Pearl of Burgundy

2017 Burgundy En Primeur Event

2017 勃根地「期酒」試酒會

Thursday, January 17th, 2019
Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Hong Kong

二零一九年一月十七日，星期四
香港中環文華東方酒店
Special Cuvées

Participating Domaines and Wine Growers:

Côte de Nuits:
• Domaine Fourrier
• Domaine Hudelot-Noëlla
• Domaine Lamarche
• Domaine Duroché
• Domaine Sylvain Cathiard
• Domaine Hubert Lignier
• Domaine Bizot
• Domaine Jean-Marc Millot
• Domaine Henry Gouges
• Domaine Julien

Côte de Beaune:
• Domaine Jean-Marc Roulot
• Domaine Lafarge, Volnay
• Domaine Bernard Moreau
• Domaine Paul Pillot
• Domaine de Montille
• Domaine Launay Horiot
• Domaine Michelot
• Domaine Jean-Claude Bachelet
• Domaine Heitz-Lochardet

Spain:
• Olivier Riviére, Rioja
• Comando G

Wines from most of the following domaines will be served:

Côte de Nuits:
• Domaine Coquard Loison Fleurot
• Domaine Jean Grivot
• Domaine Mugneret Gibourg
• Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet
• Domaine George Noëlla
• Domaine Anne et Hevre Sigaut
• Domaine Serafin

Côte de Beaune:
• Domain Hubert Lamy
• Domaine Tessier
• Domaine Y. Clerget
• Domaine François Carillon
• Domaine Jean-Marc Pillot

Spain:
• Rafael Palacios

Portugal:
• Niepoort, Duero
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2017 Burgundy En Primeur Tasting

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Pearl of Burgundy is celebrating our 5th Anniversary Burgundy “En Primeur” tasting in Hong Kong. This event marks the highlight of our 2019 Hong Kong celebration of Burgundy’s week of events. During the coming days, our Club members along with other Burgundy lovers and friends will have the opportunity to attend a series of events, including multiple Single Wine Growers focused tasting events, and the “Wine Growers’ Gala Dinner” in the spirit of “Saint Vincent” celebration in Burgundy – as a Grand Finale to this week.

The 2017 Burgundy “En Primeur” tasting follows the tradition of similar events in Burgundy dating back to 1859 when the first “Hospice de Beaune” auction took place.

Our Club members along with other Burgundy lovers from Hong Kong, Macau, China, Taiwan, Singapore, and from across Asia, Australia, USA and Europe will have the unique opportunity to taste and pre-order wines for the 2017 vintage. 33 of Burgundy’s top domaines will be represented. Wine growers from 21 of Burgundy’s and Spain’s finest domaines and wineries are making the journey from France and Spain to Hong Kong to participate in this year’s events and will be available to share their wines and discuss their domains and wineries with our guests.

Beside Burgundy, this year we invited wine growers from two Spanish domains - Daniel Landi & Fernando García from Comando G (Madrid), and Olivier Rivière from Olivier Rivière (Rioja).

Wines of Rafael Palacios from Valdeorras (Spain) will also be represented at the tasting. Rafael Palacios is a talented producer of biodynamic white wines from Galicia, showcasing the quality of the local grape - Godello.

As always, Pearl of Burgundy features a few exclusive offerings. Several wines will be presented during the week’s events for the first time (For more details please visit Special Cuvées on our website or page 8 in this catalogue):

Jean-Marc Millot: Echezeau du Dessus “Cuvée 1949”.

Henry Gouges: Nuits saint Georges Clos des Porrets-saint-Georges “Cuvée Hors d’Âge”.

Thierry Piloto: New and exclusive offerings from Meursault.

Alex Moreau: New and exclusive offerings from Meursault & Corton Charlemagne.

Pierre Duroché: New offerings from Vosne-Romanée, including Echezeaux, as well as the 2017 releases of Lavault Saint Jacques VV Cuvée 1923 and Gevrey Cazetieres.

Comando G: New and exclusive Grand Cru wine – La Breña.

Jean Marie Fourrier: New offering of Bonnes Mares & Mazis-Chambertin.

Jean-Marc Roulot: The 2017 releases of his four wines from Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet and Corton Charlemagne.

Nicole Lamarche: The 2017 release of La Grande Rue “Cuvée 1959”.

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Pearl of Burgundy intends to make similar events on an annual basis, and to bring this long time tradition to Hong Kong, which has become one of the world’s fine wine centers.

Participating Domains and Wine Growers:

Côte de Nuits:
- Domaine Fourrier, Gevrey-Chambertin: Jean-Marie, Vicki Fourrier & François, Oise.
- Domaine Lamarache, Vosne-Romanée: Nicole Lamarache.
- Domaine Duroché, Gevrey-Chambertin: Pierre Duroché.
- Domaine Sylvain Cathiard, Vosne-Romanée: Corinne & Sébastien Cathiard.
- Domaine Hubert Lignier, Morey-St-Denis: Hubert, Laurent & Sébastien Lignier.
- Domaine Bizeot, Vosne-Romanée: Thomas Berry.
- Domaine Jean-Marc Millot, Nuits saint Georges: Jean-Marc, Christine & Alix Millot.
- Domaine Julien, Comblanchien: Etienne Julien.

Côte de Beaune:
- Domaine Jean-Marc Roulot, Meursault: Jean-Marc Roulot.
- Domaine Lafarge, Volnay: Clothilde Lafarge.
- Domaine Paul Pillot, Chassagne-Montrachet: Thierry Pillot.
- Domaine de Montille, Puligny-Montrachet: Eliseau de Montille.
- Domaine Launay Horiot, Flagey-Echezeaux: Jolande Horiot.
- Domaine Serafin, Gevrey-Chambertin.

Spain:

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- Domaine Jean Grivot, Vosne-Romanée.
- Domaine Mugnier, Gevrey-Chambertin.
- Domaine Berthaut, Volnay.
- Domaine George Noëllat, Vosne-Romanée.
- Domaine Anne et Hervé Sigaut, Chambolle-Musigny.
- Domaine Serafin, Gevrey-Chambertin.

Côte de Beaune:
- Domaine Hubert Lamy, Saint-Aubin.
- Domaine Tissot, Meursault: Catherine Gillaux.
- Domaine Y. Clerget.
- Domaine François Carillon, Puligny-Montrachet.
- Domaine Jean-Marc Pilot, Chassagne-Montrachet.

Spain:

Wines from most of the following domains will be served:
- Niepoort, Duero.
- Rafael Palacios, Valdeorras.
- Olivier Rivière, Rioja: Olivier & Kata Rivière.
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PoB holds the most prestigious "En Primeur" tasting events in Asia, and is the only one to feature a full range of wines from the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune regions. This year, PoB is pleased to welcome two new estates from Spain: Comando G, Madrid, and Ramón Soriano, Rioja. PoB will also feature a limited selection of wines from the Dão region, Portugal.

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About Pearl of Burgundy

Pearl of Burgundy is a Hong Kong based company specializing in the promotion and distribution of Europe’s finest wines to restaurants, hotels, private collectors and wine lovers from around the world. (*)

The company was created and is managed by three original founders. Although each came from different professional backgrounds, all of them share an unmatched passion for fine wines and a special affinity for the food and wine culture of France. Mr. David Ben Yair is a CPA who enjoyed a career as a CFO of tech ‘start-up’ companies for over a decade. Mr. Kuti Doyev has 25 years of experience in the finance industry. Mr. Eli Shoshani has managed a real estate development business for over 15 years in five continents. In 2015, Mr. Michael Jessen joined the Pearl of Burgundy team as the head of the United States and Americas operations and is leading the company with many of the wine growers whose domaines we represent.

Our clientele comes mainly from Hong Kong, Macau, China, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the United States. (**)

While our main focus is the wines of Burgundy, our portfolio includes some of the finest wines and domaines from Champagne, Rhône & other regions of France, Germany, Italy, Spain & Portugal.

Pearl of Burgundy specializes in domaine wines which are in focus in terroir-driven, natural and unique, domaine of France, Germany, Italy, Spain & Portugal. Our portfolio includes some of the finest wines and United States (**). Our commitment to the wine growers and their wines is all encompassing. We not only sell their wines, but we follow our strategy of offering their wines to the people who actually serve and drink the wines – to either passionate collectors of fine wines through our exclusive wine club, wine importers and the finest restaurants that share our passion and commitment.

Following our success in distributing wines to many of the finest restaurants of France and Spain, which include Asador Etxebarri, George Blanc, Joëll Robuchon, Le Cinq, Arpège, Michel Bras, Le Bristol, Troisgros, Jean Francois Piege, Maison Lameloise, Cheval Blanc, L’Oasis, Le Clarence, La Taverne, Le Soufflot and more, we also collaborated with some of the finest restaurants in Hong Kong, including Caprice, La Periti Maison, Kishoku, Shoku, Wynn Palace (Macau), Amuse Bouche, The Chairman, Lung King Heen, Marble, Epure, 8 ½ Ott e Mezzo Bombana, Bo Innovation, The Continental, Duddell’s, Club Ginger, Forum, Café Gray and others.

In 2010 the founders decided to turn their passion into a business and created ‘Pearl of Burgundy’ with the intention to become what they, as private wine connoisseurs, would look for in a wine company. Our clientele comes mainly from Hong Kong, Macau, China, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the United States. (**)

Pearl of Burgundy offers exclusively “Ex Domaine” wines. We take the utmost care with the shipping of the wines to our clients around the world. Shipping is handed professionally and exclusively in climate-controlled containers, with digital monitoring of temperature and humidity throughout the shipment process.

