-94

A blend of two plots, Les Seuvres and some La Justice, the aromatics are plush and sweet fruited, packed with savoury strawberry and black berry fruits but also subtle meaty chargrilled hints. Cool, sleek and silky on the palate, there's a notable precision and pinpoint polish to the texture, revealing hints of creamy blueberry and black currant and a bright, saline mineral finish. Quite stunning for a village wine.

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Morey-Saint-Denis Village 2022 Score: 92-93

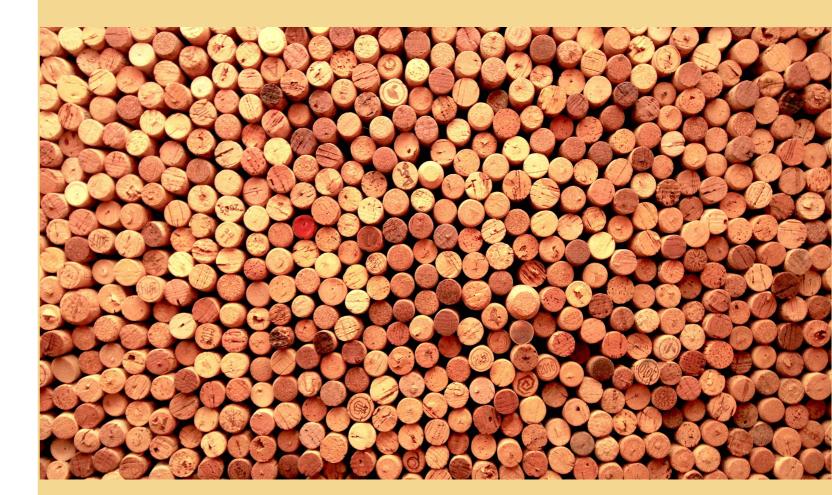
A blend of two village parcels En Seuvres and Clos Solon that sees 10% new oak, this 2022 shows seductive, exotic aromatics of red plum, red currant jelly and smoky earthy cherry hints. The texture is incredibly pure and polished, seamless, showing great balance and harmony. An incredibly classy, polished Morey red!

Bourgogne Roncevie 2022 Score: 89-91

Made from grapes sourced from a parcel in Gevrey Chambertin that used to be entitled to the communal appellation, the 2022 shows wonderfully precise perfumed aromatics that are fragrant and deliciously inviting boasting violets, creme de cassis and red cherry over some darker, more savoury black fruit notes that marry well with the 10% new oak portion. Bright, pure fruited, finishing with incredible length and intensity. A beautifully polished expression that undoubtedly over delivers.

Echezeaux Grand Cru 2022 Score: 94-95+

Another truly seductive 2022 Echezeaux boasting piercingly perfumed aromatics that are incredibly inviting with a lifted pink flower fragrance and notes of macerated red cherries and strawberry compote. Full, broad, and compact, it reveals an obvious depth and power but also a more tender, plusher, polished elegance and sophistication before a long, creamy finish. Great Grand Cru star appeal and most definitely a cracking vintage for the appellation as a whole.







Domaine Cyprien Arlaud 2022

en primeur price list (In Bond) (x 75cl bottles)

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Arlaud 2022 - Parcel of 12:

Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru x 3 Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru x 3	
Morey-Saint-Denis Premier Cru, Les Ruchots x 6	£ 2,958.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Clos de La Roche x 3	£ 780.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Charmes Chambertin x 3	£ 630.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Gevrey Chambertin 1er cru aux Combottes x 3	£ 450.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Morey Saint Denis 1er cru aux Cheseaux x 6	£ 450.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Chambolle Musigny 1er cru Les Noirots x 6	£ 840.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Chambolle Musigny x 6	£ 378.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Gevrey Chambertin x 6	£ 282.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Morey Saint Denis x 6	£ 300.00 - IB
Domaine Arlaud Bourgogne Roncevie x 12	£ 264.00 - IB
Cyprien Arlaud Echezeaux x 3	£ 648.00 - IB
Cyprien Arlaud Nuits Saint Georges 1er cru Chaignots Cuvee Joseph x 6	£ 510.00 - IB
Cyprien Arlaud Nuits Saint Georges x 6	£ 258.00 - IB
Cyprien Arlaud Vosne Romanee x 6	£ 384.00 - IB
Cyprien Arlaud Clos de Vougeot x 3	£ 600.00 - IB

