



**BOURGOGNE**

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## Bourgogne 2018: An ideal vintage

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***2018 was a dream vintage, providing generous volumes and superb quality.***

Rain was a key player in shaping the 2018 vintage. It was very present in winter, allowing the vines to establish some reserves before a particularly hot and dry summer. The plants were in great shape, helped by clement weather in springtime, and flowering went without a hitch, resulting in abundant, generous bunches. No major weather events upset the growth cycle and the harvest began during the last 10 days of August, continuing until the end of September with a lovely, healthy crop.

Everything went smoothly in 2018, even if vinifying the reds required a little more vigilance due to potential degrees of alcohol a little higher than average. The general opinion is that 2018 was a rare phenomenon, one that a winegrower is only likely to see once or twice in their life!

### White wines

#### ▪ Chablisien and Grand Auxerrois

2018 was a vintage that will go down in history. For many, it is one of the best vintages of the last two decades. The wines offer exceptional aromatic richness, with notes of citrus and white blossom mingling pleasantly with hints of almond, acacia, and hawthorn.

In the mouth, they are broad and generous, perfectly balanced, and endowed with delicious freshness. These are wines with exemplary precision and minerality.



Chardonnay - © BIVB / Aurélien Ibanez

#### ▪ Côte de Beaune

It is difficult to imagine a better vintage - 2018 is one of superlatives. Whether on the nose or in the mouth, the whites from the Côte de Beaune are simply dazzling. An explosion of fruity and floral fragrances that are both subtle and powerful, with pear, apricot, quince, peach, and mango, combined with acacia and even orange blossom, not forgetting hints of almond.

In the mouth, they are dense, rounded, and smooth, with magnificent structure and balance. The finish is marked by good acidity that provides the freshness required for excellent keeping potential.

- **Côte Chalonnaise**

The 2018 vintage is all about richness, complexity, and elegance. The quality of the wines is impressive. They are extremely expressive in aromatic terms, dominated by notes of ripe fruit and nuts, making them particularly harmonious in the mouth.

They are marked by a very enjoyable sophistication, excellent body, and lovely tension on the finish. They offer clear keeping potential.

- **Mâconnais**

2018 was a vintage of exceptional quality in the Mâconnais. The wines offer some remarkable aromatic intensity. Aromas of ripe citrus combine with delicious hints of white- and yellow-fleshed fruit, like pear, peach, quince, and apricot. These combine with subtle notes of tropical fruit.

In the mouth, they are balanced, indulgent and supple, characterized by some impressive structure. Perfect for the most demanding wine lover.

## Red wines

- **Grand Auxerrois**

There is no doubt that 2018 was an incomparable vintage for the Grand Auxerrois region. The excellent maturity of the Pinot Noir and César grapes ensured some very fine wines were produced. They are rich ruby red in color and on the nose recall ripe berries with a sweet touch of spice.

In the mouth, they are fresh with good acidity, promising excellent keeping potential. Pleasing in their youth, they will also be a treat to enjoy after a few years.

- **Côte de Nuits**

Here, too, the 2018 vintage will be a reference and can be considered as one of the best from the last 30 years. Whether in terms of aroma or taste, they are very close to perfection. The wines are marked with intense fruity and spicy flavors that mingle with delicate floral aromas.

In the mouth, they are balanced and corpulent, structured perfectly around powerful yet silky tannins. With a delicious finish and exemplary length, they will improve with keeping.

