

CE QUE LA PRESSE EN PENSE...

Burgundy Report

Millésime 2013



2013 – *Le Roi Chambertin*

Tasted in Gevrey-Chambertin, 13th November 2014.

Once more, Bravo! to the Syndicat of Gevrey-Chambertin for this tasting. The format was the same as last year for the 12s, except that there was one extra hour available for tasting – I used all – but 15 minutes of that extra hour despite starting on the dot at 15h00.

Judging by the crowd, it now seems that I'm the only taster to be present at all four of the Syndicat's tastings that began (in Beaune) with the 2010s. Oh, and I still don't understand people who head straight to the tables with the grand crus...

What of the wines ?

If I compare to 2012, the 2012s often had an extra twist of deliciousness and a bit a bit more structure. That said, the 2013s are really not far behind in tastiness and seemed much more consistent than the 12s, despite having less élevage time due to the harvest being three weeks later – plus the compilations of later malolactics. So less “poor samples” at the 2013 tasting, and as always, nice to have a wide selection of wines to compare and contrast in one sitting – even if realistically, you have limited opportunity to “go back” if you strive to taste everything...





Part 1 – Village wines...

I began at speed, planning to make summary notes, but slowly realised the notes were beginning to sound all the same, so slowly expanded my scribbling, but still there seems a generic note – but maybe that fits well for a specific vintage...

2013 - Drouhin-Laroze – Gevrey-Chambertin

High toned, interesting and pretty. Penetrating acidity but with good fruit to balance. Tasty !

Part 2 – Premier cru wines...

Fewer recommended wines in this section versus the “Villages” – not because of a lack of quality – rather a more uniform performance – so fewer “stand-outs”!

2013 - Drouhin-Laroze – Gevrey-Chambertin – 1er cru Lavaut St Jacques

A deep and quite impressive nose despite a little reduction. Good sweetness, lithe, slightly hard but with lots of dimension and energy. Good wine !

Bill Nanson

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