(*) Some wines available exclusively to our Club members
(**) Some domaines are restricted to specific country.

Pearl of Burgundy is a society basée à Hong-Kong, spécialisée dans la promotion et la distribution des vins les plus fins d’Europe pour les hôtels-restaurants, collectionneurs de vins et les amoureux du vin à travers le monde. (*)

La société a été créé et est dirigée par les trois fondateurs d’origine. Bien que chacun ait eu un parcours différent, ils se sont retrouvés autour d’une passion commune pour les vins d’exception ainsi que pour la gastronomie et la viticulture françaises. M. David Ben Yair est expert-comptable, durant plus de 10 ans, il a été responsable financier de start-up spécialisées dans les nouvelles technologies. M. Kuti Doyev a plus de 25 d’expérience dans le secteur de la finance. M. Eli Shoshani a géré une entreprise de développement immobilier présente sur 5 continents pendant plus de 25 ans. En 2015, M. Michael Jessen a rejoint l’équipe de Pearl of Burgundy en tant que responsable des opérations pour les Etats-Unis. Il se charge de l’essor de ce marché. Michael a plus de 15 ans d’expérience dans le secteur des vins fins. En 2017, M. Robin Wu a rejoint Pearl of Burgundy pour soutenir les opérations à Hong-Kong. Robin a travaillé 10 ans dans l’industrie financière à Hong-Kong, il est collectionneur et amoureux des vins d’exception depuis longtemps.

En 2010, les fondateurs ont décidé de transformer leur passion en entreprise et ont créé Pearl of Burgundy avec l’intention de devenir ce que eux-même, en tant que connaisseurs de vins à titre privé, attendaient des professionnels de la distribution des vins.

Notre clientèle vient principalement de Hong-Kong, Macau, China, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Taiwan et des Etats-Unis. (**)

Notre intérêt premier se concentre sur la Bourgogne, cependant, nous proposons également, une gamme des vins les plus fins de domaines de Champagne, Rhône, et autres régions de France, Allemagne, Italie Espagne et Portugal.

Pearl of Burgundy est spécialisée dans les domaines valorisant le caractère unique et naturel du terroir, avec des vins emboîtés au domaine. Les vins que nous offrons sont choisis avec une grande attention, et nous savons de prés chaque domaine, en leur rendant visite régulièrement tout au long de l’élaboration des vins, des vendanges à la mise en bouteille. Nous dégustons souvent les vins durant l’élèlage, du fût à la bouteille. Au fil du temps, nous avons développé des relations amicales et de confiance avec la plupart des viticulteurs des domaines que nous représentons.

Notre engagement envers les viticulteurs et leurs vins est total. Nous ne faisons pas que vendre leurs vins, nous prenons soin qu’ils soient proposés stratégiquement aux personnes qui les servent et les boivent, que ce soient des collectionneurs passionnés à travers notre Club exclusif, des importateurs, ou les meilleurs restaurateurs, qui partagent notre passion et notre engagement.

Depuis notre succès dans la distribution des vins au sein des restaurants les plus raffinés de France et Espagne notamment, Asador Etxebarri, George Blanc, Joëll Robuchon, Le Cinq, Arpège, Michel Bras, Le Bristol, Troisgros, Jean Francois Piege, Maison Lameloise, Cheval Blanc, L’Oasis, Le Clarence, La Taverne, Le Soufflot pour n’en citer que quelques uns, nous collaborons également avec les meilleures tables de Hong-Kong, telles que Caprice, La Periti Maison, Kishoku, Shoku, Wynn Palace (Macau), Amuse Bouche, The Chairman, Lung King Heen, Marble, Epure, 8 ½ Ott e Mezzo Bombana, Bo Innovation, The Continental, Duddell’s, Club Ginger, Forum, Café Gray entre autres.

Suite à la demande croissante des hôtels-restaurants à Hong-Kong, à compter du millénaire 2017, Pearl of Burgundy organisera une dégustation annuelle "En Primeur" à Hong-Kong, spécialement dédiée aux sommeliers et directeurs de restaurants de Hong-Kong et Macau. La disponibilité des vins change constamment, due à la consommation du marché, et à la mise en circulation par les domaines. La liste des prix mise à jour sera donc distribuée à nos collaborateurs dès que disponible et selon la disponibilité de nos vins stockés chez JAS, Hong-Kong.

Pearl of Burgundy offre exclusivement des vins en provenance directe des Domaines. Le plus grand soin est apporté à l’expédition des vins pour nos clients à l’international. Le transport est assuré par des professionnels, utilisant exclusivement des containers réfrigérés, avec suivi digital de la température et de l’humidité tout au long du trajet.

(•) Certains vins sont réservés exclusivement aux membres de notre Club.
(••) La disponibilité des vins de certains domaines est restreinte à des pays précis.
關於我們

Pearl of Burgundy是一家在香港註冊及成立的公司，公司主要為亞洲的名酒收藏家及愛品酒的人士推廣及銷售頂級的葡萄酒。

Pearl of Burgundy由三位創始合夥人建立並經營。雖然三位創始合夥人有著不同的背景專業--Mr. David Ben Yair是一名註冊會計師，超過10年擔任高科技創業公司首席財務官；Mr. Kuti Doyev有25年以上的金融從業經歷；Mr. Eli Shoshani在五大洲有超過25年以上的房地產開發及建設經驗--但是大家的共同點是對法國料理和葡萄酒文化的熱愛。時間追溯至2010年，三位合夥人決定一起設立公司，名為Pearl of Burgundy，決定把他們對葡萄酒的熱愛和作為私人葡萄酒鑑賞家的經驗投入到一個實體，為其他的葡萄酒愛好者提供一個平臺。

2015年，Mr. Michael Jessen加盟Pearl of Burgundy團隊，負責美國所有業務。Michael已在環球頂級的葡萄酒行業有15年以上的經驗。2017年，Mr. Robin Wu加入本公司，幫助以及支援香港業務。Robin在金融業界已有十年經驗，本身也是位紅酒愛好者和收藏家。

Pearl of Burgundy以銷售勃艮第的葡萄酒為主，此外也會銷售來自法國香檳區、以及法國不同地區、德國、意大利、西班牙和葡萄牙的頂級葡萄酒。

我們定期探訪各個酒莊，從木桶和/or瓶子中品嚐他們的葡萄酒，記得每種酒隨著時間而產生的細微變化。每年葡萄收穫期，我們會親自到酒莊同釀酒師一起親手收割當年的葡萄。以上種種，不僅讓我們有機會與葡萄酒生產商建立了的密切關係和友誼，也讓我們對各款葡萄酒有了更進一步的感受和認知。

Pearl of Burgundy對葡萄酒製造商和他們的葡萄酒的承諾是全心全意的。同樣，我們對客戶的承諾也是一絲不苟的。我們隨時與我們的客戶，無論是葡萄酒愛好者、收藏家還是高級餐廳，分享各種葡萄酒的享用體會。也正因為如此，我們定期在亞洲舉辦私人品酒活動，讓我們的客戶不僅有機會品嚐不同的葡萄酒並且有機會親自與酒莊的負責人和/或在進行進一步的交流。

Pearl of Burgundy目前的客戶包括世界上最優秀的餐廳不計其數，如米其林星級法國及西班牙的餐廳Asador Etxebarri、George Blanc、Joël Robuchon、Le Cinq、Apero、Michel Bras、Le Bristol、Troisgros、Jean-François Piège、Maison Lameloise、Cheval Blanc、L’Oasis、La Clarière、La Taverne、Le Sudfot等。至於香港我們的合作伙伴有Caprice、La Pertit Maison、Kitshu、Shou、Wynn Palace (Macau)、Arpège、Maison Lameloise、Cheval Blanc、L’Oasis、Forum、La Taverne、Le Soufflot等等。我們的客戶主要來自於香港、澳門、中國大陸、新加坡、日本、韓國、台灣以及美國。

隨著香港餐廳和酒店業對葡萄酒需求不斷增大，自2017年份開始，Pearl of Burgundy每年在香港主辦的“En Primeur”品嚐活動中騰出一些時間，特別為香港和澳門的侍酒師和餐飲業界服務員給他們一個機會品嚐來年即將發布的葡萄酒，並與莊主或管理人見面及交流。

目前，本公司提供大概45個不同地區酒莊的葡萄酒給香港和澳門的餐飲和酒店業。隨著市場消費量和酒莊新品發布的不斷更新，葡萄酒供應量也不斷更新。取決於本公司在香港的酒庫存量，我們會不斷更新價目表，最新價目表將分發給我們的酒店及餐飲業合作夥伴。我們只供賣“Ex Domaine”的葡萄酒。基於我們負責運送葡萄酒到世界各地的客戶，我們非常重視運送葡萄酒的過程。我們只會用航運專業的物流公司，只用專門處理溫度控制的運輸，在整個裝運過程中不斷進行溫度和濕度監控。

* 有一些品牌的酒只有會員才可購買
** 有一些酒只供應給某國家
Special Cuvées

PoB’s deep understanding of Burgundy’s history and terroir along with close relationship with domaines, initiate collaborations in the creation of Special Cuvées, highlighting unique terroirs with special characteristics and often very old vines. Those treasures crafted by talented growers represent unique and different expression of these magical terroirs.
**Domaine Jean-Marc Millot**  
**Echezeaux du Dessus “Cuvées 1949”**

The Echezeaux du Dessus parcel of Domaine Jean-Marc Millot belongs to the Millot family since 8 generations. Its current vines were planted in 1949 by Jean-Marc’s grand-grandfather, but as he got old and had nobody to assist him in the vineyard works, it was leased to Domaine Mungoard Mugneret on fermages basis. When Jean-Marc’s parents got married in 1982 they wanted to take over the vineyard back, but were dragged to court by the lease holder, and it wasn’t before 1986 till the court case ended and the Millot family got the land back to their possession (the lawyer who represented and won the case for the Millot family was Hubert de Montille).

