

White burgundy 2021 – go south!



Forget Meursault and Montrachet. It's time for Mâconnais

There are still wines available from the super-talented, low-sulphur Bret Brothers at La Soufrandière from both Berry Bros and Stannary Wine, the retail arm of importers Flint. Not the especially stunning Les Quarts bottling, about which I wrote at Berry's tasting, "Probably difficult to put in the Mâconnais if served blind. Almost painful acidity!", but the regular Pouilly-Vinzelles (£288 for 12, also available in useful magnums), St-Véran, La Combe Desroches (£240 for 12, also in magnum) and Mâcon-Vinzelles, Clos de Grand Père (£240 for 12) are all still on offer from Berry Bros. Stannary are offering three of their wines in sixes, from £144 to £180.

This is the year to start taking white burgundies from the Mâconnais seriously. A much shorter version of this article is published by the Financial Times. Above, Jean-Guillaume (left) and Jean-Philippe Bret of Bret Brothers and La Soufrandière, photographed by Jon Wyand.

SAINT-VERAN CUVEE « LA COMBE DESROCHES » 2021 **Score : 16+**

Rich nose and extremely tense palate. Good potential.

SAINT-VERAN CLIMAT « LA BONNODE » 2021 **Score : 16+**

Rich yet tense with a great texture and some kumquat flavour. Interesting!

POUILLY-VINZELLES CLIMAT 2021 **Score 16.5+**

Quite rich and broad but still with lots of energy and acidity.

POUILLY-VINZELLES CLIMAT « LES QUARTS » 2021 **Score : 17**

Rather light nose after the young-vine cuvée! Then very juicy and cool and refreshing. Probably difficult to put in the Mâconnais if served blind. Almost painful acidity!

POUILLY-FUISSE CLIMAT « EN CHATENAY » ZEN 2021 **Score : 16.5+**

Broad and flashy – dramatic but perhaps not that classic. Though extremely tense. Grapefruit-peel texture and flavour!