Joseph Drouhin

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DES GRANDS BOURGOGNES

GRIOTTE-CHAMBERTIN 2021

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 yeastsmaceration and fermentation temperatures under total control. Pressing: separation of free run juice from pressed juice.

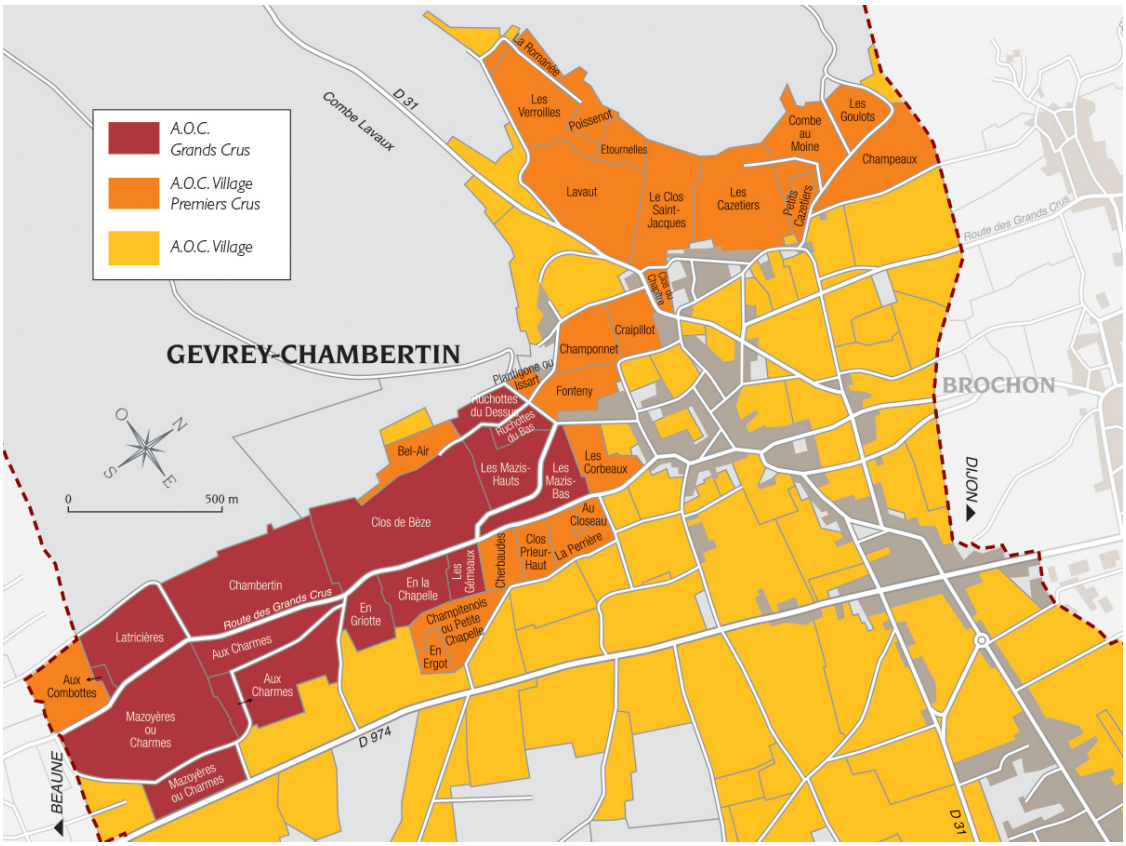
Ageing:

- 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.

2021 Vintage: The red wines are delicate. They offer a nice ruby red colour and aromas of fresh and ripe red fruit. This lovely fruity expression is also present on the palate, with notes of cherry or raspberry. The textures are delicate and the tannins very silky.



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