

## Where to buy 2005 burgundy in the UK

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Demand for 2005 burgundy (see our 1,300 [tasting notes](#)) from the UK merchants who have already made offers has been phenomenal (see [A sizzling market](#)) and practically all their allocations of the grandest wines have already gone to their best customers alas. However there are still bargains to be found in the lower ranks, and I hope that at least our notes may be helpful for those buying in other countries, particularly the US where the bulk of wines have yet to be offered.

For the record, those making 2005 burgundy offers in the UK are, to my knowledge:

A&B Vintners  
Armit  
Averys  
Ballantynes of Cowbridge  
Berkmann  
Berry Bros & Rudd  
Bibendum  
Bowes Wine  
Corney & Barrow  
Clarion  
Domaine Direct  
Dunells Premier Wines of Jersey  
Farr Vintners (Verget, Jean- Noel Gagnard)\*  
Fells (Bouchard Père et Fils and William Fèvre)\*  
Genesis  
Goedhuis  
H & H Bancroft  
Hatch Mansfield (Louis Jadot)  
Haynes Hanson & Clark  
Howard Ripley  
Jeroboams  
Justerini & Brooks  
Lay & Wheeler  
Lea & Sandeman  
OW Loeb  
Louis Latour (Louis Latour)\*  
Liberty Wines (Boisset and Jaffelin)\*  
Montrachet  
Pol Roger (Champy)\*  
Raeburn Fine Wines  
Stone Vine & Sun  
Swig  
Tanners  
Uncorked  
The Wine Society

\* denotes those making offers to the trade rather than the public

Do let me know in the box below if you know of any offer I have missed out – although if you are a buyer you will probably want to get your order in before you do.

As is usual with an important primeur offering, I have been too busy with my notes to place my own order. Grrr. If, like me, you fear you may have missed the boat, look for smaller merchants with a smaller proportion than most of those listed above of customers who have large bonuses to spend. A modest burgundy specialist such as Irma Fingal Rock may have some interesting 2005s to offer eventually.

Julia and I between us covered 18 tastings last week and I am just off to the last one, Louis Jadot. But for the first time, the tasting notes from the London tastings will be supplemented by the notes I took in Burgundy in December at some of the most desirable addresses whose wines are too grand to be offered at London's preview tastings.

This Saturday's article for the *FT* and **free for all** will be mainly about the market and that on Jan 27 will cover the vintage and the wines in more depth, but I will try to find the time before then to offer a few hints on buying strategy.