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GRIOTTE-CHAMBERTIN 2020

GRAND CRU- 100% PINOT NOIR

This very small vineyard (less than 3 hectares- 7.5 acres), in the shape of a square, is completely surrounded by the other Grand Crus of Gevrey (Chambertin, etc). A remarkable wine is produced here.

History & Tradition:

- The name "Griotte" may recall the Morello cherry (a sort of wild or sour cherry used in cooking or preserves), which is part of the aromas often found in the nose of this wine. But in fact, "Griotte" comes from "Criots" (as in Criots-Batard-Montrachet) which has the same origin as the word "craie" (chalk in French). An interesting case where etymology sheds light on the geology!
- Soil: chalky and thin with some brown-red coloration.
- **Drouhin estate:** 1.3 acre. **Average vine age:** 27 years.

Viticulture:

- Biological cultivation since 1990; biodynamic cultivation a few years later
- Only authorized products for biological cultivation are used. Natural predators are not eliminated.

Vinification:

- Harvesting: by hand, in small open crates in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit.
- Maceration: maceration and vinification take 2 to 3 weeks indigenous yeasts maceration and fermentation temperatures under total control. Pressing: separation of free run juice from pressed juice.

Ageing:

- Type: in barrels (20% in new oak). Length: 14 to 18 months. Origin of the wood: French oak forests.

Tasting note by Véronique Boss-Drouhin - "Tasting Griotte-Chambertin is always cause for reflexion: the aromas are complex and subtle, with hints of cherry liqueur, preserved cherry, fine leather, nutmeg. When the wine matures, there are hints of truffle and venison. The flavours are also arresting in their own way and the tannins, although present, are never aggressive or coarse. Long and persistent on the palate, with a glorious aftertaste".

Serving Temp: 61-62°F. **Cellaring:** 5 to 30 years.

2020 Vintage: This vintage was marked by a concentration of juice in the berries just before the harvest. The wines show a very nice intense ruby colour. The nose is complex and very expressive of red fruits and black fruits but above all the expressions of the terroirs are already noticeable.



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