

Rising Stars of Gevrey-Chambertin Mini-Tasting



Date	:	Friday, September 27 2019
Time	:	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue	:	Hong Kong Wine Vault (Aberdeen Branch)
Wines Tasted	:	Domaine Tawse, Gevrey-Chambertin 2016 Heresztyn-Mazzini, Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos Village" 2016 Robert Groffier, Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Sevrées" 2016 Denis Mortet, Gevrey-Chambertin "Mes Cinq Villages" 2016

Our thoughts:

The mini tasting of Gevrey-Chambertin gave us a real insight into the ageability and differing styles between our selected producers. For quiet sophistication and elegance, one can look towards Heresztyn-Mazzini and Marchand-Tawse (Domaine Tawse); whilst those looking for the classic intensity and structure of this village then turn to Robert Groffier and Denis Mortet.

All of these selected wines are of vintage 2016. Despite the small yields of the vintage 2016, there was relatively little by way of a concentration effect. Thanks to the very small crop and a wonderful ripening season, the quality is quite simply gorgeous. The wines are bright and alive. Reds are generally of more even quality than whites; they are vibrant, alive and full of energy.

2016 Domaine Tawse, Gevrey-Chambertin

This is a blend of five parcels within Gevrey-Chambertin (Murots, Etelois, Combes, Grandes Rayes and La Justice). This is young but because it's without sulphur needs to be drunk young. Medium weight of strawberry fruit and pleasing freshness, savouriness, and pronounced tannins. A hearty Gevrey. Need a bit of air to open out

2016 Heresztyn-Mazzini, Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos Village"

This village is produced from a plot just behind the Heresztyn-Mazzini estate, which is one of the many lieu-dit sites in Gevrey with the same cachet as some Premier Crus. The vines are planted in 1960 and in this cuvee 50% whole cluster grapes is used. The nose is very expressive here -- with a floral, fruity nose of ripe black and red cherries, wild berries, damp violets, and subtle spice and underbrush notes. I found it reminiscent of top-tier Morey-St.-Denis in its perfume and refinement.

2016 Robert Groffier Père & Fils, Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Seuvrées"

The Gevrey Les Seuvrées is a good to very good village effort from Domaine Robert Groffier. Les Seuvrées is a lieu-dit lying below the D974 directly below the grand cru of Mazoyères-Chambertin. The Groffier wines are richly flavored as usual; showing depth in colour in their youth with a solid structural backbone. It delivers classic Gevrey-Chambertin flavors of black fruit, licorice, violets, and spices with an underlying earthiness. Aerate it an hour prior to serving to unfold sweeter and more lush flavours.

2016 Denis Mortet, Gevrey-Chambertin "Mes Cinq Villages"

These are made up of parcels of the five vineyards that were once bottled separately which include the En Motrot, En Derée, Combe de Dessus, Au Vellé and En Champs. Arnaud Mortet took over his late father, Denis Mortet's successful domaine in 2006 and has elevated this already well-respected estate to new levels of quality and refinement. This 2016 Gevrey village has a polished, silky style, whose black cherry and raspberry flavors are accented by graphite and spice. Balanced and long, with a firmly tannic yet integrated finish. Arnaud's wines are not as brooding and dark-fruited in their youth as they were under Denis. This change in style is in no small part thanks to the guidance of one of his closest friends and mentors, Eric Rousseau.