

1999 Gevrey-Chambertin Village And Premier Crus

This tasting will be a comparison tasting of Premier Cru wines and “village” wines. This follows on the heels of our delicious Beaune and environs tasting last year. The great mantra for finding great Gevrey-Chambertin is this; “producer reputation, producer reputation, producer reputation, producer reputation”. We have taken this into consideration and offer you wines from four very reliable producers in an excellent vintage. They are Joseph Drouhin, Louis Jadot, Antonin Rodet and Bouchard Père et fils.

The name Gevrey-Chambertin is derived from the link of the most notable vineyard in the area, Le Chambertin to the village of Gevrey. The Gevrey-Chambertin pinot noir vines are planted on the best east-facing slopes of the Côte d’Or and produce some of the finest and often the most expensive wines in Burgundy. The Village wines, Premier crus and Grand crus are critically separated by geology. Premier crus are planted on shallow red clay and sandy loam, Grand Cru on reddish soil with a limestone mix and village wines are planted on deeper alluvium in the valley floor. The unifying characteristics in all of these wines are; deep colour, rich and intense aromas of black fruits, musk and liquorice and a tight backbone of acidity. These “masculine styled wines are “King” to the feminine and delicate wines of the nearby Chambolle-Musigny “Queen”. Even though Gevrey-Chambertin is the largest appellation in the Côte de Nuits, the Premier crus are amongst the most highly sought after of all Burgundies. The famous wine importer and writer Kermit Lynch says of Gevrey-Chambertin “ Never drink one during the warm months. Gevrey-Chambertin is a winter wine, soul-warming red wine, comforting like a blazing fire.”

The négociant Louis Jadot provides us with the lions-share of wines in this tasting. We are featuring the premier crus of La Vaux Saint Jacques, Cazetiers, and the highly prized Clos Saint-Jacques as well as Gevrey-Chambertin Village. The Clos Saint-Jacques vineyard does not quite touch Le Chambertin, but can equal many of the Grand Crus. It is regarded as one of the most extraordinary Premier crus in all of Burgundy.

The La Vaux Saint-Jacques derives its name from a proximal association with Clos Saint-Jacques vineyard and has similar delights to offer. The Cazetiers vineyard also borders the Clos Saint-Jacques vineyard and is planted on a prime, easterly exposed slope at about the same altitude as the Chambertin Grand Cru vineyards. The “village” wines are made from high quality growers who farm on the slope extensions of the premier crus.

Our fourth Premier cru Gevrey-Chambertin, is Combottes, from Joseph Drouhin. It is surrounded by Grand Cru vineyards between Gevrey and Morey. The old vines and great location promise a wine of class and distinction. The Drouhin Gevrey-Chambertin, both Premier Cru and Village wines we are pouring have very careful wood, fruit and fermentation attention that always yield excellent polished results. The last two Gevrey-Chambertin village wines we are pouring come from the eminently reliable producers, Antonin Rodet and Bouchard Père et Fils.

As always with our tastings, this event will be strictly non-smoking, and we request your cooperation in not wearing any scented after-shave or perfume.

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Limit: 122 people

North York Memorial Community Hall
5110 Yonge St. (under library)
North York Centre Subway

Cancellations accepted up to April 8, 2011 — David Hutchison (416-690-0281 **evenings**). **No reservations by phone, please.** No confirmations will be issued — you will be contacted only if we are sold out. First come basis. Non-members may attend at guest rates, but preference will be given to members.

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_____ Members @ 57.00 each _____
_____ Guests @ 68.00 each _____

Yes, I wish to sit at a New Members Table with an expert to answer my questions.

Total _____

