

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini



The domaine has been certified organic from 2021. They also practice biodynamics and phytotherapy (plant-based remedies). It was hard work in the vineyards, though they escaped mildew, having a cover crop in the rows making it possible to get in and spray even when the ground was wet. Even so, they lost 50-60% to frost. There was not much loss to rot, but it seemed to make sense to reduce the proportion of whole bunches. Degrees are between 13 and 13.5%, with some cuvées chaptalised. Picking began on 24th September. The wines had been racked three weeks before I tasted.

Red

2021, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

84-86

All destemmed. A bright crimson colour. The bouquet is unusual, breadsticks alongside the fresh red fruit. Quite firm tannins behind, a medium delivery of raspberry strawberry fruit, may become a little vegetal. Drink from 2023-2025. Tasted: December 2022

2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Village, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini

87-89

25% whole bunch vinification instead of the usual 50%. Aged in Fontainebleau wood which is a little toastier. Medium depth of crimson in colour. The nose is light in a strawberry

register. A softer more rounded fruit through the middle, still the firm raft of tannins begin but the fruit returns too. Drink from 2024-2027. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
88-91**

Picked a couple of days before the main harvest. 50% whole bunch vinification. The colour here shows more depth, with purple notes as well as crimson. There is a suggestion of some attractive fruit but it is reticent. More classic than the Clos Village though. More volume of fruit and very stylish, without firm tannins. Drink from 2025-2028. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
89-92**

40% whole bunch vinification. A sound crimson purple. There is a fine weight of fruit on the nose, the Chambolle may be more stylish but this old vine Gevrey displays a stricter savoury character that works very well. The fruit fills the palate to just exactly the right degree, treads lightly across the dance floor with a long elegant finish for a wine which is relatively light in body. Drink from 2025-2029. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Cuvée Les Jouises, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
90-92**

50%+ whole bunch vinification. Deep crimson purple. There appears to be more weight of fruit but it is not quite showing the detail. More extraction for this cuvée, a little more punching down. 70 year old vines from a terroir which permits the extra extraction. There is an additional wealth of fruit and then firmer tannins. Really quite a different profile, with more succulence and more structure but perhaps therefore less finesse. Drink from 2026-2030. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Cuvée Les Songes, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
90-93**

From two vineyards on the Brochon side, with the oldest vines dating back to 1926. 60% whole bunch vinification, whereas other years have been 100%. More extraction is possible here too. The colour mixes crimson with purple. Not much bouquet available yet. There is a solid and significant weight of fruit here, which covers the tannins very well, while a point of acidity helps reinforce the structure. They have dared to go a little further and the quality of the raw material permits it. T6is will definitely need time. Drink from 2026-2031. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Gevrey-Chambertin La Perrière 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
90-92**

40 year old vines, clonal selection, 30% whole bunch vinification. More crimson than purple this year. A lighter, more refined nose. More in a lighter red fruit style of fruit. Good tension on the palate but this does not quiet deliver the full 1er Cru experience in 2021. Drink from 2025-2030. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Goulots 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
91-93**

From two plots, one in the quarry and one above. 30% whole bunch vinification. Smaller berries with concentrated juice, from 40 year old vines. Dense crimson shading to purple.

There is a reduction currently present, but not built in. A fine rich density of fruit, more linear than the village wines, so delivering intensity too, with a fresh peppery finish. You can tell this is on the coteau. Drink from 2026-2032. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champonnets 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
90-93**

60% whole bunch. A brisk crimson colour. Plenty of lively juicy raspberry fruit, some crisp strawberry too, in the precise style rather than the softer versions seen in some cellars. Good fresh tension behind, a balanced wine with plenty of energy. Drink from 2026-2031. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Morey-St-Denis Les Millandes 1er Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
89-91**

60% whole bunch. Mid crimson purple. The nose is quite elegant with a wider mix of red berry fruits. Very peppery behind, leaving a slightly raw note. This feels more like grape under-ripeness than whole bunch effect. Middleweight. Drink from 2026-2031. Tasted: December 2022

**2021, Clos St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
92-95**

60% whole bunch, 50% new wood. A solid mid purple colour. The bouquet suggests plenty of fruit to follow, with a little bit of new wood as well. This is very evenly poised across the palate, some orange rind, lifted, middleweight for grand cru, lacks the éclat of the best years. Some riper notes, a touch of mocha, alongside the whole bunch white pepper. Good persistence. Drink from 2027-2034. Tasted: December 2022