

# JASPER MORRIS Inside Burgundy

## Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

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The 2018 harvest was spread out. They began 1st September in Chambolle-Musigny, then white on 4th, then Gevrey-Chambertin reds from 8th. Alcohol levels were not extreme, between 13 and 13.7%, with malolactics taking place in the early spring. Volumes were down 20% compared to 2017, so in fact just a normal crop. Mildew was a problem in some vineyards as they are in the delicate period during conversion to organic farming, with certification expected from the 2019 harvest. The wines were racked to tank in early November for bottling in March. The domaine uses ardaseal closures (à la Ponsot) rather than corks.

### White

#### 2018, Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 84

A small crop in white wine at this domaine in 2018. Fullish pale yellow, with a heavy nose, a plump style with quite a lot of oak showing saved by a bit of acidity. Not quite sure where this fits in. 25% new wood. Tasted: November 2019

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### Red

#### 2018, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 88

No new wood, 1 to 3 year old, all destemmed. This is the highest at 13.67% alcohol. Dense purple, with a plump ripe dark fruit, ripe dark raspberry in particular. There is impressive volume of fruit up front, less behind but that's why this is Bourgogne rather than Gevrey. A lovely Bourgogne though. Tasted: November 2019

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#### 2018, Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 90-92

From 65+ year old vines, with 50% whole bunch vinification. This technique has worked very well here, with a svelte layer of deep red to black fruit, a light chocolate note, enlivened by the tingling peppery qualities of the whole bunches. Very good length, a middleweight wine to drink reasonably early. Tasted: November 2019

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#### 2018, Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 87-90

60% whole bunch vinification, from two plots. Glowing deep purple with a touch of reduction on the nose. The palate offers rich ripe seasoned fruit, some plums, some violets, a red thread, soft relaxed tannins here. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini**

★★★★★ 91-93

50% whole bunch, 30% new wood. Dark centre with fresher purple rim. More fruit than stems on the nose, indeed the ripe fruit swells beautifully across the palate, in a bouncy dark cherry style, reaching out towards a long supple finish infused with the briary notes of the whole bunches. Quite long. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Cuvée Les Jouises, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini**

★★★★★ 91-93

65 year old vines from two plots with 50% whole bunches and 25% new wood. Deep purple. This has a deeper nose than the Vieilles Vignes, but is not flirting with over ripeness. Oddly, though there is less new wood, it shows a little more, with a good weight of deep dark fruit which covers the whole bunch structure. Good length again. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Cuvée Les Songes, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini** ... ★★★★★ 92-94

This cuvée combines the domaines two oldest plots, 80 and 90 year old vines in En Songes and Gueules Pines. 70% whole bunch vinification. Dense concentrated purple. The nose is more backward but indicating greater weight. Lively rich powerful fruit at the front, red and black with a few peppery strawberry notes, complete and complex with a long satisfying finish. Just the right acidity. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Gevrey-Chambertin La Perrière 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini**

★★★★★ 91-94

50% whole bunch vinification, with one third new oak. Dark colour, not the freshest nose from this sample, but the wine in the mouth has a lovely succulent, juicy deep raspberry feel, mouth-filling, well integrated with the whole bunch factor and very long. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 92-96

50% whole bunch, with one third new wood. This has a deliciously inviting fresh purple colour and a ravishing bouquet, all about the fruit. No sign of the stems. I loved this cuvee in 2017 and again this year. If this is in your price point, don't hesitate. There is a really classy finish with fruit and light tannic structure perfectly balanced. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnets 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 91-95

This vineyard delivers small concentrated bunches which were not destemmed at all as there is plenty of clay in the soil and the whole bunches energise the fruit. Black fruit, indeed morello cherries, I can see why this needs lifting. Very thick succulent texture, and quite good length. Not quite the natural joy of Goulots, but a really good wine. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Morey St Denis Les Millandes 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 89-92

70 year old vines with all the stems retained. Jet black with a purple rim. I cannot quite tease out the nose. This has dense black fruit up front and firm tannins behind. It is one of those that may yet refine or may prove to be a little on the tough side. Tasted: November 2019

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**2018, Clos St Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini** ..... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 93-97

100% whole bunch with two new barrels out of four. Dense purple black but unlike the previous two wines there is much more life in the fruit on the nose. Massive intensity on the palate, it is a deep plush red velvet with black fur trimmings, and the grainy tannins from the whole bunch which integrate well, indeed are probably necessary in 2018. It is on the luscious side of elegant but very successful nonetheless. Tasted: November 2019

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