



Release of Domaine Perrot-Minot 2011

We are pleased to release the
2011 vintage of Domaine Perrot-Minot

In Christophe Perrot-Minot's own words, 2011 'required both vigilance and diligence because it's one thing to know that you have a potential problem but it's another to work every weekend of the summer in order to do what is necessary when it's necessary. The growing season was full of ups and downs and the conditions were perfect for various maladies yet there were less than I would have guessed. Less though does not mean any and there was still plenty of sorting work necessary. I assembled my picking team and we started on the 1st of September. Potential alcohols were good without being better than that at between 11.8 and 12.8%. I did my usual vinification, which is to say relatively soft and I used only the pedicel rather than the stalks. I very much like the vintage and while its reputation seems to have been lost in all of the hype surrounding the 2009 and 2010 vintages it would be a mistake to ignore the 2011s as the wines are really very good.

All bottles in 750ml unless otherwise stated.
All prices inclusive of 7% GST.

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CHAMBERTIN	2011	750ML	\$488
<p>Vinified with 50% whole clusters. Here the nose is quite different from that of the Bèze as this is much more floral with notes of lavender, dried rose petal and cool red currant. There is superb detail to the almost painfully intense and pungently mineral-driven large-scaled flavors that possess a saline character on the refreshing yet quite serious finish that seems to go on and on. This isn't quite as complex as its stable mate though Chambertin is rarely as showy as a typical Clos de Bèze in its youth. For now I'll give the nod to the Bèze but that may not be the case when both of these are finally ready to go.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 93-96</p>			

CHAMBERTIN-CLOS DE BEZE	2011	750ML	\$484
<p>A gorgeously spicy and beautifully layered nose offers up notably ripe aromas of violets, plum, cassis and warm earth. There is impressive volume to the full-bodied and opulently rich flavors that are blessed with an abundance of mouth coating sap that imparts a velvety mouth feel and pushes the very firm tannic spine to the background on the strikingly long and suave finish where a subtle touch of minerality surfaces. This is also a markedly ripe wine for the vintage and it should both repay extended cellaring but drink well young too.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 93</p>			

MAZOYERES-CHAMBERTIN	2011	750ML	\$368
<p>The unusually open nose expresses itself with notes of oak, earth and quite deeply pitched scents of plum, cassis, wild berries, underbrush and a hint of the sauvage. There is plenty of muscle to the supple, round and admirably pure large-bodied flavors that possess very firm but relatively fine-grained tannins on the impressively persistent and powerful finish. This is a notably ripe wine in the context of the vintage and one that should also amply reward mid to longer-term cellaring.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 94</p>			

CHARMES CHAMBERTIN	2011	750ML	\$349
<p>A notably earthy nose of red currant, wild dark berries and humus leads to impressively intense big-bodied flavors that possess excellent mid-palate concentration as well as outstanding depth and length on the moderately austere finish. This should be reasonably approachable young but be capable of rewarding mid-term cellaring.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 93</p>			

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CHAPELLE-CHAMBERTIN	2011	750ML	\$343
<p>This brooding and powerful effort is much more backward and primary than the Charmes with its overtly muscular and stony broad-shouldered flavors that possess plenty of mid-palate stuffing. The supporting tannins are very firm though not hard or aggressive and this adds to the present austerity on the otherwise ripe, long, well-balanced and palate staining finish. Impressive.</p>			
Allen Meadows: 93-95			

GRIOTTE CHAMBERTIN	2011	750ML	\$343
<p>A gorgeously elegant and perfumed nose of pure essence of red cherry liqueur is laced with spice and earth nuances, both of which can also be found on the equally pure and sophisticated middle weight flavors that culminate in a naturally sweet, balanced and intense finish where an interesting note of menthol appears.</p>			
Allen Meadows: 92-95			

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LA COMBE D'ORVEAU CUVÉE ULTRA	2011	750ML	\$292
<p>An expressive nose of floral and spice nuances add breadth to the ripe plum and violet scents. There is excellent density to the beautifully well-detailed medium weight plus flavors that possess really lovely refinement on the mouth coating, balanced and explosively long finish. Very promising.</p>			
Allen Meadows: 93			

