

# THE HOSPICES DE BEAUNE

*Burgundy's very special jewel*



*Joseph Drouhin*

L'ÉLÉGANCE NATURELLE  
DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES



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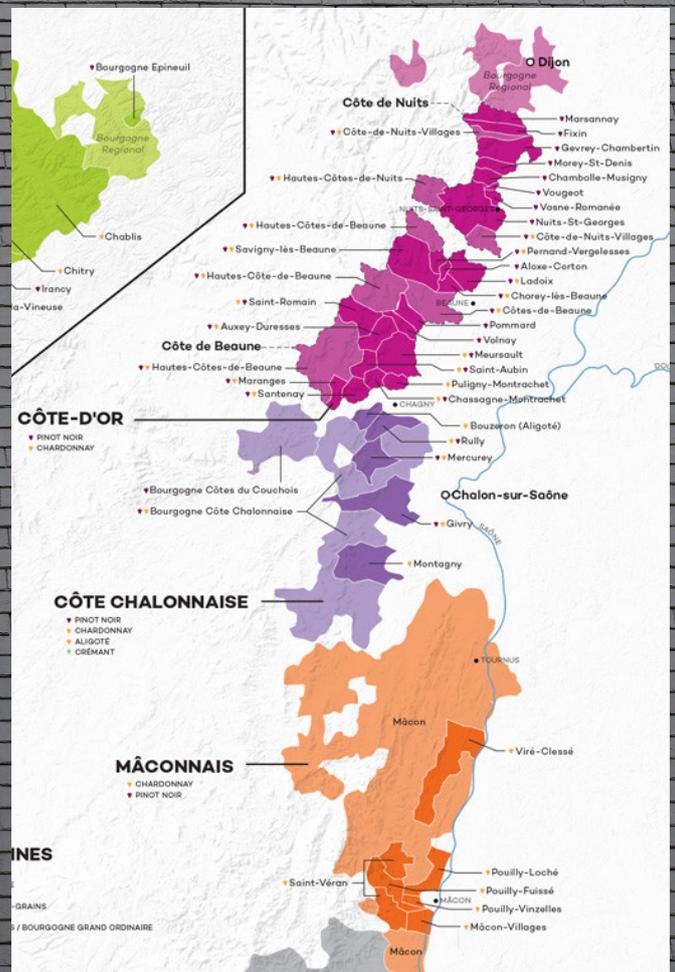
*A truly unique offer from the world-famous auction, in partnership with Joseph Drouhin & Noble Rot*

# The Hospices de Beaune

*The Hospices de Beaune cuvées are utterly unique gems and offer Burgundy lovers a rare opportunity to own 1er Cru & Grand Cru wines at a fraction of the price of those from major producers in the region.*

In 1443, near the end of the Hundred Years War, the chancellor of Beaune, under Philippe the Good, founded a hospital for unfortunates and started a religious order to tend to the sick. Since this hospital sat at the crossroads of a wine producing region, it wasn't long before the sisters healed a few local vintners who, in gratitude for their return to health, handed over hunks of their vineyards.

Soon the Hospice had sizeable holdings and sales of the wine production on these deeded lands helped subsidise hospital operations. By 1859 the sales were formalized into an annual auction which Christie's took over in 2005, raising the profile of the auction worldwide.



# The 2019 Burgundy Vintage

The 2019 vintage in Burgundy has been one marked by extremes: very low quantity but extremely high, even superb quality. April was marked by frosts which were then followed by a long, hot and dry summer. The effect is of lower yields but wines with real charm and character which has left 2019 to be talked about as one of the exceptional years in Burgundy's history.

The white wines show wonderful poise and balance with excellent freshness, in spite of the hot summer. Fruit is very well-rounded and the length on the finish is tremendous - these are whites with structure than will age gracefully for a very long time.

The red wines has a dark, intense colour and all display excellent structure and freshness with just a hint of the oak in some of the cuvees. Again, the reds have superb structure and will have the ability to age wonderfully for decades.

## The Noble Rot & Drouhin Offer

We are delighted to have partnered for the first time with Joseph Drouhin, one of Burgundy's oldest and most famous producers and negociants with unparalleled local knowledge and viticultural insight. We will travel with Monsieur Drouhin to the 159th Hospices de Beaune auction, which this year takes place on Sunday 17 November, and having tasted the barrels in advance, will aim to secure a barrel each of the following three wines:

	Estimated 6x75cl price in bond	Deposit Amount
● Beaune 1er Cru, cuvée Maurice Drouhin <i>Sumtous flesh and very aromatic - a very special Beaune 1er Cru overseen by Monsieur Drouhin personally</i>	£325-£415	£50
● Corton Grand Cru, cuvée Docteur Peste <i>A remarkable, one-off Grand Cru Corton, with structure, weight, finesse and enduring elegance.</i>	£865-£950	£135
● Meursault 1er Cru, cuvée Les Genevrières Baudot <i>Wonderful, unique Meurault for white Burgundy lovers. Weight and fatness on the palate, with superb minerality and freshness.</i>	£675-£725	£100

In conjunction with M. Drouhin, **we have identified the three cuvées above as those offering the very best examples of Burgundy's unique terroir and value for money.** The estimated price is dependent on where the hammer falls at the auction but we, as ever, will strive for the very lowest price possible. To put your name down for cases of any of our three cuvées please let us now as soon as you can. We will need to ask will ask you for the necessary deposit by midday on Thursday 14 November as we will have to commit for the wines at the auction. The balance of what we have actually managed to buy for you will be payable at the end of November

Once the wines have matured in barrel under M Drouhin's watchful eye and have been bottled, they will be shipped to the UK in their original wooden cases in Q2 of 2021. The wines can then be stored with us, or released from bond to you, at which point duty and VAT will be payable.