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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

Simon Mazzini and his wife, Florence, have really taken the Gevrey-Chambertin-based domaine to a higher level over the last decade, following classically styled Pinot Noir wines from about a dozen holdings around the Gevrey-Morey area. "We didn't do a lot of whole bunch. Six cuvées have stems this year," he told me. "The reason is that mildew attacked the stems. In April at the beginning of May, we flattened [mashed] the cover crops, which make it easier to work the vineyard and allow for more drainage thanks to the roots. We cropped at 15 N/ha, losing around 70% of the volume not only to mildew but to rot, too, too much water and several other factors. Still, I appreciate the vintage because these are real Pinot Noirs even with their lighter colours. There was no concrete [period of drought], but I appreciate this type of fruit. We started picking on September 16 and it only took three or four days, though the fruit was healthy and had good ripeness. We were careful with temperatures during extraction, conducting just one passage each day. All the wines are aged in used oak, with just one new barrel on the Clos Saint Denis. We wanted to maintain the fruit."

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2024 Bourgogne Aligoté

Color: White

There is only a feuilleté of the Bourgogne Aligoté in 2024, and so this was not tasted.

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2024 Bourgogne Rouge Champ Franc

Color: Red

The 2024 Bourgogne Rouge Champ Franc has an open-knit bouquet that just misses a bit of cohesion at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with cranberry and strawberry fruit, a little "boomy" in texture with a slightly austere finish.

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2024 Fixin Queue de Hareng

Color: Red

The 2024 Fixin Queue de Hareng, which was a Côtes de Nuits-Villages until the 2022 vintage, comes from two small parcels of 50 to 60-year-old vines. It has a light bouquet with red cherry tinged with tomato vine. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, quite brittle tannins that frame the slightly savoury red fruit, with just a touch of white pepper on the finish. Drink over four to six years.

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2024 Bourgogne Chardonnay La Nourry

Color: White

The 2024 Bourgogne Chardonnay La Nourry comes from the namesake lieu-dit. It has quite an effervescent bouquet with orange zest and light peachy scents. The palate is well balanced with a touch of frangipani on the entry, fine weight and a keen thread of acidity on the finish. Enjoy over three to five years.

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2024 Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes

Color: Red

The 2024 Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes comes from 70-year-old vines, hence the addition of "Vieilles Vignes" to the name. This has a lifted nose with mainly red fruit and hints of lavender and rose petals lending complexity, though not powerful. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. This is well balanced, lightly spiced with a little dryness that creeps in towards the finish, suggesting that it will be best consumed in its youth. Two barrels produced.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Jousies Vieilles Vignes

Color: Red

The 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Jousies Vieilles Vignes was completely de-stemmed this vintage after being cropped at less than 10N/ha. It has a light nose with red berry fruit interspersed with light wet clayey scents. The palate is medium-bodied with light tannins, edgy red cherry and strawberry fruit and marked acidity on the finish that imparts freshness. It just attenuates a little on the finish but otherwise this constitutes fine early drinking.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Color: Red

The 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, which was completely de-stemmed, has a well-defined bouquet and, strangely, you might misanthropize stems in the blend. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, vibrant, fresh and simple, cohering nicely towards the finish that demonstrates a little more substance. Fine.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village

Color: Red

The 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village, cropped at a risible 10N/ha, has another quite open bouquet with wild strawberry, orange rind and undergrowth scents, the latter coming through quite strongly with oxidation due to the 30% whole cluster. The palate is medium-bodied with quite a peppery opening, hints of dried blood infusing the red fruit with firm tannins. Perhaps a little savoury towards the finish, I suspect this will drink early but I am intrigued to see how it will show with age as those stems are assimilated.

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2024 Morey-Saint-Denis Les Millandes 1er Cru

Color: Red

The 2024 Morey-Saint-Denis Les Millandes 1er Cru includes 30% whole cluster although in this instance they are less tangible compared to other cuvées. The palate is well balanced with crunchy red berry fruit, lightly spiced touches of black pepper towards the structured finish. It needs time to smooth its edges so afford this a couple of years in bottle. The most closed of their wines at the moment.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots 1er Cru

Color: Red

The 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots 1er Cru is fully de-stemmed this year with around half a production. I absolutely loved the previous vintage, although this does not quite gel on the nose, missing the cohesion and vigour of the La Perrière. The palate is medium-bodied with quite strict tannins. There is a pleasing piquancy in this Les Goulots, however, it lacks a bit of "flow" and I prefer the precision on the aforementioned La Perrière this year.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin La Perrière 1er Cru

Color: Red

The 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin La Perrière 1er Cru had a slightly higher yield because of younger vines, the fruit here completely de-stemmed. The grapes were slightly larger in size. This has a floral bouquet with rose petal and peony infusing the red fruit that has a real skip in its step. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins, nicely pitched acidity and supple tannins with cranberry and white pepper towards the finish. This should age well in bottle and is worth seeking out.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Songes Vieilles Vignes

Color: Red

The 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Songes Vieilles Vignes includes 15% stems. It has a little more presence and lift on the nose compared to the Les Jousies, with touches of pressed rose petals infusing the red berry fruit. The oak here is nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy redcurrant and cranberry fruit, quite firm tannins towards the finish with a touch of pepperness on the aftertaste. Enjoy over six to eight years, possibly longer.

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2024 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru

Color: Red

The 2024 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru was cropped at 29N/ha, producing three barrels this vintage, one new with 40% whole cluster bunches. That is evident on the nose with cracked black pepper suffusing the red berry fruit, just a touch of reduction at play at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red fruit, well structured with impressive balance, the oak neatly integrated. This deserves, say, two or three years to fully assimilate that potting of oak but there is definitely potential here.

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2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnets 1er Cru

Color: Red

Containing 30% stems, the 2024 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnets 1er Cru was described by Simon Mazzini as a more "masculine" wine. This has an attractive bouquet with vivacious redcurrant, blackberry and wild hedgerow aromas that gain momentum in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins, a little dense with hints of blue fruit emerging towards the satisfying and persistent finish. Very classy and quite delicious. Just two barrels produced.

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