NUITS SAINT GEORGES 1ER CRU LA RICHEMONE CUVÉE ULTRA	2011	750ML	\$292
<p>This is reduced but not so much that the ripeness of the underlying fruit isn't reasonably apparent. There is a silky, even satiny mouth feel to the solidly well-concentrated medium-bodied flavors that exude structure-buffering dry extract on the impressively long and mineral-inflected finish. This delivers a striking combination of finesse and power.</p>			
Allen Meadows: 92-95			

CLOS VOUGEOT	2011	750ML	\$278
<p>An earthy, cool and brooding nose of dark berry fruit, cassis and a hint of the savage introduces dense and muscular flavors where the supporting tannins are unusually fine in the context of the appellation before concluding in a firm, focused, long, serious and moderately austere finish.</p>			
Allen Meadows: 91-94			

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CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LA COMBE D'ORVEAU	2011	750ML	\$258
<p>A wonderfully spicy, pure and ripe red berry fruit liqueur nose is trimmed in wet stone hints. There is also excellent volume here as well to the intensely mineral-inflected flavors that are not quite as complex as those of the Fuées but there is both excellent length and fine upside development potential. Lovely.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 90-93</p>			

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES FUEES	2011	750ML	\$188
<p>This is notably more mineral than the Charmes with gorgeously vibrant and tension-filled flavors that possess both excellent volume and beguiling purity of expression before terminating in a balanced, firm, linear and very serious finish that displays a touch of youthful austerity. Terrific.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 91-93</p>			

VOSNE ROMANEE 1ER CRU BEAUX-MONTS	2011	750ML	\$188
<p>A spicy, pure and wonderfully elegant nose displays an appealing mélange of red and dark pinot fruit, anise, sandalwood and wet stone hints. There is good verve to the intensely mineral-driven flavors that possess excellent verve on the balanced, complex and highly persistent finish. A classy effort that should reward mid to even longer-term cellaring.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 91-94</p>			

NUITS SAINT GEORGES 1ER CRU LA RICHEMONE	2011	750ML	\$184
<p>A gentle touch of wood sets off the pure, ripe and enticingly spicy nose of wild dark berries, cassis and very pungent earth aromas. There is good concentration to the supple, round and delicious flavors where the supporting structure is quite pliant, all wrapped in a beautifully well-balanced and long finish. Thanks to the very fine-grained tannins this beauty should be accessible early on.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 92</p>			

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES BAUDES	2011	750ML	\$182
No Tasting Notes Available			

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CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES CHARMES	2011	750ML	\$182
<p>There is however good energy to the refined, pure and seductive middle weight flavors that possess a lacy, even delicate mouth feel before culminating in a balanced and lengthy finish. A classic Charmes of finesse and harmony.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 89-92</p>			
MOREY SAINT DENIS 1ER CRU LA RIOTTE	2011	750ML	\$147
<p>There is good verve and freshness to the silky-textured medium weight flavors as the supporting tannins are notably fine-grained, all wrapped in a complex, delicious, balanced and highly persistent finish. Good stuff and worth a look.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 90-92</p>			
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY VIEILLES VIGNES	2011	750ML	\$110
<p>This always seems to outperform its level and it does so again in 2011 with its pure red berry fruit and plum suffused nose that complements well the silky, round and naturally sweet medium-bodied flavors that are blessed with an abundance of dry extract. There is excellent balance and length to the mouth coating finish and this is a really lovely villages.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 89</p>			
VOSNE ROMANEE	2011	750ML	\$105
<p>An overtly spicy, cool and airy nose of distinctly black pinot fruit and cassis aromas marry into rich, round and opulently textured middle weight flavors that possess a subtle hint of minerality on the detailed and punch finish the delivers excellent length. Like the old vines Chambolle, this is a lovely villages.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 89-91</p>			
MOREY SAINT DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2011	750ML	\$96
<p>A more elegant nose offers up ultra-pure notes of violets, herbal tea, red and blue pinot fruit trimmed in a discreet hint of wood. There is good vibrancy to the delicious and well-detailed mineral-driven middle weight flavors that possess a refreshing touch of salinity on the balanced, clean and agreeably dry finish. An understated and utterly delicious effort.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen Meadows: 89</p>			
VOUGEOT 1ER CRU CLOS DU VILLAGE	2011	750ML	\$90
No Tasting Notes Available			