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Reise ins Burgund

Abendessen und Burgunderverkostung mit Jasper Morris MW

Donnerstag, den 29. Juni um 19:00 Uhr

Gastgeber Klaus Umek

Erno's Bistro, Liebigstraße 15, 60323 Frankfurt am Main

JASPER MORRIS MW

Jasper Morris MW is a highly respected writer and critic on the wines of Burgundy. He has been a Master of Wine since 1985 and had an illustrious career as a wine merchant, founding Morris & Verdin, the UK's leading Burgundy importer in the 1990s. He sold the company to Berry Bros & Rudd in 2003, where he remained as Burgundy buyer and Director until retirement in 2017.

Having retired from commerce, Jasper embarked on a new career as a Burgundy expert and critic, culminating in the launch of Jasper Morris Inside Burgundy, winner of the André Simon prize, in 2010. A new fully revised and updated edition has been published in September 2021.

ABOUT BURGUNDY WINE

Burgundy wine, also known as Bourgogne wine, is a renowned and prestigious wine produced in the Burgundy region of France. It is widely regarded as one of the world's most exceptional and sought-after wines, appreciated for its complexity, elegance, and ability to reflect its terroir.

Located in the east-central part of France, Burgundy has 5 primary wine growing areas. The most notable of these are the **Côte d'Or**, **Côte de Nuits**, **Côte de Beaune**, **Chablis** and **Mâconnais**.

Chablis is the northernmost wine district of the Burgundy region in France. Its cool climate produces wines – made solely from Chardonnay grapes - with a crisp, mineral-driven character and high acidity, which sets it apart from other white wines produced in the region.

Burgundy is predominantly known for its production of premium **Pinot Noir** and **Chardonnay** grapes, which are the main varieties cultivated in the region. Pinot Noir, the red grape, thrives in the limestone-rich soils of Burgundy, producing wines with delicate aromas of red berries, earthiness, and a characteristic silky texture. Chardonnay, the white grape, is responsible for creating both rich and buttery as well as crisp and mineral-driven wines, depending on the vineyard location and winemaking techniques.

One of the key concepts in Burgundy wine production is the notion of **terroir**, which refers to the unique combination of soil, climate, and viticultural practices that influence the characteristics of the wine. The Burgundy region is divided into several sub-regions or appellations, each with its own specific terroir and wine style.

Burgundy wines are often classified according to the quality hierarchy of the region. The highest classification is **Grand Cru**, which designates the finest vineyards with exceptional quality and aging potential. **Premier Cru** vineyards also produce high-quality wines, while **Village** and Regional appellations offer more accessible and affordable options for everyday enjoyment.

The production of Burgundy wine is highly regulated, and the region has a long-established system of wine classification and

labelling. Winegrowers in Burgundy often have a deep respect for tradition and practice meticulous winemaking techniques, including hand-harvesting, small-scale production, and oak barrel aging.

Burgundy wines can be enjoyed young, but they also have **excellent aging potential**, allowing them to develop complexity and character over time. They are often described as nuanced, with a focus on subtlety and elegance rather than overt power. The ability to express the nuances of the terroir and the individual vineyard plots is what sets Burgundy wines apart and contributes to their prestige and allure.

Winemaking goes back to the **Romans in the 1st century AD**, but it was the **Catholic monks** that really established the vineyards in the Middle Ages who grew the grapes for the church and the aristocratic Dukes of Burgundy. The French Revolution returned the vineyards to the people who, today, pride themselves on their attachment to the land. The personal relationship to the land has inspired growth in organic and bio-dynamic viticulture and winemaking. The personal relationship to the land has inspired growth in organic and bio-dynamic viticulture and winemaking.

Overall, Burgundy wine holds a special place in the world of wine connoisseurs and enthusiasts, celebrated for its exceptional quality, diversity, and the artistry of its winemakers. It continues to captivate wine lovers worldwide and remains a benchmark for the finest expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

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