

From Burgundy Under the Radar (Jul 2018)

Boursot Père Et Fils

Domaine Boursot is located in the new industrial facility outside Gilly where you will also find Mark Haisma and a relocated Laurent Ponsot. Though they have welcomed modernity and the newfound freedom of working space, the Boursot family trace their roots in Chambolle-Musigny back to 1550, when Guillaume Boursot was recorded as a local winegrower. I met with Romaric et Romuald Boursot who took over from their father Remy with the 2014 vintage. "We are the 15th generation of winemakers," Romaric explained when I visited the domaine in early March. "We have four hectares of vines, mostly in Chambolle-Musigny, and a small négoçe, Boursot Père et Fils, that was founded in 1993. My parents started buying in bottle but it was difficult to sell because customers prefer our own wines. Now we buy only grapes. We have started to use more new oak but for a shorter time, mainly Damy and Cadus." There is still a bit of improvement to be made here. I would like to see just a little more complexity and terroir expression for example. But there is the foundation for a promising future with a decent range of holdings and great facilities.

Grape/Blend

Pinot Noir

Release price

Not Available

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Bourgogne Blanc

Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy

White wine from France

Drinking window: 2018 - 2021

The maiden 2016 Bourgogne Blanc (Chardonnay) comes from the plain near Puligny. Matured in 25% new oak, it has a straightforward, slightly waxy bouquet with just a touch of patisserie. The palate is well balanced with a creamy veneer, quite plush in style with a light, slightly smoky finish. Fine.

Neal Martin. Tasting date: March 2018

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Volnay Village

Volnay, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2027

The 2016 Volnay Village is the first vintage for the Domaine, the small crop obliging them to blend together the fruit from Les Combes and Les Grands Poisots. It has a slight reticent nose that does not quite deliver the fruit one would have hoped. The palate is better with black cherries, cassis and fine tannin. The finish is a just a little abrupt when you would like it to fan out.

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Nuits Saint-Georges Village

Volnay, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2027

The 2016 Nuits Saint-Georges Village comes from two different parcels. It has a more tertiary bouquet than I anticipated although, that reverts back to the marine-influenced scents that seem to be common amongst the domaine's wines. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, quite fiery in temperament however, it calms down and offers plenty of tart red fruit on the Vosne-inspired finish.

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Gevrey-Chambertin Village

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2028

The 2016 Gevrey-Chambertin Village feels a little reduced on the nose, not as expressive as Boursot's other 2016s at this stage. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannin, quite sturdy in style, more Morey-Saint-Denis perhaps with a gentle but insistent grip towards the finish. It feels just a tad "chunky" at the moment and needs to forage more finesse in bottle.

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Vosne-Romanée Vieilles Vignes

Vosne Romanée, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2028

The 2016 Vosne-Romanée Vieilles Vignes has a strict and rather aloof bouquet that needs to come out of its shell. The palate is more expressive with sappy red berry fruit, a touch of spice, orange peel and *sous-bois*. You can feel the grip here – quite firm tannin, a more masculine take on the appellation but still very pleasurable and impressive in terms of length, especially for a Village Cru.

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Chambolle-Musigny Les Nazoires

Chambolle Musigny, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2021 - 2030

The 2016 Chambolle-Musigny Les Nazoires has a perfumed, sorbet-fresh bouquet with cassis, Morello cherries and light iris aromas. The palate is well balanced with sappy black fruit, bilberry and a pinch of spice. It feels quite compact towards the finish. This Les Nazoires will benefit from two or three years in bottle to flesh out and mellow. Good potential.

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Boursot Père et Fils 2016 Chambolle-Musigny Les Fuées 1er Cru

Chambolle Musigny, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2030

The 2016 Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Fuées has a crisp, tensile bouquet with cranberry and raspberry fruit, a touch of tobacco and crushed stone aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin, a gentle grip in the mouth, smooth and quite silky with a finish that caresses the mouth. This is a superb Chambolle-Musigny with great tension and a long cassis-tinged finish. Excellent.

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