Echezeaux du Dessus vineyard is known for years as superior to all other plots being part of the Echezeaux appellation. Both its location and the characteristics of this terroir are identical to the vineyard of Grands-Echezeaux. In 1990, owners of this unique 3.5 ha vineyard applied to the INAO, requesting to change its appellation from Echezeaux to Grands-Echezeaux. The application was finally declined due to objections mainly from land owners in Grands-Echezeaux, coming from greed and jealousy as the facts were clearly supporting the change.

Starting with the 2017 vintage, Jean-Marc and Alix Millot decided to make an experiment and they harvested, vinified and aged the wine coming from their Echezeaux du Dessus parcel separately from the other parcels of Echezeaux vineyards they own. The resulting wine proved to be unique, showing incredible depth and flavors, clearly different from both their Echezeaux and Grands-Echezeaux, and they decided to bottle the wine under its own label. Only 3 barrels were made.

This tradition will continue for future vintages.

**Domaine Henry Gouges**  
**Nuits saint Georges Clos des Porrets-Saint-Georges**  
**Cuvée Hors d’Âge**

Domaine Henry Gouges owns 7 top Premier Cru vineyards in the commune of Nuits Saint Georges. One of them is the monopole vineyard of Clos des Porrets Saint Georges. What is less known is that a tiny part of this vineyard is very unique: Its vines were planted in 1904, and it was purchased by Henry Gouges himself from the Liger Belair family in 1924.

The Gouges family was aware of the unique history and characteristics of this parcel, but it was not till the 2017 vintage when Gregory Gouges decided to vinify, age and bottle this special Cuvée separately. Due to its vines age, the yield of this parcel is less than 15 HL/ha. Only two barrels were made and the wine will be bottled and labeled differently than the other domaine’s wines, in honour of Henry Gouges & his tradition.

**Domaine Paul Pillot**  
**New Meursault Cuvées**

Starting with the 2017 vintage Thierry Pillot created a “micro négoce” project in collaboration with PoB that he considers a natural extension to the domaine’s portfolio. The selection of grapes from fellow growers is severe and only wines that are not already part of the domaine’s portfolio are being made.

Thierry follows the harvest date, and the fruit arriving to the domaine’s cuverie receive the exact same treatment as the other domaine’s wines, including the vinification, élevage in barrels and bottling process.

The wines produced in the 2017 vintage include:
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Poruzots (2 barrels)
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes (2 barrels)

Since the 2018 vintage, Meursault Perrieres & Meursault Genevrieres were added to the lineup.

**Domaine Bernard Moreau**  
**New Meursault & Corton Cuvées**

In 2017, Alex Moreau collaborate with PoB and added a “micro négoce” project to his domaine’s portfolio. Alex treats the wine as his other domaine’s wines, including the élevage and bottling process.

The wines produced in the 2017 vintage include:
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Poruzots (2 barrels)
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes (2 barrels)
- Corton Charlemagne (2 barrels)

**Comando G**

**La Breña**

La Breña is the newest addition to Comando G’s portfolio. The vineyard was purchased in 2016 and this magnificent vintage (considered by Comando G’s best to date) celebrates the first year of this “Grand Cru” wine. The first vintage of the wines is 2016.

Located at altitude of 1,100 meters on a single plot of 0.3 ha in the Alto Alberche valley of the Gredos mountains, with granite & sandstone soil with shallow depth. The average age of these 100% Grenache vines is 40 years old. The vineyard’s north orientation maintains lower temperatures and assures very long maturation cycle and great acidity. Since the 2018 vintage the viticulture is 100% biodynamic. Aging in wooden foudre for 14 months.

874 bottles produced.
Domaine Duroché
Gevrey-Chambertin

Starting with the 2014 vintage, Pierre Duroche introduced two special Cuvées:

“Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaux Saint Jacques Vignes 1923”: This wine is made exclusively from vines planted on or before 1923. Most of the grapes come from a parcel adjacent to Clos saint Jacques, south of its wall, with no access to motorized vehicles and therefore, its plowed exclusively by horse. (1-3 barrels made per vintage).

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetieres: This cuvee is coming from a tiny parcel situated on the north side of Clos Saint Jacques wall. Till the 2013 vintage its grapes were blended in to the Gevrey-Chambertin blend. Since the 2014 vintage its being vinified and bottled on its own (one barrel per vintage).

Domaine Jean-Marie Fourrier
Gevrey-Chambertin

Beginning with the 2013 vintage, JM Fourrier created a “Micro Negoce” activity that he considers as a natural extension to the domaine’s portfolio.

For the 2017 vintage, the wines made include:

- Chambertin
- Mazis-Chambertin
- Latricières-Chambertin
- Bonnes Mares
- Chambolle-Musigny “Les Amoureuses”
- Echezeaux

Jean Marie is involved during the entire growing season, choosing the harvest date and in most cases the domaine’s picking team harvest the grapes. The grapes arriving to the domaine receive the exact same treatment as the other domaine’s wines, including the sorting process, vinification, élevage in barrels and bottling.

Jean-Marc Roulot
Meursault

Starting with the 2014 vintage Jean-Marc Roulot created a “micro négoci” project that he considers a natural extension to the domaine’s portfolio. The selection of grapes from fellow growers is severe and only wines that are not already part of the domaine’s portfolio are being made.

Jean-Marc is involved in the harvest date, and the fruit arriving to the domaine’s cuvée receive the exact same treatment as the other domaine’s wines, including the vinification, élevage in barrels and bottling process.

The wines produced in the 2017 vintage include:

- Meursault Genevrières 1er Cru
- Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru “Les Cailleret”
- Corton Charlemagne
- Chevalier Montrachet

Pearl of Burgundy distribute these wines exclusively in Hong Kong and world-wide.

Domaine Lamarche
La Grande Rue “Cuvée 1959”

“La Grande Rue” dates to the 15th century and was held in high historical regard for the last few hundred years by various critics and institutions of those times. Its history in the hands of the Lamarche family starts in 1933, when it was given as a wedding present to Henri Lamarche (the present owner, Nicole Lamarche’s grandfather) by his uncle Édouard.

This vineyard is “sandwiched” between the vineyards of La Romanée-Conti, La Romanée and Romanée-Saint-Vivant from the north, and La Tâche from the south, and shares the geology and exposition and occupies the same position on the slope with them. There is also no obvious difference in soil color, texture or composition between La Grande Rue and its neighbor’s famed vineyards. Prior to the mid-Thirties its wines sold as “Romanée La Grande Rue”.

In 1959, Domaine Lamarche and Domaine de la Romanée-Conti decided to exchange parcels including vines in Les Gaudichots ou La Tâche, La Grande Rue and Echézeaux. As a result, Domaine Lamarche added a net area of 8.75 ares of original vines from Les Gaudichots ou La Tâche and La Grande Rue to its existing holding of La Grande Rue. Until that exchange date, the grapes from all these parcels had been used in making La Tâche.

In the 2014 vintage Nicole Lamarche decided to make an experiment and harvest, vinify and age the grapes coming from the vines of this unique 8.03 parcel separately from the ones originating from the rest of La Grande Rue vineyard.

For this special cuvée and based on the very high quality of grapes produced by these very old vines, whole clusters are being used and the fermentation takes place in stainless steel “cuvées” rather than in open wooden vats.

As the results of this experiment were very convincing, this practice will be followed in future vintages, with a maximum production of two barrels per vintage.

Pearl of Burgundy distribute this wine exclusively in Hong Kong and world-wide.
Jean-Marie Fourrier took over the family 10 hectares property from his father in the mid 1990s at the age of 23. His experience was gained not only at the family domaine in Gevrey Chambertin, but while working with the legendary Henry Jayer in Vosne-Romanée. Jean Marie was involved in the making of the classic 1988 vintage chez Jayer, and his wine making philosophy is following Jayer’s practices ever since: making great wines begins in the vineyard – and he is fastidious about maintaining healthy, well nurtured vines, followed by strict, extremely natural wine making techniques.

Domaine Fourrier’s portfolio includes holdings in a few of Gevrey Chambertin’s top vineyards, where most vines date back to the beginning of the 20th century. His most famous holdings are Grotte-Chambertin and Clos Saint Jacques, where vines were planted between 1902 and 1910. These wines gained cult status amongst serious Burgundy lovers around the world, and the fact that they are produced in extremely minute quantities does not make them easy to acquire. But Fourrier’s entire portfolio shares the same characteristics and the transparency of their relative terroir along with wonderful purity, transparency, bright vibrant fruit, minimal use of sulfites and limited use of new oak, typically 20%.

Bottling is done by hand at the domaine, and in order to avoid racking and adding sulfites before bottling, Jean-Marie prefers to leave the wine with some of the CO2 that naturally evolves during the malolactic fermentation to ward off oxygen and maintain the freshness of the wines. No fining or filtering is needed, since the wines are naturally clear after the 16-20 months aging process without racking. As the wines retain some dissolved carbon dioxide in the bottle, Jean-Marie recommends decanting the wines if drank young.

In 2013, Jean-Marie Fourrier created a “micro négoce” activity that he considers as a natural extension to the domaine’s portfolio. For the 2017 vintage, the wines made include:

- Chambertin
- Mazis-Chambertin
- Latricières Chambertin
- Bonnes Mares
- Chambolle-Musigny “Les Amoureuses”
- Echezeaux

Jean-Marie Fourrier’s Vineyards
Domaine Hudelot-Noëllat wines have been amongst the best in Burgundy for generations – always full of charm and exuberance, but with considerable depth, purity and finesse.

