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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Bourgogne Pinot Noir

Bourgogne Rouge, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2019 - 2021

The 2017 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, which is completely de-stemmed, has a slightly rustic bouquet. The palate is medium-bodied with sharp tannin, a little disjointed at the moment with dark berry fruit mixed with quite a spicy finish. Fine.

Neal Martin. Tasting date: November 2018

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Bourgogne Chardonnay

Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy

White wine from France

Drinking window: 2019 - 2021

The 2017 Bourgogne Chardonnay includes around 25% new oak this year. It has an attractive pineapple and orange blossom scented bouquet. The palate is light on the entry with a soft texture, touches of patisserie with apricot on the finish. Fine.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Chambolle-Musigny Village

Chambolle Musigny, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2021 - 2034

The 2017 Chambolle-Musigny Villages comes from Les Echanges and Les Badoit, just under Les Amoureuses. It has a gorgeous bouquet with redcurrant *jus*, wild strawberry and blue fruit. The 100% whole bunches are brilliantly disguised and barely noticeable. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, crisp tannin, quite rounded in the mouth with a saline finish. The 25% new oak (from the Hermitage cooperage) is beautifully assimilated. *Bon vin*.

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From 2017 Burgundy: A Modern Classic (Jan 2019)

Domaine Heresztyn Mazzini

Located in the heart of Gevrey village, Heresztyn-Mazzini is a classic case of a winery that contentedly sold rather mediocre wines for many years, until Florence Heresztyn and Simon Mazzini took the reins and dedicated themselves to producing better Burgundy. Heresztyn has existed since 1932, founded by Florence's Polish-born grandparents. She worked alongside her own parents for 12 years before rejuvenating the name and introducing better vineyard husbandry, including organic and now biodynamic viticulture, less oak, whole bunches and so forth. My only complaint was their rusty signage on their front gate, although that was then replaced and mirrors the redesigned label with its eye-catching violet hues.

"We started picking on September 11 and harvested over the following five days," Simon Mazzini told me. (Florence was away doing her own picking –not of grapes but of the kids from school.) "We did not add any SO₂ until after the malolactic and just chaptalised a little. The alcohol came in at around 12.7° to 12.9°." I also asked about their progression in terms of organic viticulture. "We used organic compounds to protect against mildew. We applied them on Monday and I was not sure they would work. We came back at the end of Tuesday and found that the mildew had become completely dry and just blew off. It was amazing."

This is a fine address if you are seeking an alternative to, say, Armand Rousseau. Heresztyn-Mazzini is in the same mold as their neighbor, Pierre Duroché: very hands-off winemaking, letting the vineyard speak; mineral-driven and elegant wines. I was a little underwhelmed by their Clos Saint-Denis on the day that I visited and found far more pleasure in their Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots, which benefits from a cooler microclimate, or the splendid Gevrey-Chambertin Les Songes, which comes from vineyards in the north of the appellation. Yes, I know the name is a bit of a tongue-twister, but trust me, the wines are worth seeking out.

Grape/Blend
Pinot Noir

Release price
Not Available

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2025

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village comes from vines outside the winery, including 50% whole bunches and 25% new oak from Chassin. It has a well defined, slightly stemmy bouquet but with sufficient fruit supporting it. The palate is medium-bodied with a peppery opening, very spicy in the mouth, moderate depth but, it just needs a little more grip and density on the finish. Drink over three or four years.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2028

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes comes from vines over 60-years old and it matures in 25% new oak and 50% whole bunches. This has a very expressive bouquet with blackberry, briary and light loamy aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with white pepper sprinkled over the dark berry fruit, hints of Earl Grey towards the nicely composed finish. Excellent.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Jouis Vieilles Vignes

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2029

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Jouis" Vieilles Vignes comes from two *lieu-dits* in the south of the appellation, matures in 25% new oak and with 50% whole bunches. It has a well defined bouquet with crushed stone infusing the red berry fruit, just a touch of mint developing with time. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannin on the entry, just tapering a little towards the finish that just needs to develop a little more flesh. That will surely develop by the time of bottling.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Songes Vieilles Vignes

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2022 - 2035

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Songes" Vieilles Vignes comes from 80-year old vines in two areas in the north of the appellation, blended with 70% whole bunches and raised in 25% new oak. This has a very lively and intense bouquet that actually puts the "Les Jouis" in the shade - vibrant red fruit intermingling with minerals. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin, well balanced with black fruit mixed with tobacco and graphite, with a sustained finish. Excellent.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin La Perrière 1er Cru

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2022 - 2032

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin La Perrière 1er Cru matures in 30% new oak and with 50% whole bunches (the *domaine* feels that more than this percentage is excessive.) The bouquet is medium-bodied with ripe tannin, plenty of red berry fruit mixed with hints of *pain d'épices* and touches of cassis. This is quite open on the finish but one feels it deserves two or three years before reaching for the corkscrew. Fine.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots 1er Cru

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2022 - 2035

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots 1er Cru comes from a cold micro-climate and therefore is always the last to be picked, matures in 30% new oak with 55% whole bunches. It has a very well defined bouquet, very harmonious with red cherries, cranberry and crushed stone aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, quite taut and linear with a lightly peppery finish. Superb.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnet 1er Cru

Gevrey Chambertin, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2022 - 2035

The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnet 1er Cru comes from around 55-60 years old vines, matures in 30% new oak and 70% whole bunches. This has a ripe and refined bouquet with hints of blue fruit developing in the glass, very floral in style. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannin. This feels linear and precise, gradually building towards a very mineral and tensile finish. Great persistency here, a superb Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnets.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Morey-Saint-Denis Les Millandes 1er Cru

Morey Saint Denis, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2023 - 2035

The 2017 Morey-Saint-Denis Les Millandes 1er Cru matures in 30% new oak with 70% whole bunch fruit from the 70-year old vines, which is the source for the *domaine's* massal selection. This tends to be picked earlier than the other vineyard in order to obtain freshness. The bouquet is very refined and quite intense with black cherries, boysenberry and hints of liquorice lending an exotic note to the aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a little foursquare in style (reminding me of a "mini-Latricières!"), but with fine grip on the finish. It will require three or four years in barrel.

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2017 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru

Clos Saint Denis, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2024 - 2038

The 2017 Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru matures in 50% new oak with 60% whole bunches from 45-year old vines that are Cordon pruned, although they are introducing some *Guyot simple*. It has a precocious bouquet with macerated dark cherries, blackcurrant and spicebox. The palate is dense and rather introverted. Perhaps here I would have liked just a little more delineation for it seems rather "blocky" and heavy on the finish. Afford this 5 to 7 years in bottle - hopefully it will lighten up.

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