

# Domaine François Millet et Fils

Burgundy | France

François Millet is rightly famous in the Pinot Noir world. During his epic 35-year tenure at legendary Domaine Comte Georges de Vogüé, he put the historic producer back on Burgundy's very top shelf where it belonged.

So, it was huge news when he retired in June to focus solely on his own family project in Burgundy, and to continue his work with Prophet's Rock in Central Otago. His family certainly aren't lacking for talent either, his wife Michelle is from generations of Jura winemakers, and his two sons Julien and Adrien work in the industry as winemaker and viticulturist respectively.

At their home in Chambolle-Musigny they make tiny parcels of wine from across the region, in many cases just a single barrel. These are ridiculously rare and special wines that showcase François's wonderful ability to capture the most exquisitely pure expressions of place.

From Gevrey-Chambertin in the north to Volnay in the South, these wines are an amazing lens into some of the world's most special places to grow Pinot Noir.

François and Michelle are great friends of The Red Lion and Sun, and it is an honour to have been allocated these wines to share with you.

## François's 2018 vintage and wine notes:

Vintage 2018: a long drought, early picking, low amount of juice in the berries hence concentration and structure. High level of phenolic ripeness, balance of red and dark fruits.

It was important no to provoke otherwise easy to create "monster wines".

We were very careful (read- gentle) with the vintage in terms of winemaking approach.

	50ml sample	125ml glass	175ml glass	Bottle
<b>Bourgogne les Rues 2018</b>	£6	£14	£16	£62
Planted in 1973. Located in the line of the combe of Chambolle, nice drainage thanks to the debris which came down during the ice age (alluvial fan), no plunging*, juicy and fresh. (*Extraction through plunging the floating grape skins back into the wine).				
<b>Volnay 2018</b>	£9	£24	£27	£106
Planted in 1951. Located at the entrance of the village when coming from Pommard. Mostly coming from "Les Grands Poisots" Elegance and finesse. Nice floral perfume. An "echo" from Chambolle. No plunging.				
<b>Beaune 1er Cru Champs-Pimont 2018</b>	£10	£26	£29	£115
50 years old plantation. Located above "Les Avaux" and "Clos des Avaux". Only pump overs in this vintage. A form of completeness. crunchy fruits. Nice structure and concentration of red and dark fruits.				
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin le Fourneau 2018</b>	£10	£26	£29	£115
Planted in 1963. Very different personality. Wild but generous and elegant. One hand plunge to enhance the response of the Terroir and because this site needs contact. Juicy fruits, citrus and blood orange. Interesting contrast with the other wines.				
<b>Chambolle-Musigny les Fouchères 2018</b>	£11	£28	£32	£125
Planted in 1970. Located at the bottom of the North and East facing amphitheatre and beside the 1er cru les Borniques, hence a compromise between freshness and the sweetness of maturity. No Plunging. Tension and mineral energy. A lot of elegance.				

We have a very limited allocation due to the wines being so rare.

We have applied a cash margin model as opposed to the traditional GP model so the wines are accessible