

burgundian négociants tasting

the **name** game



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With many Burgundian *négociants* now buying in grapes as opposed to wine – as well as owning their own vineyards – the difference in quality between them is becoming more polarised. **Samantha Caporn** and tasters separate the best from the rest.



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89 **Clos Vougeot Grand Cru 2001**
'Closed and fine on the nose, with a medium-weight palate, a great middle and length.' *AHa*
'Savoury raspberry fruit with high balancing acidity.' *CM*
'Good fruit with some oak and balancing acidity. A nice wine.' *SC Drink 2004-2008*
£50 @ MAF

89 **Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru Les Chatelats 1999**
'A young style still with silky, expressive fruit and a good, smooth palate.' *LR*
'Sweet, plummy and minty, with lively plummy fruit on the palate. Savoury, with high acidity and good balancing tannins. Interesting, with some length.' *CM Drink 2004-2009*
POA @ MAF

88 **Chambolle-Musigny 2001**
'Nice, stylish, juicy raspberry fruit with some oak.' *RW*
'Much more aroma than most, with a live perfumed palate that is poised, elegant and drinkable.' *CM*
'Rich cherry fruit with freshness and a good middle.' *AHa Drink 2004-2005*