Alain Hudelot-Noëllat ran the domaine for over 30 years until 2007, when he turned 67. In 2008 he stepped down when his grandson, Charles van Canneyt, completed his formal wine studies in Dijon University and took over the domaine. Since 2005 Vincent Meunier, who continues to work with Charles, has helped Alain. Following Charles’ arrival, the domaine excelled and is among the best in the entire Côte d’Or, with its top wines – Richebourg, Romanée Saint Vivant, Vosne Romanée Les Malconsorts, Vosne Romanée Les Beaumonts and Vosne Romanée Les Suchots.

As common among the young, top new generation wine makers in Burgundy these days, no work is spared in the vineyards. The philosophy of having healthy vines to lead to healthy grapes in order to make better wines is carefully followed.

During vintage, careful sorting is done in the vineyards followed by detailed further sorting in the winery before the juice is carefully brought into concrete enameled fermentation tanks. Charles’s philosophy is to keep up to 30% of the stems with the juice, especially in vintages and appellations where the fruit can support the extra tannins. The wines are aged in casks particularly from Allier, with some from the Vosges and local Citeaux. Hudelot-Noëllat Richebourg and Romanée Saint Vivant represent the summit of Charles’ considerable achievements and follow, though in a more complex and powerful manner, the general Hudelot-Noëllat line.

As the 94-year-old vines in Romanée Saint Vivant give it an extra dimension of depth, neither wine is overbalanced by clumsy fruit, which might threaten the underlying finesse. The Richebourg is altogether bigger than the Romanée Saint Vivant, with great power and majestic depth. The Romanée Saint Vivant, in contrast, has more obvious refinement and elegance yet with underlying, restrained power.

Hudelot-Noëllat Clos de Vogeot is one of the best from this variable Grand Cru. The quality of this wine improved significantly after Alain sold its lower parcel which was located at the lower slope of the vineyard near the RN 74, thus reducing its total production by 40%. This left the domaine with the two parcels near the Chateau, neighboring Domaine Leroy, Meo-Camuzet and Mugneret-Gibourg parcels.

The Premier Crus, Vosne Romanée Les Beaumonts, Les Suchots and Malconsorts all consist of almost 100-year-old vines and produce some of the finest examples of these fine terroirs.

In 2017 vintage, Charles introduced the first release of the 2017 Meursault – a recent addition to the domaine’s portfolio (the vineyard was under Coche-Dury until the 2016 vintage).
François Lamarche ran Domaine Lamarche together with his wife Marie-Blanche since the death of his father Henry in 1985 till his retirement in 2006. The vineyards belonged jointly to François and to his sister Genevieve and their respective daughters Nicole and Nathalie, who are now in charge.

Nicole Lamarche joined her father in 2003 after acquiring her diploma in oenology and since 2007 has made the wines on her own. After taking over, she applied major changes in the domaine. The most significant of all is that since 2010 the vines are cultivated organically, and wine making is done organically. Horses plow the vineyards and the use of new oak for “élevage” is limited to 50% at most. Nathalie runs the commercial aspects of the domaine.

The vineyard portfolio of this important domaine was created masterfully over three generations of the Lamarche family. Most of the domaine’s holdings are in the village of Vosne-Romanée. The jewel in the crown is the monopole vineyard of La Grande Rue, a 1.65 ha “sandwiched” between the vineyards of Romanée-Conti on the north, and La Tâche on the south.

The significant improvement in this domaine are very obvious after Nicole changed the vineyards to biological viticulture, and wine making biological principles in 2010. Horses rather than tractor is plowing the vineyards. 2015 is the 6th vintage since the changes were applied and it’s obvious that the vines are healthier and the quality of the wines improve year after year. Domaine Lamarche is widely considered now as a “top notch” domain, with wines expressing themselves through their terroir rather than power.

For the 2017 vintage, Pearl of Burgundy is excited to present the 4th vintage of the Cuvée, “La Grande Rue Cuvée 1959”, made from vines originated from a 2 ouvres historic parcel of La Grande Rue. The original vineyard site was planted before 1933 and was part of Domaine de La Romanée-Conti’s “La Tâche” blend until it was transferred to Domaine Lamarche in 1959 (as part of vineyards exchange deal). Until 2013 the grapes from this parcel were used as part of the blend of La Grande Rue and since the 2014 vintage been harvested, vinified, aged and bottled separately to create the special “Cuvée 1959” (two barrels made).
Domaine Duroché is run by fifth-generation Pierre Duroché. His extensive Gevrey-Chambertin holdings include three Village wines, three Première Crus (Champeaux, Estournelles St-Jacques and Lavaux St-Jacques) and four Grand Crus (Charmes Chambertin; Latricières Chambertin, Chambertin Clos de Beze and a tiny holding in Griottes Chambertin).

The domaine’s holdings amount to a total of 8.25 ha. All the grapes are destemmed except for the Griotte Chambertin, which is vinified as whole clusters. Only natural yeasts are used during the fermentation, which usually takes 10 to 12 days.

Aging is done in barrels of which 10-20% are new for the village, 30-50% for the Premier Cru and 50-75% for the Grand Cru.

In the 2017 vintage Pierre introduced the 4th vintage of the special Cuvée: “Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaux St Jacques Vignes 23”: This wine is made exclusively from vines planted before 1923. Most of the grapes come from a parcel adjacent to Clos St Jacques with no access to motorized vehicles and therefore, it is plowed exclusively by horse (three barrels made).

For the 2017 vintage, Pierre Duroché introduced new offerings from Vosne-Romanée, including Echezeaux and Vosne-Romanée. The fruit for these cuvées is coming from Marianne Duroché’s (Pierre’s wife) family domaine.

Domaine Duroché’s Vineyards

Domaine Sylvain Cathiard

Domaine Sylvain Cathiard was established in the 1930s when their fruit was sold to local négociants as was common back in those days. Sylvain’s father André ran the estate from 1969 until 1985 with his son becoming more involved in the latter years. Sylvain began to rent the family’s vines by fermage agreements, before taking over his father’s own vines when Andre retired in 1995. Since late 2000s, Sylvaine’s son Sebastien has joined him at the domaine. Prior to that, Sebastien got training in Chablis, at Chateau Smith Haut Laffitte and in New Zealand. His first vintage fully in charge was 2011. During these years he oversaw the construction of a new winery and cellars which were completed in 2008.

The domaine has an impressive array of vineyards centered around Vosne-Romanée, including Vosne-Romanée 1er cru Aux Malconsorts and a prime parcel of Romanée-Saint Vivant. The domaine’s vineyards are famous in Burgundy for their condition due to the hard work invested in them.

Sebastien’s philosophy has always been that hard work in the vineyards is the key parameter for making great wines. Once arriving to the domaine, the fruit is completely destemmed after rigorous sorting. Following Sebastien’s belief that less new wood would create more terroir-driven wines, the use of new oak in all Cuvées is being reduced gradually (except for the RSV where 100% new wood is still being employed).

Cathiard’s wines show youthfulness, exceptional energy and purity of fruit along the entire range. The flagship wines are the Romanée St Vivant and Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Malconsorts which is a wine with a depth of flavor unmatched and exceptional persistence.
Laurent Lignier and his father Hubert manage 9 hectares under vines mainly in the communes of Morey Saint Denis and Gevrey Chambertin.

The viticulture is done for over 25 years without the use of weed-killers or chemical insecticides. Domaine Hubert Lignier’s “climats” and great terroirs’ soils are firmly preserved through respect to nature and support of natural development of microorganisms in the soil. Laurent and Hubert believe that this is the key for the balance of the vine’s growth. Since 2011, the domaine uses organic protective treatments.

For vinification and ageing, the domaine uses traditional and natural methods. They believe that the fruit’s quality is essential to craft better wines. The fruit arriving to the Cuverie is severely sorted manually before it is transferred to the fermentation vats. Each one of the various terroirs from Bourgogne to the Grand Crus is equally respected and is transparent in the wine originating from it. The use of new oak is minimal and the wines are being aged in barrels on its lees for relatively long period of time (between 20-22 months). No racking is done after the completion of the malolactic fermentation and the wines are being bottled by gravity only, without fining – for preservation of their freshness and supporting their aging potential.

The resulting wines are fresh, fine and elegant, and are pleasure to be tasted from barrel to bottle. The wines have long aging potential.

Domaine Hubert Lignier
Morey Saint-Denis, Côte de Nuits

It’s hard to think of any domaine smaller than Domaine Bizot. In a “normal” vintage, this now 3.5 ha domain produces 10,000 bottles from all of its appellations combined. In low yield vintages (as 2010 & 2012) – the total production falls to a mere 5,000 bottles.

What makes this domaine so special is the philosophy behind its owner and wine maker, Jean-Yves Bizot. Bizot who was a geologist and then an oenologist started working at the domaine in 1993 and his first vintage was 1995.

The first thing Jean-Yves did once getting into the wine maker’s shoe was to “unlearn” everything he was taught at school. He adopted a very minimalist winemaking approach and all the wines are vinified as whole cluster and the fermentation is done in wooden vats at a low temperature as possible. In most cases no sulfur is used at all (according to him, sulfur was not used at all in Burgundy before the 1970s). All the wines from all appellations (from generic Bourgogne to the Grand Cru) are aged in 100% new oak.

