



## Domaine Christian Clerget Mini-Tasting



Date	:	Friday, Friday August 9 2019
Time	:	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue	:	Hong Kong Wine Vault (Aberdeen Branch)
Wines Tasted	:	Christian Clerget, Vosne-Romanée "Les Violettes" 2015 Christian Clerget, Chambolle-Musigny 1er "Les Charmes" 2015 Christian Clerget, Echezeaux "En Orveaux" Grand Cru 2015

## **Our thoughts:**

*We constantly strive to bring you not only the best well known wines from around the world but to also dig for those lesser-known and exciting gems that you have not yet heard of.*

*Today we have selected three wines from Domaine Christian Clerget, all from the successful vintage 2015. This domaine is small but formidable lineup of wines is always an under-the-radar success typically known to the savviest of collectors and aficionados.*

*Christian Clerget described 2015 as a "relatively simple vintage save perhaps for some early season oidium that caused us some grief since we are in the process of converting our viticulture to organic farming. While it's hard to know exactly, I would estimate that it cost us on the order of 10 to 15% of the potential volume. Otherwise the season was straightforward as it was entirely hot and dry so there was basically no further disease pressure. We chose to begin picking on the 5th of September and continued through to the 9th. The fruit was spotless and uniformly ripe so it was possible to harvest with dispatch. Yields were good at between 30 and 35 hl/ha and potential alcohols ranged between 12.6 to 13.5% and I chaptalized only one wine. As to the wines, they're clearly ripe but what is interesting is how fresh they are. If you didn't know what you were tasting, you wouldn't necessarily think that the 2015s were the product of a very hot and dry summer. They should age extremely well and overall, I am very happy with the quality." I have to agree with Clerget as several of the wines, and in particular the Bourgogne, the Violettes and the Charmes, are among the best examples that I have seen from the domaine.*

**Christian Clerget, Vosne-Romanée "Les Violettes" 2015**

*Note: from .50 ha parcel planted in 1946; Les Violettes abuts Clos de Vougeot*

*"As the name would suggest there are indeed nuances of violets on the perfumed nose of red and dark currants that is liberally laced with various spice elements. The sleek, focused and vibrant middle weight flavors possess excellent depth and persistence for a villages level wine; moreover the natural class of Vosne is evident and this is worth checking out." (Allen Meadows, BH 89-91, Outstanding Top value)*

**Christian Clerget, Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru "Les Charmes" 2015**

*Note: from 4 parcels of 30+ year old vines aggregating 1 ha*

*"A slightly riper yet still fresh nose offers up notes of cassis, black raspberry, lavender and a hint of sandalwood. There is a caressing mouth feel to the extract-rich medium-bodied flavors that coat the palate on the more obviously structured finale. This balanced effort is also a wine of refinement and is one that should drink well young but reward up to a decade of bottle age." (Allen Meadows, BH 90-93, Outstanding)*

**Christian Clerget, Vosne-Romanée "Les Violettes" 2015**

*Note: from a 1.1 ha parcel located in En Orveaux that was planted in 1947*

*"A restrained, fresh and beautifully layered nose displays notes of black cherry liqueur, anise, violet, Asian-style tea and star anise. The sleekly muscular and agreeably intense middle weight plus flavors also brim with dry extract that helps to buffer the firm tannic spine on the powerful, balanced and strikingly long finish. This is terrific though at least some patience will be necessary." (Allen Meadows, BH 92-94, Sweet Spot)*