



159th Hospices de Beaune auction – Sunday 17 November 2019 Latest news about the 2019 vintage and the auction with Albert Bichot, #1 buyer

A beautiful 2019 vintage, rare, solar and typically Burgundian

Since 2015, Ludivine Griveau is the Hospices de Beaune winemaker. She works with a team of 22 winegrowers and looks after the 117 plots from the estate on 60 hectares.

With 85% of its surface classified as premier or grands crus terroirs, the estate displays a wide range of prestigious appellations in Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits mainly

2019 key moments

- Difficult flowering in rather rainy and cold weather. This will impact the future harvest potential
- 2 heatwaves during summer also bringing yields low
- Harvest started on the 6th of September and finished on the 12th. Grapes were in perfect sanitary condition
- Good acidity levels for both reds and whites
- Very low yields but excellent quality

Download the full vintage report on our website: https://hospices-beaune.com/en/pages/media/

50 different wines called cuvée (17 white and 33 red wines) will be auctioned and sold en primeur on Sunday 17th of November in Beaune.



Albert Bichot : a tradition of charity since 1876

The #1 buyer for the last 20 years thanks to strong convictions...

A family-owned and independent Maison since 1831, Albert Bichot is also a major patron in the preservation of Burgundian culture and heritage. The strong and everlasting link between Albert Bichot and the Hospices benefits the hospital and other charities.

« Buying at the Hospices de Beaune is a tradition as much as it is a commitment », testifies Albéric Bichot, 6th generation of the family and born at the Hospices himself!

Since 1876 demanding customers trust Albert Bichot to buy and age their wines bought at the Hospices auction. The house is proud to be the **#1 buyer for the last 20 years with an average of 150 barrels** and 35 different Cuvées, representing between 15 and **20% of the total auction**. In the last 10 years, Albert Bichot bought 880 barrels, an absolute record!

Albert Bichot is **also the #1 buyer of the President barrel**. This specific wine is sold at the auction to the sole benefit of 2 charities, for record-breaking amounts (several hundreds of thousands of Euros). In the last 12 years, Albert Bichot's customers bought 6 times the President barrel.

... and thanks to a unique expertise in the selection, bid and ageing those outstanding wines

Being the first buyer is also the recognition of Albert Bichot's **know-how in the 3 key steps**: selection of the best wines before the auction, bid at the right price and haute-couture ageing.

The proof of this unique expertise is testified by the **outstanding awards** and strong recognition of our Hospices wines, including **Best Red Wine in the world** at the International Wine Challenge 2018 for a Mazis-Chambertin from the Hospices de Beaune estate aged by Albert Bichot.

Wine lovers from all over the world can also buy at the auction with Albert Bichot, from 1 bottle to 1 barrel, thanks to a dedicated website

Albert Bichot's mission is to help winelovers to chose the wine that best suits them within the 50 on auction. This is a complex task as wines are only a few weeks old when they are auctioned.

To make buying at the Hospices a breeze, Albert Bichot revolutioned the auction in 2009 with a dedicated website <u>www.hospices-beaune.com</u>.

This website has been **recently updated** to explain with a lot of detail how to buy but also the background history of the Hospices estate and the special relationship Albert Bichot has with this institution in Burgundy.

Two options are proposed:

1. Buy from just one bottle within a selection of 2 whites and 3 reds, between 50 and 150 Euros per bottle. You can even add your name as a buyer on the iconic Hospices label (from 6 bottles)

2. Bid for a full barrel (288 bottles) within the 50 different prestigious wines auctioned. Ideal for a group of friends of a company (corporate gift, reception) or profesionnals.

Wines will be shipped after ageing at Albert Bichot in September 2021.

Testimonial : « I'm the owner of a restaurant in Hong-Kong and a big fan of Burgundy. I trust Albert Bichot to select the right barrel for me at the Hospices auction since many years. Jean-David and the team at Albert Bichot are always here to answer my needs. Great concept and outstanding wines! » *Marcus W., Hong Kong* The selection of 5 wines that can bought online from just 1 bottle will be announced at the end of October 2019.

Customers can already register online → <u>www.hospices-beaune.com</u> → Social media



The 2018 selection was

3 red wines

- SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1er Cru
- BEAUNE 1er Cru
- POMMARD 1er Cru, Cuvée Dames de la Charité

2 white wines

- SAINT-ROMAIN JOSEPH MENAULT
- MEURSAULT-GENEVRIERES 1er Cru





An independent and family owned Maison founded in 1831 and based in Beaune, Albert Bichot owns 105 hectares of vineyards across 6 exceptional estates in prestigious Burgundy appellations. Albert Bichot wines are an emotion that reflect its philosophy. www.albert-bichot.com

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