Although located in Vosne-Romanée (2.5ha under vines are that commune), few of the domaine’s famous vineyards are located in the north of the Côte: Marsannay (where the Marsannay Rouge “Clos du Roy” comes from) and Bourgogne “Le Chapitre” (one of the only 5 Lieu Dits Bourgogne vineyards in Burgundy) just south of Dijon (interestingly, this wine is priced at other domaines’ village or even 1er Cru price level). The only Grand Cru the domain produces is Echezeaux, and the production is just five barrels.

The entire production is bottled by hand, barrel by barrel. These wines are built for long aging and require time to open up if drank young.

Domaine Bizot
Vosne-Romanée, Côte de Nuits
Recent years developments at Domaine Jean-Marc and Alix Millot represent another successful gradual “generations shift” from Jean-Marc to his young, energetic and talented daughter Alix. This fine domaine, located in the village of Nuits St Georges has holdings of impressive array of vineyards in the Côtes de Nuits, including important holdings in Vosne Romanée 1er Cru “Les Suchots” and 3 in Grand Cru vineyards: Echezeaux, Clos de Vougeot and Grands Echezeaux.

We had the pleasure of tasting the wines of Jean-Marc and Alix Millot from recent vintages on multiple occasions and found the quality here to be superb. The wines are pure, fresh and beautifully represent their respective terroirs.

Starting with the 2017 vintage, Jean-Marc and Alix Millot decided to make an experiment and they harvested, vinified and aged the wine coming from their Echezeaux du Desuss parcel separately from the other parcels of Echezeaux vineyards they own. The resulting wine proved to be unique, showing incredible depth and flavors, clearly different from both their Echezeaux and Grands-Echezeaux, and they decided to bottle the wine under its own label. Only 3 barrels were made.

Domaine Jean-Marc Millot's Vineyards

Henri Gouges inherited 9 hectares of prime Nuits-Saint-Georges vineyards just after the First World War, and expanded his holdings significantly between 1920-1934. Today it totals 14.6 hectares - including seven of the best well-positioned 1er Crus.

Since it was founded in 1925, Domaine Henri Gouges made very classic Nuits-St-Georges wines, which respect its various terroirs. These days, the domaine is run by Henri's grand children Pierre and Christian, and Pierre's son Gregory is mainly in charge of the wine making. Since 2008 the domaine is treated exclusively organic, and since 2007 a new modern cuverie has been in use.

The wine making is traditional for top Burgundy: There is severe sorting before complete destemming of the clusters. After relatively long cold maceration, fermentation takes place with the natural yeasts only in low temperature (max 29 degrees centigrade). After the fermentation finishes, the wines are kept in the tanks in 28 degrees for additional 9-10 days in order to extract more color and tannins. Next, the wines are transferred to oak barrels, 15-20% of them are new. The wines are racked after the malolactic fermentation the following spring to summer, and the different cuvées are separately mixed in vats to ensure homogeneous wines. The wines then return to barrels where they stay till bottling – normally 18 months after the vintage.

The 1er Crus include some of the very best vineyards in Nuits-St-Georges, namely Les Chaignots, Chene Carteau, Les Pruliers, the monopole vineyard of Clos des Porrets Saint Georges. What is less known is that a tiny part of this vineyard is very unique: Its vines were planted in 1904, and it was purchased by Henry Gouges himself from the Liger Belair family in 1924.

The Gouges family was aware of the unique history and characteristics of this parcel, but it was not till the 2017 vintage when Gregory Gouges decided to vinify, age and bottle this special Cuvee separately. Due to its vines age, the yield of this parcel is less than 15 HL/ha. Only two barrels were made and the wine will be bottled and labeled differently than the other domaine’s wines, in honour of Henry Gouges & his tradition.

Domaine Henri Gouges' Vineyards
Domaine Julien
Comblanchien, Burgundy, France

Étienne Julien is one of Burgundy’s recent rising stars. Located in the “off the path” village of Comblanchien between Beaune and Nuits Saint Georges, one of those roads that you’ve driven through often without notice. Étienne’s family settled there over 140 years ago, when François Xavier Julien purchased his first vineyards there, and the domaine increased to today’s size after the 2nd WW by François’ son Armand and until 2012 when Étienne (5th generation of the Julien family) took the domaine over it was ran by his father in old days traditions. Étienne, another young under 30 years old wine grower belongs to a group of young growers who are widely represented in PoB portfolio (Maxim Cheurlin, Amélie Berthaut, Alix Millot just to name few), brought with him to the family domaine modern ideas and energy. He moved the domaine to use of organic practices, reduced yields and cut out the use of chemicals from the vineyard work. His meticulous cellar work follows his precise vineyards work, resulting in transparent, clean wines which taste wonderful from barrel to bottle.

Étienne already proved himself as a talented, highly skilled wine grower, combined with his personal, self-assured character and sense of humor his future as well as the future of his domaine is bright. At present the domaine has 10.5 ha under vines, with parcels including Côte de Nuits Villages (coming entirely from the family’s historic vineyards in the southern part of Comblanchien – Just between NGS and Corton), Aloxe Corton, 3 parcels of Nuits saint Georges inc. the 1er Cru NGS Boussetots, and a nice parcel of Echezeaux.
Domaine Jean-Marc Roulot is an old family estate based in Meursault since 1820. These days it’s managed by Jean-Marc Roulot, who took over in 1989, giving up his acting career in Paris. Since his return to Meursault, Jean-Marc kept increasing the domaine’s holdings through a mix of vineyards purchased and fermage contracts.

Since the early 1990s, Jean-Marc set the domaine on the course to organic farming. Ever since, no herbicides are used and only plowing is employed, while all treatments are managed to minimize any effect on the vineyards’ natural microbial life. The age of the vines is relatively high due to major replanting done by Jean-Marc’s dad, Guy in the 1950s.

Jean-Marc believes in early and short pruning to avoid the need for green pruning in later stages of the growing season. His goal is to deliver perfect fruit and would rather pick a day or two earlier than two days late. His careful attention to detail in the vineyards is followed by exceptional winemaking skills, which brought the domaine its international acclaim. His philosophy is of making wines that he would like to drink rather than making wines that will appeal to modern palates. The élevage is relatively long at around 18 months, while the wines are racked into stainless steel tanks after a year. The wines stay on their lees, thus reducing any need of batonnage.

The result is that the entire range of wines has good energy through their core, with silky texture, purity and transparency of their terroirs. The Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières, purchased by the Roulots in 1976 (vines were planted in the 1940s), is the jewel in the crown of Roulot’s holdings but unfortunately made in minute quantity.

Starting with the 2014 vintage, Jean-Marc Roulot created a "micro négoce" project that he considers a natural extension to the domaine’s portfolio. The selection of grapes from fellow growers is severe and only wines that are not already part of the domaine’s portfolio are being made.

Domaine Lafarge
Volnay, Côte de Beaune

Domaine Lafarge was run for the last 60 years by the legendary Michel Lafarge (just celebrated his 90th birthday), and nowadays is run by his son Frédéric assisted by his wife Chantal. This domaine is famous for producing some of the greatest traditional Volnays, from biodynamic farmed vineyards.

The domaine consists of over 116 hectares under vine, most of them in Volnay and Beaune, including a 0.9 hectares holding of Clos des Chênes and many top 1er cru vineyards in the appellation.

The vinification is traditional with 100% destemed grapes, and the élevage is done using very low percentage of new oak (around 5%) and are famous for their great transparency of their respective terroirs.
Domaine Bernard Moreau
Chassagne-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune

This fine domaine is based in Chassagne-Montrachet and its roots go back to 1809 when Auguste Moreau built its first cellar. The majority of the domaine’s 14 hectares (out of which 9 are owned and five are farmed) were assembled by Marcel Moreau in the 1930s. Bernard Moreau, the father of Alexandre and Benoit who presently run the domaine, took over the vineyards and cellar in the early 1960s at the age of 14 years (!). By the 1970s he had already secured a sound reputation for the domaine.

Nowadays, Alex and Benoit belong to the new generation of talented wine makers in the Côte d’Or, who went through formal studies and have experienced working in other wine regions around the world. They apply a natural approach to managing the vineyards: there is no use of herbicides or pesticides, and only plowing is performed. Only organic fertilizers are used. Pruning is the main method to keep the yields low and under control. Harvest is done solely by hand and the grapes’ natural yeasts start fermentation. The grapes are lightly crushed before pressing and are left to settle overnight.

All wines are aged in wood without racking or lees stirring, retaining the natural carbon dioxide during the process for as long as possible. The Bourgognes are aged in older barrels, before being assembled in tanks. The village wines are aged in barrels, 25% of which are new, and the 1er Crus see 30-50% new oak. The Batard-Montrachet and Chevalier-Montrachet both receive 100% new oak, but these barrels are only light to medium toasted to avoid excessive oak character. Unfortunately, there are only 3 barrels of these fine Grand Crus combined every year. The total élevage in barrels is considered vintage by vintage and vary between 12-20 months, plus another one to three months in tank to slowly settle the lees. The wines are bottled without filtration but with a slight fining.

The domaine’s most famous vineyard is its 0.35 hectares of Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Grapes Rouchotes, but the entire range presents Chassagne-Montrachet at its finest.

In 2017, Alex Moreau collaborated with PoB and added a “micro negoçe” project to his domaine’s portfolio. Alex treats the wine as his other domaine’s wines, including the élevage and bottling process.

The wines produced in the 2017 vintage include:
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Poruzots (2 barrels)
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes (2 barrels)
- Corton Charlemagne (2 barrels)

Domaine Bernard Moreau’s Vineyards

Domaine Paul Pillot
Chassagne-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune

Paul Pillot who took over the domaine located in Chassagne-Montrachet in 1968 is the 3rd generation of this family who started this fine domaine in the beginning of the 20th century.