- **Côte de Beaune**

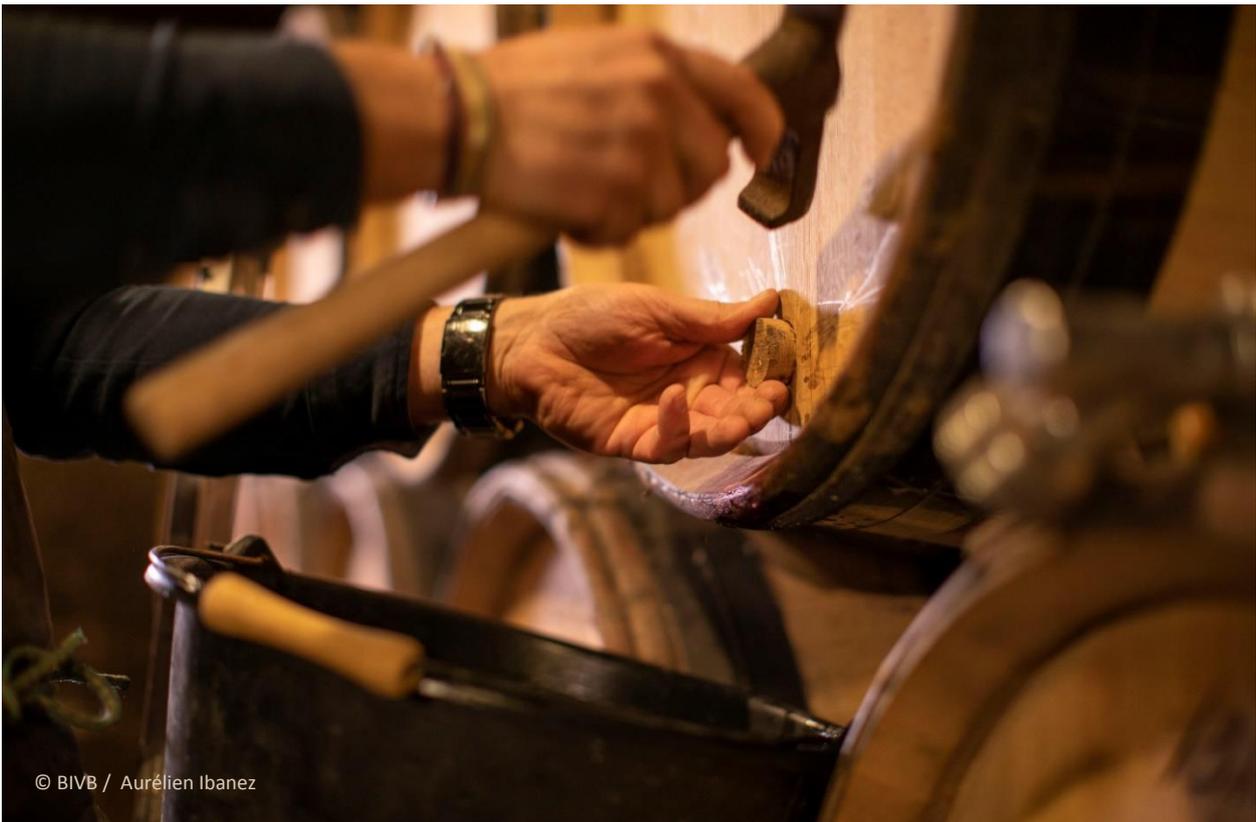
Just like its more northerly neighbor, the 2018 vintage on the Côte de Beaune was exemplary in terms of quality. The wines are dazzling, with phenomenal aromatic richness where subtle spicy notes combine with aromas of ripe stone fruits like plum and cherry.

They explode in the mouth thanks to a wonderful tannic structure, whilst maintaining undeniable freshness. These wines, which are already tasting wonderfully, nonetheless demand a few years before they are at their very best.



▪ Côte Chalonnaise

The Côte Chalonnaise conforms to the general trend: 2018 is one of the very best vintages in recent years. Here, too, the Pinot Noir grape reached perfect maturity. This has resulted in wines that are at once aromatic, rich, and complex, with wonderful balance in the mouth. Their tannins are firm with lovely quality, allowing the wines to evolve favorably over the next few years and they have real keeping potential.



*This press release offers an overview of the vintage. Each wine and each winemaker is unique and each cuvée should be tasted before it is judged.*

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