

## A SELECTION...

### By Master of Wine, Liam Steevenson

Of all the wine regions of the world, few have such a historic relationship with 'place' as Burgundy. With almost all wines produced from either Chardonnay for whites and Pinot Noir for reds, the importance of vineyard site is more relevant here than arguably anywhere, the concept of 'terroir' defining quality, demand and of course pricing.

Master of Wine and friend of the business Liam Steevenson has spent the last twenty-five years working with winemakers from the great Domaines of Chablis and the Cote d'Or, citing a glass of Nuits St Georges in the cellars of Domaine Jean Grivot as the moment where his life plan of teaching, diverting irreversibly into wine.

*'The six wines below, for me are some of the regions finest representations of their categories, they are personal favourites. These are all wines that stood out to me, and I would be pleased to have in my cellar.'*

#### WHITE WINES

Macon Prisse 'La Clochettes', Cave de Prisse, 2016 £14.95 per bottle

*With delicate floral aromas, the palate abounds with vibrant citrus and peach fruit, finishing on a subtle, creamy note, with textural grip.*

Chablis, Domaine Samuel Billaud, 2017 £24.95 per bottle

*Samuel Billaud left the family Billaud-Simon estate a number of years ago now to concentrate on making first class, elegant and seamless whites. Everything is arguable, but in my mind there is no finer Chablis producer than Samuel.*

Puligny Montrachet 'Les Noyers Bret', Domaine Jean-Marc Pillot, 2015 £49.50 per bottle

*Jean-Marc is not frightened of using top quality French oak to ferment and texturally complex the wines he crafts from some of Puligny's finest vineyard sites. Exceptional.*

#### RED WINES

Fleurie 'La Roilette', Domaine Metrat et Fils, 2017 £15.75 per bottle

*Ripe Gamay, grown on some of the finest Granite slopes of Fleurie, Domaine Metrat are masters of purity and excellence. Lifted, bright and simply beautiful Fleurie at its very best.*

Savigny les Beaune, Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard, 2014 £25.00 per bottle

*In his small cellars dug into the bed-rock of Savigny, Jean-Jacques is uninterrupted in his pursuit of perfection. For those in the know this is one of the most dependable sources of fine red Burgundy. Elegance is what he aims for, and what he gets.*

Nuits St Georges, Domaine Bertrand Amboise, 2014 £45.00 per bottle

*A village known for structure and power, Bertrands reds have a rusticity that harks back a few decades in style when muscular reds were in fashion. Wines like this remind me why we loved them so much.*

**Liam will be presenting these wines over two nights in November, one at Tisbury and one at Bath. Please book tickets in advance from either shop.**