Over the years he expanded the domaine to the 13 hectares it owns today.

His son, Thierry started working in the domaine in 1999, but got full control only in the 2004 vintage.

His philosophy is common among other young growers in Burgundy these days, mainly understanding that the wines are actually being made mainly in the vineyards, thus investing hard work in the vineyards. The wine making approach is natural and straightforward, with minimal use of new wood – resulting in precise, terroir driven wines.

Starting with the 2017 vintage Thierry Pillot Created a “micro negoçe” project, in collaboration with PoB that he considers a natural extension to the domaine’s portfolio. The selection of grapes from fellow growers is severe and only wines that are not already part of the domaine’s portfolio are being made.

Thierry follows the harvest date, and the fruit arriving to the domaine’s cuvérie receive the exact same treatment as the other domaine’s wines, including the vinification, élevage in barrels and bottling process.

The wines produced in the 2017 vintage include:
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Poruzots (2 barrels)
- Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes (2 barrels)

Since the 2018 vintage, Meursault Perrieres & Meursault Genevrières were added to the lineup.
Domaine de Montille
Puligny-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune

Domaine de Montille is renowned as one of the finest domains in Burgundy. While the origin of the domaine goes back to 1730, the modern history started in 1947, when Hubert de Montille began making the domaine’s wines at the age of 17 due to the death of his father. Four years later he took over the entire responsibility of the domaine.

As the domaine consisted of only 2.5 hectares at that time, he trained as a lawyer and, until his retirement worked both as a lawyer in Dijon and winemaker at the domaine. Hubert’s children, Etienne and Alix (married to Jean-Marc Roulot), started helping in the domaine at young ages, and Etienne had a second job as an investment banker. Since 1990 Etienne took on more responsibility, and in 1995 became a co-manager of the domaine (although he continued working simultaneously in the bank until 2001). Under his leadership the domaine’s reputation soared. Over the years by means of careful acquisitions, the estate in 2005 (including parcels in Vosne-Romanée Les Malconsorts, Clos du Château de Puligny-Montrachet, etc…). Today Domaine de Montille consists of 37 ha of vineyards, with respectively 23 ha under “Domaine de Montille” and 14 under “Château de Puligny-Montrachet” labels.

In 2003 Etienne started a negociant business with Alix named “les Deux Montilles” which specialize in white wines.

The biggest change applied by Etienne in the vineyards was the decision in 1995 to become organic and in 2005 to entirely switch to biodynamic. While Hubert’s wines were famous for their ability to age gracefully with austerity when young, Etienne’s approach is to make more accessible wines through a philosophy of better vineyards’ management, reduced yields, elimination of chemical fertilizers, careful attention to phenolic ripeness and domaine acquired more and more prime vineyards across the Côte d’Or, with the highlights being the acquisition of a fine parcel of Puligny-Clairette in 1993, of Corton-Charlemagne in 2004 and parts of the Thomas-Moillard picking date, and fine tuned extraction and wine making technics (Hubert was known to make piegeage six to eight times per day during fermentation, and consistently used 25-50% whole cluster berries for making the wines – Etienne reduced it to two times per day and uses stems between 0% to 100% depending to the vintage).

What remained unchanged over the years is the restrained use of new oak. The wines remain in barrels for 14-18 months and normally bottled without fining or filtration.

Etienne and Alix fine-tuned this historical great domaine and set it up as one of the finest in Burgundy.
Domaine Launay Horiot
Pommard, Côte de Beaune

The story of Xavier Horiot, the owner and now wine maker of Domaine Launay Horiot is nothing but astonishing. This drama consists of family dispute, greed, passion, lawyers and court case that lasted 11 years, combined with the impossible French inheritance and tax laws and the stratospheric market value of vineyards in Burgundy over the last two decades. Xavier, who served in the French air force as fighter jet pilot, was determined to follow his beloved grandfather’s wishes, his passion and his dreams to revive the Domaine and make wine from his family’s vineyards.

After 11-year battle in French courts, which drained his resources but made him ever more determined to fulfill his dreams, finally in 2011 the court had ruled in his favor and handed the precious vineyards to his possession. (The irony was that his aunt who fought him for all these years in court died 2 months after the court’s ruling and had no heirs…).

In 2014 he felt ready to start making his own wines with the close help from the talented consultant Veronique Girard (using his own words, Xavier “felt that Pommard would benefit from woman’s touch”). Critics started visiting him (Tim Atkin was the first one, followed by Allen Meadows, Michel Betanne and others). Instantly there was general consensus that the wines from the Village Pommard to the 1er Crus are uniquely gentle expression of Pommards, all promising and highly enjoyable, to the two Grand Crus, Latricieres Chambertin and the Chambertin that are both brilliant expression of their relative terroirs.

The wines from the 2015 vintage show that the hard work and determination of Xavier paid off, and the wines started to gain general recognition among serious Burgundy lovers, and all critics without exception praised them and rewarded them with consistent high scores and notes spanning from “Sweet spot outstanding” to “Don’t miss!”. Tasting the 2016s from barrel convinced us that the trend continues, as the wines already show their balance, purity and charm at this early stage of their development.

We have no doubt that the future of Domaine Launay-Horiot in Xavier’s hands is brilliant.

Domaine Michelot
Meursault, Côte de Beaune

The Michelot family has owned this Meursault domaine for 6 generations. It has grown over time and particularly in the 1960s when it flourished under the strong personality of Bernard Michelot.

It now comprises 19 hectares, including many 1er Crus.

The tradition and ethos of the domaine is perpetuated and developed by the new generations. Also here, the transition of generations is done in a smooth manner to the hands of Nicolas Mestre who is working with his father on his side.
Benoit and Jean-Baptiste Bachelet, both in their twenties, recently took over their family domaine from their father Jean-Claude. The estate, based in Gamay, had remained relatively anonymous due to Jean-Claude’s reluctance to receive critics. He started domaine bottling in the 1970s. The brothers have no such apprehensions and are proud to show the wines that they are producing from their outstanding holdings. Some immediate changes were made after the transition. The sulfur levels were decreased and the duration the wines spent in barrel was reduced from 2 years to 18 months. New oak is used very judiciously by the brothers, and, as a result, the wines now released by the domaine are pure and terroir driven. The domain’s holdings consist mainly of some of the best terroirs in St-Aubin as well as vineyards in the communes of Chassagne & Puligny-Montrachet. The domaine is also the owner of a very small plot of Bienvenues Batard Montrachet.

Domaine Jean-Claude Bachelet
Saint-Aubin, Côte de Beaune

Domaine Jean-Claude Bachelet’s Vineyards

Domaine Heitz-Lochardet
Chassagne-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune

Domaine Heitz-Lochardet’s history goes back to 1857. Over the years, the family of Georges Lochardet, who was a wine merchant acquired significant prime vineyards totaling 20 ha, and when he passed away he left 50% of it to his son Armand. Armand had 3 children, and in 1983 his daughter Brigitte married Christian Heitz, and few years later Domaine Heitz-Lochardet was founded. For years, all the wines were sold to Maison Drouhin who took care of the vineyards as well.

After finishing his formal studies in 2011, Brigitte & Christian’s son, Armand Heitz took charge of the domaine. At the beginning, he received from the family two small plots to explore and test his winemaking skills. Following his first success, he got control of more serious plots, including tiny holding in Chevalier-Montrachet, and produced his first commercial wines in 2013. Every year since, more and more vineyards have been returned to the domaine under the control of Armand, and for the 2017 vintage his holding already consists of 8 ha, including the following very impressive set of vineyards:

- Chevalier-Montrachet (0.09 ha)
- Meursault Perrières 1er cru (0.70 ha)
- Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeots Les Petits Clos (0.70 ha)
- Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Morgeots Les Têtes de Clos (0.50 ha)
- Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chenevottes (0.43 ha)
- Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens (0.66 ha)
- Pommard 1er Cru Les Poyeux (0.60 ha)
- Volnay 1er Cru Les Taillepieds (0.37 ha)

Since the very beginning, Armand decided to use Biodynamic viticulture principles in all his vineyards. The white wine making is traditional with minimal use of new oak. The red wines are vinified with whole clusters, a method Armand feels suits his Biodynamic viticulture fruit best.

Armand Heitz is another great young wine grower representing the revival of Burgundy in the hands of the young generation starting at the turn of the 21st century.

Domaine Heitz-Lochardet’s Vineyards

PARTICIPATING DOMAINEs AND WINE-growERS
Olivier Riviere

Rioja

Native from France, Olivier Riviere was born and raised south of Bordeaux in Cognac. After completing his enology studies in Montagne St-Émilion, he started working with Elan Da Ross in Côte-du-Marmontai and later at Domaine Leray, where he developed the passion and skills of making wine using organic and biodynamic methods.

As his dream was always to make wines at his own domaine, he quickly understood that it will be impossible to find what he was looking for in France due to the incredible cost and scarcity of available great vineyards. He decided to cross the border and in 2004 he took a job with an estate in Rioja where his job was to convert its vineyards into biodynamic culture. This experience opened his eyes as he saw the potential and opportunity of accessing unique old vineyards in the region. At that time he decided to stay in Rioja and start his own wine making adventure there.

At the beginning, Olivier found a suitable grower in Cárdenas and bought and vinified his grapes. At the same time, he was able to access 1.2ha plot, and at that time he decided to stay in Rioja and start his own wine making adventure there.

