

## PRESS HIGHLIGHTS



DECEMBER 2005/JANUARY 2006

‘... This company, which has made **very great progress** over the last few years ...’

JUNE/JULY 2004

‘... **REVOLUTION** : The Maison Bichot undertook its revolution - cultivation of the vineyard, quest for ideal ripeness of grapes, yields under control, scrupulous work in the cellar with great care of details - during the 90's. The 2000 vintage, highly successful, marked the turning point, this being confirmed by the 2001 and the superb 2002 ...’

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2004

‘... The Beaune firm, managed by Albéric Bichot, has chosen for a few years now to play in the big-boys yard ...’  
‘... **of the renaissance** of the estate which is on its way to organic agriculture ...’  
‘... The quality drive instigated in Beaune by Maison Albert Bichot also has repercussions in their Chablis estate ...’



ALLEN MEADOWS'S 2005 - DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT

‘... Domaine Albert Bichot **owns this large and important 65 ha estate...**’  
‘... **Dramatic turn in quality** at all of the Bichot domaines ...’  
‘... And as the scores suggest, **the 2004s are excellent**, in particular the Moutonne ...’



JANUARY 2005 - CLIVE COATES

‘... A new team took over here in 1999. **A sea-change** has occurred (...) High quality begins here with the 2002 vintage ...’



JANUARY 2004

‘... With many Burgundian negociants 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 ...’  
‘... As Anthony Hanson explains : the best and most successful merchants have either established, or extended their estates, or linked themselves irrevocably with top growers in partnership. This highlights a more modern outlook and a positive shift towards producing better quality wines ...’  
‘... **So who impressed ? Albert Bichot stole the show with four quite modern**, stylish wines that included three grand cru wines from Domaine du Clos Frantin ...’



OCTOBER 2004

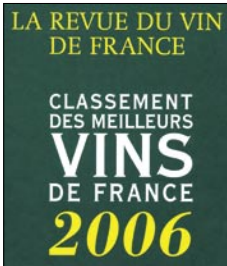
DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS - INTERNATIONAL PINOT NOIR TROPHY OVER £10

‘... Maison Albert Bichot is a family-run domaine founded in 1831. Over the past 10 years it has seen **dramatic changes**, notably the move to organic viticulture ...’



ALBERT BICHOT





## DOMAINE LONG-DEPAQUIT

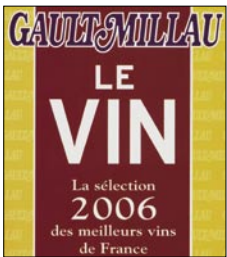
‘... This historic estate is one of the Albert Bichot holdings and is taking part in the technical and stylistic **wind of change initiated by Albéric Bichot ...**’

‘... **Each new vintage shows progress** towards more size and generosity in the make-up of the wines and greater aromatic opening without in any way detracting from their natural delicacy ...’

## DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN

‘... In the reorganization, so long awaited, of the estates managed by Maison Albert Bichot, the Domaine du Clos Frantin, just after Domaine Long-Depaquit, is straightaway the one that shows **the most marked progress ...**’

‘... Have indubitably made the style of the wines evolve towards **more precision and cleanness ...**’



## DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN

‘... This two century old historic estate is installed in Vosne-Romanée. It disposes of an **impressive capital of vineyards**, including many Grands Crus. The wines are made impeccably and are always impressive during barrel-sample tastings. If, previously, the bottled wines did not always live up to their “primeur” expectations (due to excessive filtration ?), this is no longer the case. The 1999’s like the 2000’s, regorge with flesh and substance and have a very special elegance. The 2002’s, which have just come out, are quite **simply remarkable ...**’

## DOMAINE DU PAVILLON

‘... Maison Albert Bichot was established in 1831 by the Bichot family. Still a family business, it owns three estates in Burgundy : Long-Depaquit in Chablis, Clos Frantin in Vosne-Romanée and the Clos du Pavillon in Pommard. **The company has made its cultural revolution** and its three estates are now autonomous, with very exacting quality standards ...’

‘... Reasoned disease-control is more and more reasoned, thus approaching organic techniques ...’

## The Burgundy Report

### BILL NANSON 2005

‘... Still family owned since 1831, it is now the **sixth generation of Bichots** at the helm - Albéric Bichot. Albéric has had a flying start to his tenure - already in the last 12 months, **three awards for winemaking** (Winemaker of the Year 2004 - Le Journal du Palais, Decanter World Wine Awards 2004 - International Pinot Noir Trophy, 2004 Wine International Challenge - Red Winemaker of the Year). A conversation was overheard at a recent tasting ; one of the tasters asking whether the awards might have been a fluke, a well-known journalist tasting the wines replied “one award maybe, lightning doesn’t tend to strike twice in the same place, but three...” It was in the mid 1990’s that Maison Bichot decided to change the way they worked. They realised that if they wanted to be relevant in the future they would need to do everything they could to increase the quality of their wines - this meant taking control in the vineyard as well as the cuverie - the raw materials would be everything ...’

‘... Today 100% of their crus are vinified in-house and the amount of villages wines they vinify increases by the year - currently 80% is in-house. The wines are vinified locally to their vineyards by local régisseur under the watchful eye of of Bichot’s head winemaker Alain Serveau, it was he who was instrumental in the current ‘in-house’ vinification philosophy ...’