Instead of adopting the common Spanish system which quality wines based on their aging time before release (Crianza, Reserva, and the Grand Reserva system), he believes in a Burgundy-inspired hierarchy of quality, being terroir specified as generic appellation and Village wines as the base, and Premier and Grand Cru wines at the top. There is minimal intervention in the vinification process and the use of sulphites and new oak is kept to a minimum.

This unique and revolutionary approach creates wines which combine their Spanish identity (by using local Spanish varieties from different terroir) with freshness and complexity, which differ them from any other Spanish wines.

Domaine Comando G

Madrid, Spain

Comando G Viticultures was founded by Daniel Gómez Landi and Fernando Garcia. Daniel and Fernando met in 2005 when studying viticulture and enology at the University of Madrid. They were both involved in different wine projects by then, but as a result of their friendship, philosophy of work and common interest about wine they soon decided to start a project together. “Comando G was born in 2008 with the goal to make wines that reflect the place, the landscape and the identity of our vineyards”. In other words – “Terroir”. They decided to make and classify their wines according to the Burgundy system of Village, 1er Cru and Grand Cru wines. And the sole reason to defy this status is the vineyard.

The vehicles used to achieving this goal were the extremely old Garnacha (Granache) vineyards common to the high altitude of the Gredos mountains of central Spain. And the “role model” they choose – Château Rayas, arguably the best producer of 100% Granache based wines in the world.

Their vineyards of this 15 ha domaine are situated in the most extreme villages of the Sierra de Gredos mountain area. This mountain area is divided to three valleys. The majority of the plots are located around Rozas de Puerto Real, village where they make a village wine, La Bruja de Rozas, a wine from a selection of parcels with a special character, Rozas 1er Cru and a single vineyard wine, Las Umbrías. This is the valley of the river Tietar.

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The vineyards and plots are planted on mountain hillside at altitude of 900-1200 meters above sea level, sometimes in extreme places very difficult to access, and are plowed by horse and many times just by hand.

Vines ages are between 60-90 years and in some cases ungrafted. Farming is organic and we are following biodynamic techniques for the viticulture. The work in the cellar is traditional and handcrafted with minimal intervention.

100% whole clusters are used, followed by slow maceration, fermentation in open oak vats and élevage in various size used oak barrels, demi-muids and foudres.

These are sensational, fresh, elegant and pure wines that are meant to reflect the unique terroir they originate from.

La Befla is the newest addition to Comando G’s portfolio. The vineyard was purchased in 2016 and this magnificent vintage (considered by Comando G their best to date) celebrates the first year of this “Grand Cru” wine. The first vintage of the wines is 2016.

Located at altitude of 1100 meters on a single plot of 0.3 ha in the Alto Alberche valley of the Gredos mountains, with granite and sandstone soil with shallow depth. The average age of these 100% Garnacha wines is 40 years old. The vineyard’s north orientation maintains lower temperatures and assures very long maturation cycle and great acidity. Since the 2018 vintage the viticulture is 100% biodynamic. Aging in wooden foudre for 14 months. 874 bottles produced.


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This fine domaine was focusing on the French market until the talented and energetic commercial director Ms. Claire Fleurot and the young wine maker Thomas Colladot joined forces to bring this domaine to new heights through the expansion of its reputation around the world. Claire is responsible for the marketing of the wines. Thomas is in charge of the wine making, and both of them together are in charge of the expansive vineyard selection of the domaine.

The family owns an incredible selection of six Grand Cru vineyards in Côte de Nuits, including important holdings in Grands Echezeaux, Echezeaux, Clos de Vougeot, Charmes Chambertin, Clos de la Roche and Clos saint Denis.

Thomas is the best friend of one of Burgundy’s most celebrated wine makers, Sebastian Cathiard, and shares his winemaking philosophy along the belief that great wines are being created first in the vineyards. And indeed, both Sebastian’s and Thomas & Claire’s vineyards are famous for being among the finest in Burgundy as the result of the hard work invested in them. They also meet often to taste and discuss their wines together.

The wines of Domaine Coquard Loison Fleurot are characterized by their purity and transparency of their terroirs.
Domaine Jean Grivot history tracks back to the French Revolution, when the Grivot family started their move from the Jura to Vosne-Romanée, although their origins go back to Italy’s Val d’Aosta.

Jean Grivot took over after his dad's death in 1955, and since 1959 all the domaine’s wines were estate bottled. Ever since, the domaine gained exceptional reputation for both the quality of the wines and the transparency of the respective terroirs.

In 1982, Jean’s son Etienne joined him, after completing his formal Aenologie studies in Beaune and stage both in France and California. Gradually, responsibilities were transferred to Etienne, and since 1987 he was in charge of both the vineyards and cellars.

Over the last decade, Domaine Grivot is considered one of the top and most consistent names in Vosne-Romanée.

The domaine is going through an exciting phase as responsibility transferred from the hands of Etienne to the talented, educated and passionate hands of his daughter Mathilde, who brings a fresh approach to this fine domaine while keeping the long time tradition of the Grivot family. The process of “generational change” in Domaine Grivot has been extremely smooth and very successful. The winery and cellars have gone through massive reconstruction, bringing it to top modern standards.

Mathilde and Etienne believe in getting quality first thanks to meticulous vineyard work throughout the year. The result of this hard work is healthy, ripe (both phenolic and sugar levels) and depth of concentration and flavor of the fruit. The wine-making technique is classic modern. The fruit is completely destemmed. A 5 to 7 days of pre-fermentation maceration at 12-15 degrees is applied, and after about 3 weeks the wines are transferred to casks. About 40% of the barrels being used are new.
The name Gibourg originates from the plain of the river Saône, among grain farmers. The family settled in Vosne-Romanée in 1930 and now the Domain is managed by the third generation, Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée who share the same passion for vine and wine.


Georges Mugneret, their only son (1929-1988), an ophthalmologist in Dijon, quickly decided to pursue the family profession in parallel with his own career in medicine, enlarging and enhancing the family estate with successive purchases of plots: Clos Vougeot Grand Cru in 1953, Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er cru in 1971, Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru in 1977, Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru « Les Vignes Rondes » in 1982 and Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru “Les Feusselottes” in 1985. Thus was created the Domaine Georges Mugneret.

Georges Mugneret met his future wife Jacqueline, a school teacher, in 1958, while serving in Algeria. Upon their return to France they got married. They had two daughters, Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée. Georges Mugneret died in 1988. Marie-Christine resigned her position as a chemist to specialize in oenology. She took over the activity with her mother. Marie-Andrée joined them several years later, after she obtained her diploma in oenology from the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon.

In 2009 Domaines Mugneret-Gibourg and Georges Mugneret combined to give birth to Domaine Georges Mugneret-Gibourg.

The same year Jacqueline retired, and today the estate is headed by the two sisters, Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée.

The family pattern repeats itself… Marie-Christine and Marie-Andrée each have two daughters! The domain might be passed down from mothers to daughters…
Amélie Berthaut took over the family domaine located in the village of Fixin in 2013 was also the first year she was fully responsible for the entire range, although she participated in the making some of the 2012s (the 2012 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Lavaut St Jacques was the first wine solely made by her). 2015 is her third vintage, and the first done in the recently renovated and newly equipped winery in Fixin.

The family domaine consists of 13 hectares under vine which include métayage contracts and additional holdings from her mother’s side which although being made by the same team are labeled “Berthaut-Gerbet” and include one of the finest 1er Cru vineyards in Vosne-Romanée: Les Petits Monts, as well as holdings in Echezeaux and Clos de Vougeot.

Amélie’s wines are made in a refined, elegant and terroir driven manner.

Domaine Berthaut-Gerbet
Fixin, Côte de Nuits

Domaine George Noëllat
Vosne-Romanée, Côte de Nuits

This historic small 5.5 hectares domaine from Vosne-Romanée went through another example of a successful hand over in 2010 to the hands of the young and talented wine maker Maxime Cheurlin from his grand mother.

Maxime grew up in Champagne but Burgundy was not strange to him. He finished his viticulture studies in Beaune, and got experience through working with his cousins at Domaine Emanuel Rouget.

The domaine consists of some important vineyards in the commune of Vosne-Romanée, with the most famous being the vineyards of Vosne-Romanée “Les Beaux Monts”, Echezeaux and Grands Echezeaux.

Domaine George Noëllat’s Vineyards
Anne Sigaut and her husband Hervé took over from Maurice Sigaut in 1990 and made important improvements both in the vineyard work and in the cellar.

The Sigauts have been passionately but quietly making gorgeous wines in the tiny village of Chambolle-Musigny for generations. The secret is out and the quiet is now a thing of the past. The estate totals 9.3 ha, including spectacular old-vine parcels of Chambolle 1er Crus Les Fuées, Les Sentieres and Nibots — many of which are plowed by horse. Hervé follows the lunar calendar for most activities in the vineyard and cellar, and prefers to touch the wine as little as possible during élevage. The winemaking facility was re-built in 2004, with state of the art equipment including a sorting table, all stainless-steel fermentation tanks, and full temperature control. New oak is kept to a maximum of 40%. The wines are thoroughbred examples of the magnificent terroirs of Chambolle-Musigny.

All the work is done by gravity and the emphasis is on elegant wines with strong signature of the different terroirs.

Domaine Anne et Hervé Sigaut
Chambolle-Musigny, Côte de Nuits

Domaine Sérafin
Gevrey-Chambertin, Côte de Nuits

Domaine Sérafin is located at the top of the village of Gevrey-Chambertin, just below the Cazetiers vineyard. The domaine is run nowadays by the 3rd generation - Christian Sérafin’s daughter Karine. The domaine has 5.3 hectares of vines in the communes Gevrey-Chambertin, Morey-St. Denis, and Chambolle-Musigny, including 0.31 hectares of Charmes-Chambertin and great located plots in 5 premier cru vineyards. The viticulture is completely organic.
It is hard to think of a more passionate, knowledgeable and hard-working wine maker than Olivier Lamy. The family and the domaine are located in the village of Saint-Aubin, within a short distance from the domaine’s extensive array of vineyards spread around the villages of Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet and Saint-Aubin. There are records of the Lamy family growing vines since 1640!

Olivier gained experience at Domaine Méo-Camuzet in Vosne-Romanée before taking over the family domain from his father, Hubert. Olivier gained tremendous experience through working in the vineyards, and adapts his own experience and believes in the way he plants, cares and treats his vines. Among Olivier’s exciting philosophies is the planting of high density (haute densité) vineyards, which he believes allows them to capture more from their terroir. The first vineyard planted this way in 2000 was the top part of the Saint-Aubin 1er Cru “Derrière Chez Edouard”, with the planting of 28,000 and later 30,000 vines per hectare – three times the normal planting density, and effectively three times the work required to produce the same amount of wine. Not surprisingly, the result is overwhelming and this wine has an enormous depth and dimension.

The majority of the domaine’s vineyards consist of stony, limestone-based soil, with a thin 10-30 cm of topsoil, and have a favourable southeast exposure.

Olivier was one of the first winemakers in Côte de Beaune to favour the use of larger barrels, and in the cellar there are many 350 and 600 litres barrels. Yields are kept low and following intensive work in the vineyards, the harvested crop passes a selection on a sorting table before being transferred to the stainless steel fermentation tanks. The wine making is traditional, and the wines are aged in 0-15% new oak (with an average of 10%) for 18-24 months before bottling. While the backbone of this fine domaine is the stunning wines from Saint-Aubin, the jewel in the crown is its tiny holding in Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet, located just above the vines of Leroy’s Domaine d’Auverney. Olivier’s wines are classic, refined, pure and mineral, and each one of them reflects its respective terroirs.

Domaine Hubert Lamy
Saint-Aubin, Côte de Beaune

Domaine Hubert Lamy’s Vineyards
Domaine Tessier
Meursault, Côte de Beaune

Arnaud Tessier took over the Meursault family domaine in 2006 at the age of 22 years due to his father’s sudden death.

The vineyards work was not new to him, as he started working in the domaine together with his father since he was 14 years old. Since the very beginning, Arnaud realized the great potential of the array of 7.5 hectares of stunning vineyards, which are spread over some of Meursault’s finest appellations.

Like many young winemakers of his generation, his philosophy is that the majority of the wine making process is done in the vineyards. The viticulture is organic, and yields are controlled by removal of excess flower buds during the flowering season.

It’s hard to find Arnaud while visiting the domaine – as he spends most of the time working in the vineyards. And indeed, Tessier’s vineyards are famous for the extreme amount of work invested in them.

To complement the Tessier’s team, he is helped at the domaine by his wife Catherine, who brought her own experience and skills, a result of working for other important domaines both in Burgundy and abroad.

Arnaud has a clear vision for his wines, and the results are pure and elegant wines, which are easily recognized as great examples of their respective terrains. The quality of the wines improve year after year, and they are already considered amongst the finest of the appellation.

As this is a small domaine, Arnaud invest in new equipment little by little. Over the last few years a new press and fermenting tanks where installed, and more modern equipment will be purchased over the next few years.

Domina Tessier’s Vineyards

Domaine Y. Clerget
Volnay, Côte de Beaune

Domaine Y. Clerget roots go back to the 13th century when the Clerget family settled in the village of Volnay in 1268. The main recorded history started in 1936, when the Clerget family acquired the Clos du Verseuil 1er Cru vineyard in Volnay as a Monopole. Over the years the domaine changed generations within the family, until 1983 when Yvon Clerget took the lead and was responsible of making the wines. But as Thibaud (Yvon’s son, who is the 28th generation of the Clerget family to make wine in Volnay) was still too young, Yvon retired and his last vintage was 2009, and until Thibaud completed his studies and his internship in Domaine Hudelot-Noellat in 2015 - there was no wine bottled by the domaine (the grapes were sold to Henri Boillot).

Thibaud took the lead of the legendary family domaine in 2015 at the age of 24 and 2015 was his first vintage – declaring the re birth of Domaine Y. Clerget. The vineyards of Domaine Y. Clerget extend to 6 Hectares and consist of prime vineyards carefully selected and treasured by the family over generations. Quoting Antonio Galoni (Vinous.com) words express what both wine critics and anyone who was fortunate to taste the wines feels: “The reborn Domaine Y. Clerget could very well turn out to be one of the great recent success stories in Burgundy. Readers should do whatever they can to taste these wines. (Thibaud) Clerget is just 28 and appears to have a brilliant career in front of him. Bravo!”

Vineyards Holding of Domaine Y. Clerget:

- Meursault “Les Chevalieres” (white): 37 ares, average 40 years old vines.
- Volnay 1er Cru “Les Santenots”: 68 ares, average 28 years old vines.
- Volnay 1er Cru “Carelle Sous La Chapelle”: 65 ares, average 30 years old vines.
- Volnay 1er Cru “Clos Du Verseuil” (Monopole): 68 ares, average age 40 years old vines.
- Volnay 1er Cru “Les Champsans”: 5 ares, average 46 years old vines.
- Volnay 1er Cru “Les Caillerets”: 47 ares, average 60 years old vines.
- Pommard 1er Cru “Les Rugiens”: 85 ares, average 40 years old vines.
- Clos Vougeot Grand Cru: 32 ares, average 45 years old vines.
Domaine François Carillon
Puligny-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune

Domaine François Carillon is the legacy of the Carillon family, which has been in Puligny-Montrachet since the sixteenth century. The logo currently in use was found on an engraved stone dated 1632 in a cave of the village.

Praised by critics, Carillon wines are regarded amongst the elite of the great white wines of Burgundy, and are to be found in prestigious restaurants around the world. Domaine Carillon produces white wines that are racy, elegant and fruity while embodying perfectly the terroir of each of its vineyards.

With 15 generations of farmers behind him, François Carillon has worked in the family domaine since 1988 alongside his father and brother. François’s main activity is cultivating the vines. Passionate about his business, he has always striven to produce the highest quality and to come closer to organic methods.

Operating an area of 6.5 hectares, Domaine François Carillon works with much passion around its team of Jean-Michel, Fred and Laurence.

Succession seems assured with the children Mathis, Paul-Clement and Lisa. They are still young, and will spend the next few years soaking up the Carillon culture and learning the expertise from their father.

Domaine Jean-Marc Pillot
Chassagne-Montrachet, Côte de Beaune

Jean-Marc started his career as a winemaker in 1985, and his first vintage was made in the new premises in the industrial zone close to Chagny in 1991. The Domain’s holdings, 90% of which are in the commune of Chassagne-Montrachet was increased since then from 5 hectares to 11 hectares today, half of which whites and half reds.

The vineyards are naturally managed. The whites are hand harvested, gently crushed but not destemmed then pressed. A light setting happens at cold temperature before the wines are moved into barrel for a slow, long fermentation at 15 degrees centigrade. The barrels are used for three years, with one-third new oak. The wines stay on their lees in the barrels for 12 months and then racked into tanks, where they stay for additional 6 months before bottling.
Rafael Palacios
Valdeorras

Rafael Palacios is the youngest of the nine children of the Palacios Remondo family (widely known for his older brother, Alvaro who revolutionized the wine region of Priorat in the beginning of the 1990s).

After acquiring formal education in Bordeaux and working as the white wines maker at the family estate in Rioja, he was introduced to the mineral and rich Godello grape variety since 1996 – and in 2004 he moved to Valdeorras (Galicia, close to the Portuguese border), where he managed to purchase and gather 26 small parcels of vineyards totaling 24.5 hectares which he works these days.

The vineyards are planted in remote settings and altitude of 650 to 740 meters, and the soil is sandy over granite base and some of the vines are getting close to 100 years old. Due to erosion, many vineyards are planted on terraces and the vines enjoy mix of the Atlantic & Mediterranean climates. The majority of the vine’s variety planted on these plots are Godello, with small part of the ingenious Treixadura grapes.

The viticulture is organic and partially biodynamic, and after hand harvest the wine making is traditional, using exclusively natural yeasts and fermentation in tank & foudre. The major three wines produced are: Louro is made of the younger vines of the estate and aged in older foudre. As Sortes is made from fruit harvested from old vines between 38 to 95 years old and is aged in 500 liters French oak barrels. The top wine, Sorte O Soro is a cuvee of less than 3,000 bottles per year from a 0.47ha single vineyard with vines age of over 40 years old which are farmed according to biodynamic principles. This wine is aged in large 500 liters new French oak barrels.

Rafa is widely considered one of the leading white wine producers in Spain today.
Niepoort was established in 1842 and been family owned business ever since. Dirk Niepoort, the 5th generation of the family, joined the company in 1987 and almost instantly became the new face of the Portuguese wine scene. Under Dirk, Niepoort has acquired vineyards in the Douro, and started focusing on dry wines making besides the traditional Port wines. Niepoort became a worldwide recognized brand.

The winemaking team has years of experience at Niepoort, and are quite well-acquainted with Dirk’s philosophy of winemaking. For more than 20 years he has been a strong advocate of lighter, lower alcohol wines more focused on acidity and drinkability than on concentration and ripeness. To some extent, that was the motivation behind the firm’s recent expansion and strategic investments in the regions of Dão, Bairrada and, more recently, Vinho Verde.